Creator: Hecke, George H.
Title: George H. Hecke Papers
Collection number: D-507
Repository: University of California, Davis General Library. Dept. of Special Collections.
Davis, California 95616-5292
Language of Material: Collection materials in English.
Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet.
Date (inclusive): 1912-1950
Abstract: Business and personal correspondence of George H. Hecke (1868-1950?), Yolo County, California farmer and California's first Director of Agriculture. Collection also includes one volume of minutes of the California State Board of Agriculture and one scrapbook illustrating outbreaks of hoof and mouth disease.
Physical location: Researchers should contact Special Collections to request collections, as many are stored offsite.
Biography
George Henry Hecke (1868-1950?) was a farmer based in Yolo County, California during the early-to-mid twentieth century. His properties included his ranches "The Yolanda," 160 acres of apricot orchards and vineyards, and "The Copa de Oro," 200 acres of alfalfa and grain. Hecke worked for the United States Department of Agriculture from 1904-1906; as one of the department's viticulture experts, Hecke was in charge of eleven experimental vineyards. Hecke was also California's first Director of Agriculture, serving from 1919-1931. During his term as director, Hecke worked with several other western states to form the Western States Plant Quarantine Board.
Sources:
California Department of Food and Agriculture: The First 100 Years. California Department of Food and Agriculture, 1980.
History of Yolo County, California. Historic Record Company: Los Angeles, California, 1913.
Scope and Content
The collection includes Hecke's personal and business correspondence, one volume of minutes of the California State Board of Agriculture, and a scrapbook illustrating outbreaks of hoof and mouth disease. Subjects include family news, crop sales, supply orders, ranch workers, and political activity with state and federal agricultural boards.
Further material may be in the F. Hal Higgins Collection, D-056.
Related Collections
The following collections at Special Collections may also be of interest:
D-056, F. Hal Higgins, 1886-1975. This collection includes brochures, correspondence, manuscripts, clippings, serials, photographs, and posters relating to the development of agricultural machinery in the United States, Canada, and Europe, particularly the history of tractors and combines.
Access
Collection is open for research.
Processing Information
Elizabeth Phillips, Manuscript Archivist, processed the collection and created the finding aid.
Acquisition Information
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News clippings, typed articles, and photographs illustrating outbreaks of hoof and mouth disease.