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Abstract: The Gardner family was important in the land development and citrus production of Orange County, California. His son, Dian Rathbun Gardner, was a attorney who helped establish the Gardner Company by the family heirs after the death of his mother, Emma Howard Gardner, in 1935. The company dissolved in 1961 following the death of Dian Rathbun Gardner. The collection consists of correspondence, clippings, legal material, and ephemera relating to Henri F. Gardner, his wife Emma H. Gardner, his son Dian Rathbun Gardner, and the Gardner Company of Orange, California. Also includes account books, bank statements, correspondence and stock certificates relating to water development in Orange County, employee records and files on citrus production of the Gardner Company.

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Biography
The Gardner family was important in the land development and citrus production of Orange County, California; Henri F. Gardner, landowner and developer, also played a role in water development of the county during the late 19th and early 20th centuries; his son, Dian Rathbun Gardner, was an attorney who helped establish the Gardner Company by the family heirs after the death of his mother, Emma Howard Gardner, in 1935; the company dissolved in 1961, following the death of Dian Rathbun Gardner.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of correspondence, clippings, legal material, and ephemera relating to Henri F. Gardner, his wife Emma H. Gardner, his son Dian Rathbun Gardner, and the Gardner Company of Orange, California. Includes over 100 land deeds, leases, and rental agreements from 1874-1918, Henri Gardner's daily journals for the 1880s, and papers dealing with the estate of Emma Howard Gardner. Also includes account books, bank statements, correspondence and stock certificates relating to water development in Orange County, employee records and files on citrus production of the Gardner Company.

Expanded Scope and Content
This collection contains materials on land development and citrus production in Los Angeles and Orange counties. It is divided into three sections: 1) The papers of Henri of Henri F. Gardner (1852-1918), land owner and developer, ca. 1877-1918. Included in this section are land deeds, leases, rental agreements, tax records, journals, and materials relating to water development in Orange County during the late 19th early 20th centuries. 2) The papers of Dian Rathbun Gardner, lawyer and manager of Gardner Company. These papers cover the period ca. 1920-1961, and contain materials relating to the estates of H.F. Gardner, his widow Emma Howard Gardner (d. 1935), and the setting up of the Gardner Company by the Gardner heirs following the death of Emma Gardner. 3) The papers and business records of the Gardner Company, ca. 1935-1961. These files are arranged alphabetically and include account records, employee files, some legal correspondence, etc. The company was dissolved in 1961, following the death of Dian R. Gardner.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Papers of Henri F. Gardner (Box 1).
2. Papers of Henri F. Gardner and Emma H. Gardner (Box 2).
3. Papers of Dian Rathbun Gardner and misc. (Boxes 3-4).
4. Gardner Company papers (Boxes 5-12).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Gardner, Henri F.--Archives.
Gardner, Dian Rathbun--Archives.
Gardner family--Archives.
Gardner Company (Orange County, Calif.)--Archives.
Citrus fruit industry--California--Orange County--Archival resources.
Real estate development--California--Orange County--Archival resources.
Water resources development--California--Orange County--Archival resources.
Family papers.

Items Removed from Collection
- 3 photographs of South Pasadena Ostrich Farm, ca.1897.
- 1 photograph of Palo Alto tree, 1897.
- 1 photograph of Ontario, California, 1889.

All of the above were added to the Picture Collection (Collection 99). Department of Special Collections, University Research Library, University of California, Los Angeles.


Removed for separate cataloging as local imprint.

Related Material
For further information about the background of Henri F. Gardner and the Gardner family, see History of Orange County California With Biographical Sketches.... By Samuel Armor. Los Angeles, 1921. pp. 1125 (*F 868 06A7).

Papers of Henri F. Gardner: 1877-1918

Box 1, Folders 1-2
Bank records of H.F. Gardner.

Box 1, Folder 3
Land development, 1877-1899 (Leases, deeds, etc.).
Scope and Content Note
Includes property owned by Emma H. Gardner (Mrs. H.F. Gardner).

Box 1, Folder 4
Land development, 1900-1907.
Scope and Content Note
Includes papers re estate of Margaret Eleanor Tate, 1901.

Box 1, Folder 5
Land development, 1908-1918.

Box 1, Folder 6
Miscellaneous papers. Cards, clippings, fragments of printed materials.

Box 1, Folder 7
Miscellaneous papers. Receipts, some scattered correspondence.

Box 1, Folder 8
Miscellaneous papers. Includes stock certificates, etc. Some correspondence [water].

Papers of Henri F. Gardner and Emma H. Gardner

Box 2, Folder 1
H.F. Gardner's notebooks. 1880s.
Physical Description: (4 vol.).

Box 2, Folder 2
H.F. Gardner's notebooks.
Physical Description: (6 vol.).

Box 2, Folder 3

Box 2, Folder 4
re estate of Henri F. Gardner.

Box 2, Folder 5
Scope and Content Note
Includes mortgages, receipts, repairs, etc.

Box 2, Folder 6
Box 2, Folder 7  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes miscellaneous assessments, etc.

Box 2, Folder 8  
Estate of Emma Howard Gardner, 1932-.  

Papers of Dian Rathbun Gardner: ca. 1920-1961

Box 3, Folder 1  
Notes, minutes, etc. of Gardner heirs before forming Gardner Company, 1931-January 1935.

Box 3, Folder 2  
Land development, 1920s. (Leases, deeds, etc.).  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes land owned by Emma H. Gardner.

Box 3, Folder 3  
Land development. Some correspondence.  
Scope and Content Note  
[Includes Gardner Company materials].

Box 3, Folder 4  

Box 3, Folder 5  
Miscellaneous papers.  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes Manager's report on Gardner Company, January 15, 1939; one daily notebook of D.R. Gardner; etc.

Box 3, Folder 6  
Orange and lemon groves.

Box 3, Folder 7  

Papers of Dian Rathbun Gardner and Miscellaneous

Box 4, Folder 1  

Box 4, Folder 2  

Box 4, Folder 3  
Ephemera--examples of late 19th and early 20th century advertising.

Box 4, Folder 4  
Ephemera--scattered periodicals.

Box 4, Folder 5  
Newspapers.

Box 4, Folder 6  
Two certificates of district and circuit court practice for D.R. Gardner.

Gardner Company Papers

Box 5, Folders 1-4  
Secretary Treasurer reports, 1935-1949.

Box 5, Folders 5-6  
Annual reports, 1935-1939.

Box 5, Folders 7-9  
Manager's reports, 1935-1942.

Box 6, Folder 1  
Accounts, 1936-1939.

Box 6, Folder 2  

Box 6, Folder 3  
Los Angeles Property reports, 1942-1949.

Box 6, Folder 4  
Time records, 1940-1942.

Box 6, Folder 5  
Account Book--Orra G. Devereaux, ca. 1935-1955.

Box 6, Folder 6  
Bank records, 1939-1945.

Box 6, Folder 7  

Box 7, Folder 1  
Farm Center. Officers Handbook. Orange County Farm Bureau, October 1936.

Box 7, Folder 2  
Fertilizers.

Box 7, Folder 3  
Gas.

Box 7, Folder 4  
Hardware.

Box 7, Folder 5  
Hay and horses.

Box 7, Folder 6  
Insurance.

Box 7, Folder 7  
Insurance.

Box 7, Folder 8  
Labor.

Box 8, Folder 1  
Laboratory work [Agricultural].

Box 8, Folder 2  
Legal matters--Fogel and Berman, attorneys.
Box 8, Folder 3  Lemons.

Note
See also: Box 3, folder 6

Box 8, Folder 4  Los Angeles property.

Note
See also: Land Development (Box 1, folder 3-5) and Taxes (Box 11, folder 4-10 and Box 12, folder 1)

Box 8, Folder 5  Los Angeles property--insurance.
Box 8, Folder 6  Los Angeles property--labor, repairs, supplies.
Box 9, Folder 1  Los Angeles property--Third & Flower (leases, appraisals, etc.).
Box 9, Folder 2  Miscellaneous [mostly correspondence].
Box 9, Folder 3  Mortgages: Citizens Trust & Savings.
Box 9, Folder 4  Mortgages: Roland J. Giroux.
Box 9, Folder 5  Office supplies; telephone tolls.
Box 9, Folder 6  Oil leases (mostly Basin Oil Company).
Box 9, Folder 7  Orange County property--rentals, 1935-1947.
Box 9, Folder 8  Orange County property--Florance Barnes, lots 3, 4, & 5 of Gardner's addition.
Box 9, Folder 9  Orange County property--additions to 140 west La Veta House.
Box 10, Folder 1  Oranges, 1927-1939.
Box 10, Folder 2  Oranges, 1940s.
Box 10, Folder 3  Oranges, 1940s.
Box 10, Folder 4  Oranges--returns and refunds, 1948. (Glassell Street and Taft Avenue ranches).
Box 10, Folder 5  Pacific Railway Company.
Box 10, Folder 6  Persimmons, avocados, limes, olives, etc.
Box 10, Folder 7  Persimmons, avocados, limes, olives, etc.
Box 10, Folder 8  Pest control, 1948.
Box 11, Folder 1  Property--house repairs.
Box 11, Folder 2  Real estate--letters, 1931-1941.
Box 11, Folder 3  Social Security, unemployment insurance and taxes.
Box 11, Folder 4  Taxes--data for 1944 and subsequent years.
Box 11, Folder 5  Taxes--capital stock.
Box 11, Folder 6  Taxes--federal returns, 1935-1946.
Box 11, Folder 7  Taxes--Internal Revenue, information and rulings.
Box 11, Folder 8  Taxes--Los Angeles and Orange City & County, 1934-1939.
Box 11, Folder 9  Taxes--Los Angeles and Orange City & County, 1940s.
Box 11, Folder 10  Taxes--Miscellaneous.
Box 12, Folder 1  Taxes--State Corporation franchise tax returns, 1935-1938.
Box 12, Folder 2  Tractor, 1927-1948.
Box 12, Folder 3  Truck, 1938-1949.
Box 12, Folder 4  Walnuts.
Box 12, Folder 5-7  Water development, Orange County.