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J.V. Rhoades Employment Agency Records

Repository:

Seaver Center for Western History Research

Span Dates:

1924-1931, undated

Extent:

5 linear feet (Boxes: 1 legal, 11 letter)

Language:

English, some Spanish

Conditions Governing Use:

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Abstract:

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Administrative History:

The Rhoades Employment Agency operated at three locations (Denver, Salt Lake City, and Los Angeles) from 1907 to about 1932. It was co-owned primarily by two brothers, Joseph V. and Louis M. Rhoades, both of whom were based in Denver. Joseph Alfredo Pacheco, whose name appeared on the Los Angeles letterhead, owned one-sixth share of the company and served as both Manager and Interpreter at the Los Angeles Office at 606 N. Main Street. The agency specialized in the placement of Mexican laborers.

Scope and Content:

Company records include correspondence, receipt books, loose receipts, and work order books; one photograph portrait of an unidentified woman. English, with some documents in Spanish. The records provide primary labor data on Mexican casual workers recruited from the Plaza area in Los Angeles, California. Many of the workers were placed in urban jobs, however client correspondence also included the employer Los Alamitos Sugar Co.

The collection of records was previously assessed and partially processed in 1995 under the supervision of Dr. William D. Estrada, Curator, El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument. Box 1 was described item by item in a finding aid dated February, 1996, now referred to below as Appendix A. After the collection was donated to the Natural History Museum, the remaining boxes were further physically arranged and the new box-level container list is as follows:

Box 1 Correspondence, announcements, telegrams, invoices, bills, receipts, bank statements, advertisements, certificates and one photograph, November 1926 – October 1929, undated. For an inventory of Box 1 see Appendix A below (Note: the Appendix is not keyword searchable).

Box 2 Work order books, April 1927 – June 1929, undated

Box 3 Receipt books, December 1926 – April 1927

Box 4 Receipt books, April 1927 – July 1927

Box 5 Receipt books, June 1927 – September 1927

Box 6 Receipt books, September 1927 – May 1928

Box 7 Receipt books, May 1928 – November 1928

Box 8 Receipt books, October 1928 – May 1929

Box 9 Receipt books, April 1929 – August 1929

Box 10 Receipt books, August 1929 – September 1930

Box 11 Receipt books, September 1930 – February 1931
Receipts (loose pages), April 1924 – December 1928

Box 12 Receipts (loose pages), January 1929 – September 1930, undated