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Descriptive Summary

Title: Charles E. Cooper Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1930-1950
Collection number: 330
Creator: Cooper, Charles E.
Extent: 18 boxes (9 linear ft.) 1 oversize box
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Abstract: Charles E. Cooper was educated in Holton, Kansas. He bred thoroughbred horses and established the Rancho San Luis Rey in San Diego County (1930s), a 5,000 acre ranch that became known as one of the largest and most successful breeding farms in the nation. He was also the director of the California Breeders Association and a member of the California Horse Racing Commission. The collection consists of the records of Rancho San Luis Rey and the California Horse Racing Board, correspondence, periodicals, posters and ephemera dealing mostly with horse racing and farm related materials.

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Biography
Cooper was educated in Holton, Kansas; worked in real estate and building trades in Los Angeles, California, from 1902-18; he was head of the Cooper-Henderson Oil Company, Consolidated, of Breckinridge, Texas, 1918-23; he participated in the development of Wilshire Boulevard's Miracle Mile in California, 1923-26; bred thoroughbred horses and established in the 1930s Rancho San Luis Rey in San Diego County, a 5,000 acre ranch that became known as one of the largest and most successful breeding farms in the nation; director, California Breeders Association; member, California Horse Racing Commission.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of records of Rancho San Luis Rey and the California Horse Racing Board, and extensive correspondence with prominent members of California racing circles. Includes periodicals, posters and ephemera dealing mostly with horse racing and farm related materials.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Business files, Rancho San Luis Rey, 1933-40 (Boxes 1-6).
2. Correspondence, ca. 1937-1939 (Box 7).
3. Financial records, Rancho San Luis Rey, ca. 1931-40 (Box 8).
4. Records, California Horse Racing board, ca. 1940-44 (Box 9).
5. Periodicals and ephemera, ca. 1936-48 (Boxes 10-13).
6. Photographs, ca. 1936-39 (Box 14).
8. Ledgers, ca. 1932-38 (Box 17).
9. Posters (Box 18).
10. Map of principal racecourses in America (oversize).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Cooper, Charles E.--Archives.
Rancho San Luis Rey (Breeding farm).
California Horse Racing Board.
Horse breeders--California--Archival resources.
Online resources.

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Box 1
Business files, Rancho San Luis Rey, ca.1937-1939.

Box 2
Business files, Rancho San Luis Rey, ca.1937-1943.
Box 3  Business files, Rancho San Luis Rey, ca.1934-1940.
Box 4  Business files, Rancho San Luis Rey, 1933-1940.
Box 5  Business files, Rancho San Luis Rey, ca.1932-1940.
Box 6  Business files, Rancho San Luis Rey, 1935-1940.
Box 7  Correspondence.
Box 8  Financial records, Rancho San Luis Rey, ca.1931-1940.
Box 9  Records, California Horse Racing Board, ca.1940-1944.
Box 10  Periodicals and ephemera, ca.1936-1948.
     Scope and Content Note
     Includes such items as Rural Electrification magazine, John Deere brochures, and other farm
     related publications.

Box 11  Ephemera, ca.1936-1943.
     Scope and Content Note
     Includes many horse race programs and farm related materials.

Box 12  Ephemera, ca.1937-1947.
     Scope and Content Note
     Includes The Miracle Mile, and horse racing materials.

Box 13  Ephemera, ca.1936-1947.
     Scope and Content Note
     Mainly horse racing programs.

Box 14  Photographs, ca.1936-1939, horses and horse races.
     Scope and Content Note
     Also thoroughbred bloodline chart.

Boxes 15, 16  Business files, ca.1933.
Box 17  Ledgers, ca.1932-1938.
Box 18  Posters.
Box 19  Map of Principal Racecourses in America.