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
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.
Acquisition Information
Gift of Joyce Vickery, 1980.
Collection Arrangement
This collection is arranged into two series as follows:
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.
Preferred Citation
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Processing History
Processed by Jamie Madrigal and Anja Espinoza, 2015.
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undergraduate students from the University of California, Riverside as part of the Special Collections & University Archives
Backlog Processing Project started in 2015. This project was funded by the UCR Library and administered by Bergis Jules,
University and Political Papers Archivist, and Eric Milenkiewicz, Manuscripts Curator.
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.
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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

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**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

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**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, Flat-File-Folder 1: Maps and blueprints pertaining to water lines 1892-1904
- Box 2, Flat-File-Folder 2: Land deeds in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties 1869-1913