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personal name
Stevenot, Archibald D. (1882-1968)
Stevenot, Joseph Emile Hamilton (d. 1943)
Stevenot, Ferdinand Gabriel (d. 1963)
Stevenot, Cassimir M.

corporate name
Stevenot Corporation
Bank of America
Republican Party (Calif.)
Golden Chain Council of the Mother Lode
Archibald Douglas Augustine Stevenot (1882-1968) was a mine manager in Tuolumne County and a Merced hotel proprietor (1924-40). Stevenot managed the Carson Hill Mine (1919-1924) and other California mining properties. He was deeply involved in community affairs of the Mother Lode region, was a member of the State Chamber of Commerce for many years and was President of the Mother Lode Highway Association, an organization created to improve transportation to remote Sierra mining towns. The latter association merged with the Golden Chain Council of the Mother Lode (1950), an organization devoted to the promotion of Mother Lode tourism that Stevenot chaired for many years. ADS was also an avid amateur historian and belonged to various societies—notably E Clampus Vitus—whose concern was to promote interest in local history.

There were three other Stevenot brothers, Joseph Emile Hamilton Stevenot, Frederick G. Stevenot and Cassimir M. Stevenot. All were involved in mining activities both in California and in the Philippine Islands between about 1929 and 1941 through the Stevenot Corp. Joseph E.H. Stevenot lived for much of his adult life in the Philippine Islands. There he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Philippine Trust Co., Vice President & General Manager of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., Director of the Bank of the Philippine Islands, Director of the Philippine Milling Co., Director of the Philippine Realty Corp., and Director of the Fidelity & Surety Co. of the Philippine Islands. He was a Colonel in the United States Army during World War II and was killed in a plane crash in the South Pacific in 1943. Following Joseph E.H. Stevenot's death, the remaining three brothers continued their mining and other financial activities. Ferdinand Gabriel Stevenot served in the California State Legislature from 1911 to 1913 and again from 1924 to 1926. In 1927 the Governor appointed him Director of Natural Resources. Later, Governor Young appointed him to the State Public Utilities Commission. He was a Vice President of the Bank of America, then President of the Bankamerica Agricultural Credit Corp. until 1942. Later, He was President of the Puget Sound Pulp and Timber Co. and the Portland Transit Co. FGS spent much of these years in San Francisco. He died in 1963.

Scope and Content
The Stevenot Collection consists primarily of family papers and business records of Archibald D. Stevenot (1916-1965). It includes: Golden Chain Council of the Mother Lode correspondence (1950-1965); miscellaneous E Clampus Vitus records (1940-1965); records of Stevenot's Merced hotels (1924-1940); and, correspondence between Stevenot and his brothers (1925-66). Most of the latter correspondence relates to aspects of mining, financial matters of mutual concern and American politics.


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[N.B.--Items are one page long unless otherwise indicated; corresp. is from person named in folder title to ADS unless otherwise indicated]
29.1: Carson Hill, Archie Stevenot & Stevenot Family
a-"'Mr. Mother Lode's Birthday Party," California History 10:2 (Nov 1963) [ADS; photocopy]
b-"Archie Stevenot Day," Sierra Booster (10-4-63) [photocopy]
c-"#769--Birthplace of Archie Stevenot" excerpt from Supplement to California Registered Historic Landmarks, 1962 [photocopy]
d-ADS to Mrs. I.L. Mariott, 10-1-57
e-Mrs. I.L. Marriott to ADS, 9-9-57 [re Carson Hill]
f-Frances C. Ferrill to ADS, 9-8-55 [3 pgs.]
g-Vera to ADS, 10-8-53
h-Notes on Carson Hill P.O.
i-List of teams in the Mother Lode Baseball League
j-"A Tribute," Parent-Teacher Bulletin (Sep 1928) [Sarah E. Stevenot; 2 pgs., 2 copies]
k-Biographical data on ADS & family for History of Merced Co., n.d.
l-Leonie to Ads, n.d.
m-Note beginning: "You road in mariposa stage 3 seeter 8 passanger stage..."
N-Note beginning: "Native Daughters Ansona Parlor #164 Jamestown..."
o-Note beginning: "In 1888 Aug. 28th..."
29.2: Cassimir M. Stevenot--Correspondence, 1932-1952 [62 items]
29.3: Ferdinand G. Stevenot--Biographies & obituaries
a-Allan R. Ottley [Calif. State Lib.] to ADS, 12-4-64 [re FGS biog]
b-ADS to ARO, 12-1-64
c-Notes for FGS biog, n.d. [ink]
d-ADS to ARO, 11-10-64
   e-ARO to ADS, 11-9-64
f-Charles C. Bowen [Portland Transit Co.] to ADS, 3-17-64 [re FGS resolution]
g-Portland Transit Co. Annual Report 1963 [FGS eulogy, p.4]
h-CCB to ADS, 12-31-63
i-“Excerpt from the Minutes of the Board of Directors of Portland Transit....,” 12-23-63 [resolution of praise for FGS]
j-“Cow Sense,” Western Livestock Journal (10-12-37) [FGS biog]
k-“Stevenot made Bank of America Vice President,” n.d. [unident. newspaper clipping; 1934?]  
l-“Stevenot is on new T-A Board,” Merced Sun-Star (4-7-32)
m: Ferdinand G. Stevenot--Correspondence, 1929 [1 item]
   29.4: FGS--“California State Department of Natural Resources Report to Governor's Council,” 1930. [13 pgs.]
   29.5: FGS--“California State Department of Natural Resources Report to Governor's Council,” 1930. [13 pgs.]
   29.6: FGS--Correspondence, 1931 [5 items]
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   29.12: FGS--Correspondence, 1937 [23 items]
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   29.18: FGS--Correspondence, 1947 [1 items]
   29.19: FGS--Correspondence, 1949 [2 items]
   29.20: FGS--Correspondence, 1952 [7 items]
   29.21: FGS--Correspondence, 1953 [16 items]
   29.22: FGS--Correspondence, 1954 [5 items]
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   29.29: FGS--Correspondence, 1961 [16 items]
   29.30 FGS--Correspondence, 1962 [11 items]
   29.31 FGS--Correspondence, 1963 [8 items]
   29.32 Joseph Emile Hamilton Stevenot--Biography & Obituaries
   a-Biography to 1942
   b-“Business notes,” The Philippine Herald (11-18-33) [re JEHS contribution to Philippine telephone service; photocopy]
   c-Philippine Trust Co. prospectus, c1930 [lists JEHS many involvements w/ P.I. business]
   d-“U.S. told of war by radio,” Manila Daily Bulletin (8-23-37) [Sino-Japanese War; photocopy]
   e-“Un pastel llega de Ee.Uu. via Clipper para J.E.H. Stevenot,” El Debate (4-15- 37) [photocopy]
   f-Translation of preceding
   g-“Por el monarca nipon,” La Vanguardia (4-29-37)
   h-English version of preceding The Tribune (4-30-37)
   i-Henry L. Stimson to FGS, 2-12-42 [re location of JEHS]
   j-JEHS to CMS, 6-4-43
   k-Description of accidental death of JEHS, 6-9-43
l-Chaplain Wm. H. Rafferty, USN to Vice Adm. W.L. Calhoun, 6-12-43 [re death of JEHS; 3 pgs.]
m-John to Dad & Mother, 2-6-44 [re JEHS grave]

n-Three 8x10 b/w glossies of grave [incl. w/ preceding]
o-Obituaries from reburial in Manila: Sonora Daily Union Democrat (3-18-48) & Calaveras Californian (4-1-48) [photocopy]
p-"BSP marks 28th year of service," Manila Chronicle (10-31-51) [outlines JEHS involvement w/ Philippine Boy Scouts; photocopy, 3 pgs.]

29.33 JEHS--Correspondence, etc., 1932

a-JEHS. "A thought at Christmas from the General Manager," The Canvasser 2:11 (12-24-32) [publ. by Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co.]
b-9-12 [2 pgs.]
c-ADS to, 8-22
d-Do., 8-15
e-"Gold mines of Mountain Province yield princely annual sum," Manila Daily Bulletin (7-22-32) [photocopy; 2 pgs.]
f-"The mining center," Manila Daily Bulletin (7-22-32) [photocopy]
g-"Demonstration mine is being reexamined," Manila Daily Bulletin (7-22-32) [photocopy; 2 pgs.]
h-ADS to, 1-16

29.34 JEHS--Correspondence, 1933 [10 items]
29.35 JEHS--Correspondence, 1934 [17 items]
29.36 JEHS--Correspondence, 1935 [3 items]
29.37 JEHS--Correspondence, 1936 [16 items]
29.38: JEHS--Correspondence, 1937 [16 items]
29.39 JEHS--Correspondence, 1938 [11 items]
29.40: JEHS--Correspondence, 1939 [33 items]
29.41 JEHS--Correspondence, 1940

a-"News & views of mines and mining people," Manila Daily Bulletin (8-8)
b-Two sketch maps of Trust Buster Mine, 1940 [pencil on tissue paper]

29.42 JEHS--Correspondence: ADS to, 7-27-41

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