Descriptive Summary

Title: Samuel C. Evans collection on the Riverside Land and Irrigation Company

Date (inclusive): 1869-1914

Date (bulk): 1880-1900

Collection Number: MS 001

Creator: Evans, S. C. (Samuel Cary), 1823-1902

Extent: 0.88 linear feet (2 boxes, 2 flat file folders)

Repository: Rivera Library. Special Collections Department, Riverside, CA 92517-5900

Abstract: This collection contains documents pertaining to water rights and land ownership in Riverside and San Bernardino counties during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Includes legal documents, correspondence, and other material pertaining to the Jurupa Ditch and Trujillo Ditch companies, the Riverside Land and Irrigation Company, and the Bandini Donation collected by Samuel C. Evans, a prominent businessman in Riverside, California and former president of the Riverside Land and Irrigation Company.

Languages: The collection is in English.

Access

This collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Joyce Vickery, 1980.

Processing History

Processed by Jamie Madrigal and Anja Espinoza, Student Processing Assistants, 2015.

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Biographical Note

Samuel C. Evans, born in Williams County, Ohio in 1823, was a prominent businessman in Riverside, California. He served as president of the Riverside Land and Irrigation Company and a director of the Riverside Water Company in the late 19th century. Evans played a critical role in securing the water rights which enabled Riverside to become an agricultural center.

Collection Scope and Contents

This collection contains documents pertaining to water rights and land ownership in Riverside and San Bernardino counties during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Includes materials pertaining to the Jurupa Ditch and Trujillo Ditch companies as well as associated land exchanges facilitated by Samuel C. Evans, a prominent businessman and owner of the Riverside Land and Irrigation Company. Legal documents, meeting minutes, business correspondence, maps, and other business records related to the Bandini Donation are also included.

Collection Arrangement

This collection is arranged into two series as follows:


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

Subjects
Riverside Land and Irrigation Company
Right of property
Riverside County (Calif.)
Water rights

Genres and Forms of Materials
Documents
Maps

Series 1. Company documents 1874-1914

Series Scope and Contents
This series includes meeting minutes, business correspondence, administrative records, and other material pertaining to the Bandini Donation, Riverside Water and Irrigation Company, Riverside Water Company, Trujillo Ditch Company, and Jurupa Ditch Company.

Series Arrangement
This series is arranged topically.

Box 1, Folder 1
Documents relating to the Bandini Donation 1888-1908, undated

Box 1, Folder 2
Documents pertaining to S.C. Evans' business transactions 1874-1905, undated

Box 1, Folder 3
Documents pertaining to the Riverside Water companies 1877-1913, undated

Box 1, Folder 4
Documents pertaining to the Trujillo Ditch circa 1879-1914

Box 1, Folder 5
Documents pertaining to the Jurupa Ditch Company 1880-1913

Series 2. Property documents 1869-1913

Series Scope and Contents
This series includes titles, deeds, maps, and other material pertaining to water and land ownership in Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Series Arrangement
This series is arranged topically.

Box 2, Folders 1-2
Land titles in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties 1888-1913

Box 2, Folder 3,
Maps and blueprints pertaining to water lines 1892-1904

Flat-File-Folder 1,
Flat-File-Folder 2

Box 2, Folders 4-5
Land deeds in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties 1869-1913