
Inventory of the John Bodger and Sons Company Records D-534

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Abstract: Catalogs and prices lists, photographs and scrapbooks of flowers, travels, celebrations and people chronicling the business of John Bodger and Sons seed business.

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Scope and Contents

John Bodger and Sons Co. was a leading growing of seeds in the Lompac Valley along with Burbee and Denholm seed companies. It was world reknown for its growing techniques. John Bodger created the dahlia-flowered zinnia which is a main stay of gardens today for its beautiful color and as good cutting flowers. Included in the collection are catalogs and price lists, black and white photographs of flowers, historical photographs and of the business, breeding books, and press releases.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Acquisition

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Administrative History

John Bodger, a native of England, founded the Bodger Seeds Ltd. in 1896. John Bodger and Sons Company, founded in 1890 in California, was a breeder and producer of flower seeds. Bodger Seeds Ltd, a division of the company, was responsible for breeding and production operations. In 2009, the Bodger Company sold its holdings. During its history, Bodger had operating sites in the following locations in California and Chile: Santa Paula, Los Angeles, Gardena, South El Monte, Lompoc, Covina, Chino and Quillota, Chile. John Bodger and Sons Company sold its business in 2009 after 100 years. It was one of the largest seed company in Lompoc Valley since 1925.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

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John Bodger and Sons Co.

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