Descriptive Summary

Title: Gage Canal collection

Date (inclusive): circa 1891-1975

Collection Number: MS 002

Extent: 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

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

Abstract: This collection contains newspaper clippings, articles, and other material on the history of the Gage Canal, the system built in 1898 to supply water to the city of Riverside, California. Materials in the collection cover the sale of the Gage Canal company, various lawsuits and legal issues, and correspondence and photographs belonging to John M. Mylne, the superintendent and engineer of the Gage Canal System.

Languages: The collection is in English.

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

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Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

Provenance unknown.

Processing Information

Processed by Serena Rodholm, Student Processing Assistant, 2017.

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Historical Note

The Gage Canal was built in the 1880s by Matthew Gage, a Canadian jeweler who filed a claim on 640 acres of land in the recently formed agricultural settlement of Riverside, California. In order for Gage to receive the title to his claim, he was required to bring water to the land, so he began the construction of a canal from the Santa Ana River in San Bernardino.

The Gage Canal, which eventually extended 20.13 miles, irrigated much of the city and allowed for the development of the city of Riverside as well as the expansion of the local citrus industry.

Collection Scope and Contents

This collection contains newspaper clippings, articles, and other material on the history of the Gage Canal, the sale of the Gage Canal company, and various lawsuits and legal issues. Materials in the collection also include correspondence, family diary entries, and photographs belonging to John M. Mylne, the superintendent and engineer of the Gage Canal System.

Collection Arrangement

The collection is arranged topically.

Indexing Terms

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

Subjects

Gage Canal Company
Canals -- California
Riverside (Calif.)
Water -- Law and legislation -- West (U.S.)
Water rights -- California

Genres and Forms of Materials
Clippings (information artifacts)
Correspondence
Photographs

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