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Descriptive Summary
Title: Kōtarō Sutō papers,
Date (inclusive): ca. 1905-1965
Collection number: 2010
Creator: Sutō, Kōtarō
Extent: 2 boxes (1 linear ft.)1 oversize box
Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.
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Abstract: Kōtarō Sutō was born ca. 1883 in Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan. He came to the United States in 1900 and relocated to Miami Beach, Florida, ca. 1916. He married Masa Sutō in 1921. Mr. Sutō worked for Miami pioneer developer, Carl Fisher, before starting his own nursery business. This collection contains clippings about the Suts (mostly from Miami sources), photographs and snapshots of the Suts, records and correspondence related to Sutō's nursery, and correspondence and other records related to the Sutō's donations to various charitable organizations. It also includes clippings on Carl G. Fisher, Miami pioneer developer. Materials in this collection are primarily in English, with some in Japanese.

Physical location: Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact the UCLA Library Special Collections Reference Desk for paging information.

Language: English.

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Biography
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Scope and Content
Collection consists of correspondence, clippings, business records, and photographs related to the life of Kōtarō Sutō and his wife Masa Sutō. Includes clippings about the Sutōs mostly from Miami sources, photographs and snapshots of the Sutōs, records and correspondence related to Sutō’s nursery, and correspondence and other records related to the Sutō’s donations to various charitable organizations. Also includes clippings on Carl G. Fisher, Miami pioneer.

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Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Correspondence and newspaper clippings (Box 141).
2. Business records and correspondence, photographs, and miscellany (Box 142).
3. Oversize photographs (Box 723).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

Subjects
Sut, Ktar--Archives.
Japanese American Research Project (University of California, Los Angeles).
Nursery growers--Florida--Miami--Archival resources.
Nursery dealers--Florida--Miami--Archival resources.
Japanese Americans--Florida--Miami--Archival resources.

Genres and Forms of Material
Correspondence.
Clippings.

Other Index Terms Related to this Collection
Sutō, Masa.

Kōtarō Sutō Papers (Collection 483). Available at UCLA Library Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library.
Japanese American Research Project - Fading Footsteps of the Issei (Collection 2010). Available at UCLA Library Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library.

The Kōtarō Sutō papers are found in Boxes 141, 142 and 723 of the Japanese American Research Project Collection of Material about Japanese in the United States (Collection 2010).