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## **INVENTORY OF THE PATTON FAMILY PROPERTY PAPERS, 1909-1938**

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**Abstract:** This collection contains papers having to do with land plots in the Wilmington area of Los Angeles, California owned by sisters Maria Jesus De Shorb, Annie Wilson, and Ruth Patton. Included in the collection are declaration of trust papers, deeds and title papers, tax reports, receipts, statements, court papers, and correspondence.

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**Acquisition Information**

Collection donated to CHUDH Archives by Judson Grenier in 2011.

**Processing Information**

This collection was processed by Shannon Salcido in July of 2011. Materials were arranged by type of item and chronologically.

**[History or Biography]**

Maria Jesus De Shorb (1844-1917), Annie Wilson (1854-?), and Ruth Patton (1861-1928), are the daughters of Benjamin Davis Wilson, a prominent California statesman and politician during the 1800's. Maria is the daughter of Ramona Yorba, the first wife of Wilson, and Annie and Ruth are the daughter's of Margret Hereford, Wilson's second wife. Southern California's Mt. Wilson was named after Benjamin Davis Wilson.

Maria Jesus De Shorb (Maria De Jesus "Sue" Wilson Shorb) married James DeBarth Shorb in 1867, they had eleven children. James worked for Maria's father and developed much of the land in Los Angeles, including the cities of Alhambra which he named, and San Marino.

Annie Wilson never married and lived with her sister Ruth and her family.

Ruth Patton married George S. Patton Sr., a California politician. They are the parents of George S. Patton Jr., the famous World War II General.

**Scope and Content**

This collection consists of papers having to do with land plots in the Wilmington area of Los Angeles. The owners of the land are sisters Maria Jesus De Shorb, Annie Wilson, and Ruth Patton. In 1909 a trust was established by the Title Insurance and Trust Company of Los Angeles naming Annie Wilson and Ruth Patton the grantors and Maria Shorb the beneficiary. The collection contains preliminary trust papers as well as the declaration of trust (trust # 2010). Also included are tax reports, receipts, and statements from the trust from the years between 1909 and 1938, various deeds and title papers, court papers, and correspondences.

**Arrangement**

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Arranged in five series:

- Series I. Declaration of Trust Papers (1909-1916)
- Series II. Deeds and Title Papers (1909-1938)
- Series III. Tax Reports, Receipts, and Statements (1909-1918)
- Series IV. Correspondence (1914-1916)
- Series V. Court Papers (1909-1917)

**Subjects**

Land titles--California--Los Angeles County  
Deeds of trust  
Grantor trusts  
Trust companies

**Personal Names**

Patton, George S. (George Smith), 1856-1927  
Patton, George S. (George Smith), 1885-1945  
Shorb, James De Barth  
Wilson, Benjamin Davis, 1811-1878

**Corporate Names**

Title Insurance and Trust Company (1893-1968)

**Geographic Areas**

Los Angeles (Calif.). Wilmington

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Series 1. **Declaration of Trust Papers 1909-1916**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

**Scope and Content Note**

This series contains the preliminary trust papers and declaration of trust papers for the De Shorb, Wilson, and Patton trust created in March 1909 for the Wilmington land plots. The trust is named "Trust # 2010" by the Title Insurance and Trust Company of Los Angeles. Series is arranged chronologically.

Box 1, Folder 1:1a  
Box 1, Folder 1:1b  
Box 1, Folder 1:1c  
Box 1, Folder 1:1d

**Trust #2010 Preliminary Papers, 1909**  
**Declaration of Trust #2010 1909**  
**De Shorb Power of Attorney 1909**  
**De Shorb Trust Agreement 1916**

Series 2. **Deeds and Title Papers 1909-1938**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

**Scope and Content Note**

This series contains various deeds and title papers for the Wilmington land plots. It includes papers naming various land owners including the Southern Pacific Rail Road Company, and hand drawn maps of some if the land plots. Series is arranged chronologically.

Box 1, Folder 1:2a  
Box 1, Folder 1:2b  
Box 1, Folder 1:2c  
Box 1, Folder 1:2d  
Box 1, Folder 1:2e  
Box 1, Folder 1:2f  
Box 1, Folder 1:2g  
Box 1, Folder 1:2h  
Box 1, Folder 1:2i

**Quitclaim Deed Trust #2010 1909**  
**Gibson Grant Deed 1909**  
**Schneider and Reichl Grant Deed 1909**  
**Escrow Instructions 1910**  
**Wilson and Patton Title Papers 1910**  
**Opp Grant Deed 1912**  
**Trust #2010 Title papers 1913**  
**Tenney Papers 1913**  
**Southern Pacific Railroad Papers 1938**

**Series 3. Tax Reports, Receipts, and Statements 1909-1918**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

**Scope and Content Note**

In this series are various tax reports, receipts, and statements regarding the Wilmington property and the De Shorb, Wilson, and Patton trust from both the city and county of Los Angeles. Series is arranged chronologically.

Box 1, Folder 1:3a  
Box 1, Folder 1:3b  
Box 1, Folder 1:3c  
Box 1, Folder 1:3d  
Box 1, Folder 1:3e  
Box 1, Folder 1:3f

**Redemption of Real Estate 1909**

**De Shorb Trust Statement 1910**

**Tax Receipts L.A. City/County 1909-1910 1910**

**Tax Receipts L.A. City/County 1910-1911 1911**

**Tax Receipts L.A. City/County 1912-1913 1912**

**De Shorb Trust Statement 1918**

**Series 4. Correspondence 1914-1916**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

**Scope and Content Note**

This series contains various correspondences to and from the Title Insurance and Trust Company of Los Angeles regarding the trust and payments to and for Mrs. De Shorb. Series is arranged chronologically.

Box 1, Folder 1:4a

**Title Insurance and Trust Co. Letters 1914-1916**

**Series 5. Court Papers 1909-1917**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

**Scope and Content Note**

This series contains papers from two different court cases taking place in 1909 and 1913 naming the Title Insurance and Trust Company of Los Angeles as the plaintiff, and letters from the company regarding a different case filed in 1917. All three cases have to do with different Wilmington land plots and their owners. This series is arranged chronologically.

Box 1, Folder 1:5a  
Box 1, Folder 1:5b  
Box 1, Folder 1:5c

**Darlington/ Myles Judgement 1909**

**Sylva, Freitas, Granada Complaint 1913**

**Kennicott Letters 1917**