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J. C. Maguire Company Records and Photographs Collection

Repository:

Seaver Center for Western History Research, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

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1925-1952

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Abstract:

Records were collected by J. C. Maguire, and they are related to various construction companies and public works contractors, some of which were operated by Maguire. Correspondence; financial and accounting records; legal documents; invoices and inventories; meeting minutes; photographs; drawings; maps.

Historical Note:

J. C. Maguire served as president or secretary for various construction companies and public works contractors, including Maguire Realty Company and Pacific Constructors, Inc. Maguire's company was founded in 1926, and it seemed to be based in Montana. The company was originally named Maguire Investment Company, but was later changed to Maguire Realty Company. Maguire's company changed its name a few more times, and also merged with other companies to form conglomerates such as Pacific Constructors and Canyon Constructors.

There were projects in the 1930s by Pacific Constructors and the West Slope Construction Company, including the San Gabriel Dam No. 1 in Southern California.

During the 1940s, as part of the Pick–Sloan Missouri Basin Program, the United States Bureau of Reclamation commissioned construction for various dams on the Missouri River. One of those dams is the Canyon Ferry Dam, located in Montana. Some public works contractors that Maguire worked for, such as Pacific Constructors and Canyon Constructors, were commissioned by the United States Bureau of Reclamation to construct the dams, as well as other facilities around the dams. Construction for the dams took a few years, and some dams were not finished until the 1950s.

Scope and Content Note:

The majority of the materials are textual. Records were collected by J. C. Maguire, and they are related to various construction companies and public works contractors, some of which were operated by Maguire. These records include correspondence between Maguire and various people, as well as the articles of incorporation for his company. Other records include meeting minutes, audit reports, inventories, and accounting documents. There are also maps and plans for the Shasta Dam construction in Northern California.

Photographs make up a big part of the collection. The photographs mostly depict construction of dams, such as the San Gabriel Dam No. 1 in Southern California. Most of the dams were constructed as part of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program. Due to lack of contextual information, however, it is difficult to identify the specific names of some of those dams. Some of the photos are labeled with the names of the dams, while others are not. It is possible that one of the dams depicted in the photos is Canyon Ferry Dam, and some of the dams are likely built in the Missouri Basin area. Some photos are group portraits depicting various workers and employees who participated in the dam construction projects.

This collection contains some negatives.

Container List:

Box 1 (Files 1-3)

1926-34	Maguire Realty Company Correspondence: includes articles of incorporation
1929-33	Miscellaneous Equipment Charged Off: invoices and inventories
1939-49	Pacific Constructors Inc. – Minutes of Stockholders' Meetings

Box 2 (Files 1-5)

1925-29	Maguire Realty Company Checkbook
1938	Pacific Constructors Inc. – Consent for Reduction of Capital
1941	Pacific Constructors Inc. – Ridgway Audit Report
1938	Pacific Constructors Inc. Shasta Dam – Houses, Dorms, Mess Halls
1938	United States Bureau of Reclamation - Shasta Dam and Power Plant

Box 3 (Files 1-5)

1951 Canyon Constructors Inc. – Photographs and Negatives
1949-52 Huggins, C. F. – Dam Construction Photographs
1952 Missouri River Project – Dam Construction Photographs
1933 West Slope Construction Company – San Gabriel Dam No. 1

Box 4 (Files 1-4)

1951 Maguire Realty Company - Book of Bylaws
1940 Pacific Constructors Inc. – J. Greenfield and Co. Report
1938-42 Pacific Constructors Inc. – Stock Accounting Journal
Undated Photo of an unidentified man (contains inscription: “Compliment - Ike Westcott”)