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Descriptive Summary

Title: Hobart Johnstone Whitley Papers,

Date (inclusive): ca. 1889-1946

Collection number: 744

Creator: Whitley, Hobart Johnstone

Extent: 30 boxes (15.0 linear ft.)5 oversize boxes2 oversize folders

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Abstract: Hobart Johnstone Whitley was a Southern California real estate developer, and head of the H.J. Whitley land syndicate. The collection consists of about 2000 pieces of correspondence, and deeds, accounts, journals, ledgers, minutes of stockholders' meetings, maps of Southern California real estate, clippings, photographs, and pictures relating to Whitley's land syndicate, as well as some personal papers of his family. Papers relate to real estate development in Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo Company, Corcoran in Kings County, Los Angeles, Hollywood, Westwood, Van Nuys, and the San Fernando Valley.

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Gift of Mrs. Ross Whitley, 1952.

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Biography

Whitley was a Southern California real estate developer, and head of the H.J. Whitley land syndicate.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of about 2000 pieces of correspondence, and deeds, accounts, journals, ledgers, minutes of stockholders' meetings, maps of Southern California real estate, clippings, photographs, and pictures relating to Whitley's land syndicate, as well as some personal papers of his family. Includes about 3500 bills, deeds, and legal papers, and 65 volumes of minute books and various account books for the Van Nuys Water Company, Owensmouth Water Company, Suburban Homes Company, Security Land and Loan Company, Corcoran Land Company, Corcoran Realty Company, Waukena Development Company, Los Angeles Suburban Home Company, Angiola Development Company, and H.J. Whitley Land Company, and records relating to Rancho Los Feliz. Papers relate to real estate development in Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo Company, Corcoran in Kings County, Los Angeles, Hollywood, Westwood, Van Nuys, and the San Fernando Valley. Also includes a manuscript biography of Whitley by his wife.

Indexing Terms

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

Whitley, Hobart Johnstone--Archives.

Real estate developers--California, Southern--Archival resources.

Box 1	Contracts, deeds, and insurance papers (Mostly San Fernando Valley area).
Box 2	Scrapbook made by Mrs. Whitley on H.J. Whitley's career.
Box 2	Insurance on H.J. Whitley property.
Box 3	Manuscript of Autobiography by Mrs. Whitley.
Box 4	Deeds, contracts, trusts, title certificates, and insurance statements on various Whitley properties in the Los Angeles area.
Box 5	Sales book of Suburban Homes Company.
Box 5	<i>Dark and Light</i> Magazine.
Box 5	Abstract of title to Los Feliz Ranch.
Box 6	Ledgers, journals and stock book of Van Nuys and Owensmouth Water Companies.
Box 7	Stock Journal of Security Land and Loan Company (Corcoran, California).
Box 8	Ledger book of Security Land and Loan Company (Corcoran, California).
Box 9	Minute book, 2 journals, and ledger of Corcoran Land Company.
Box 10	Plats and prices of Westwood Village (Los Angeles).
Box 10	Non-Los Angeles land holdings in California (1920s and 1930s).
Box 11	Minute book, 2 stock books, and 1 ledger of Corcoran Realty Company
Box 12	3 journals and 1 ledger of the Security Land and Loan Company (Corcoran, California).
Box 13	Waukena Development Company journal and stock books (near Corcoran, California).
Box 14	Lot books of Los Angeles Suburban Home Company.
Box 15	Minute Book no.1 (of 2) of the Los Angeles Suburban Home Company.
Box 16	Minute Book no.2 (of 2) of the Los Angeles Suburban Home Company.
Box 17	2 minute books of the Security Land and Loan Company, 1907-1910. (Kings County, California).
Box 17	Check book and stock book of the Security Land and Loan Company.
Box 18	2 stock books, 1 journal of the Angiola Development Company, 1907-1908. (Corcoran area).

Box 19	Minutes of the H.J. Whitley Land Company. (Estrella Ranch, San Luis Obispo County).
Box 20	Miscellaneous correspondence.
Box 20	Articles by Mrs. Whitley.
Box 21	Correspondence of Whitley and sons during 1930s.
Box 21	Materials about his property in Paso Robles.
Box 21	Correspondence with Title Insurance and Trust Company regarding his properties.
Box 22	Legal notes.
Box 22	Suburban Homes Company small ledger.
Box 22	Ross Whitley's check book.
Box 23	Suburban Homes Company 2 sales books.
Box 23	Minute book of Whitley Syndicate.
Box 24	Typescript copies of newspaper articles on Whitley and building progress in Hollywood and vicinity.
Box 24	Lot maps.
Box 24	Ledger, October 1, 1913 to July 1, 1917.
Box 24	Two photographs of an interior of a canning plant.
Box 24	Handwritten reminiscences by Mrs. Whitley.
Box 25	Journal, July 1915 to January 1918.
Box 25	Journal November 1912 to July 1915.
Box 25	Journal, August 1922 to March 1923.
Box 25	Ledger, 1909-1910.
Box 25	Journal 1910-1912.
Box 26	Receipt book, June 24-August 19, 1922.
Box 26	Miscellaneous receipts.
Box 26	Deeds, contracts, insurance papers, legal notes etc.
Box 27	Legal papers re Rancho Los Feliz.
	Note
	Missing, as of 1/30/2014.
Box 27	Ledger - Los Angeles Suburban Homes Company. 1910-11; 1912-13; 1913-14.
Box 28	Journals - Los Angeles Suburban Homes Company. December 1909-January 1917.
Box 28	List of owners of Van Nuys-Lankershim Lands.
Boxes 29-30	Deeds, leases, agreements etc.
Box 31	2 Volumes containing maps of various tracks only Hollywood also lists of owners - indexed.
Box 32	Ledger - Corcoran Land Company. 1906-1908; Journal Security Land Company. 1905-1908.
Box 33	Journal March 1923-September 1924; Ledger 1926-1927; Journal 1928-1929.
Box 34	Corcoran Townsite Lot Book; Scrapbook containing newspaper clippings relating to Whitley's businesses.
Box 35	Journals.
	Scope and Content Note
	1. January 1917-September 1918
	2. 1908-1910
	3. July 1, 1915-December 31, 1918
	4. March 1921-June 1922
	5. October 1918-February 1921
	Note
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Box 36	Soil map of the Los Angeles Suburban Homes Company's Lands.
Box 36	Westwood Village map - Tracts no.9650, 9768, 10600, 10690.
Box 36	Owensmouth tract map bordered by Linden Ave., Sherman Way, De Soto Ave.
Box 36	Whitley Park bordering Ventura Blvd. and Mulholland Way.
	Physical Description: (5 items).

- Box 36 **Beverly Hills Commercial District bordering Maple Way, Benton Drive, Santa Monica Blvd.**
- Box 36 **Map of Seventh Street Business District.**
- Box 36 **Los Altos Park. Tract office bordered by Mulholland Drive and Pacific Drive.**
- Box 36 **Van Nuys - Lankershim Lands.**
 Physical Description: (2 items).
- Box 37 **Camino de la Cumbre Tract.**
 Physical Description: (3 items).
- Box 37 **Whitley Land.**
 Physical Description: (4 items).
- Box 37 **Tract map no.9386 - Camino de la Cumbre.**
 Physical Description: (6 items).
- Box 37 **Unidentified tract maps.**
 Physical Description: (6 items).