



Corona Heights Water Company/ Rolla Cook Manuscript Collection

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This manuscript contains a collection of various documents from the Corona Heights Water Company, a company made up primarily of stockholders, based in Los Angeles, California. The “Water Co.” (Corona Heights Water Co.) entered into an agreement with the City of Corona allowing the construction of a pipeline on Buena Vista Ave. which would connect to The “City’s” (Corona) sewer disposal plant. The “City” would own and operate the municipal sewer system while the “Water Co” would use the “effluent from the disposal plant for irrigational purposes.” A contract was made on 7/26/1938 between the “City” and the “Water Co” which outlined the terms and conditions along with the obligations that the “Water Co” would abide by and uphold until the contract expired.

Southern California’s water development can be condensed, somewhat, into three stages: the use of local run-off water, utilization of the nearest available water or “non-local”, and the construction of large facilities in far away places to transport water into the area. Because of the various citrus orchards grown in Corona, which at one time established it as the lemon capital of the world, the availability of a viable water source has always been an issue. After local water sources had been depleted or rendered unusable and non-local water was made inaccessible for most parts of Southern California, buying land or stocks where viable water sources ran or where stored, became an entitlement to that water for those who owned it. Under a California Supreme ruling of Modified Riparian Doctrine, those who owned banks of streams were entitled to that water. Those invested the accrual of water for Southern California, including the Riverside/Corona area, actively purchased land where there were streams or reservoirs of water. Farmers and city officials also began to buy stocks which entitled them to water, and eventually, small water companies were formed all over Southern California. Later, larger Companies would buy out smaller ones and form single municipal or private water companies. One relevant example of this is the Temescal Water Company which was formed after it had bought up a bunch of smaller subsidiaries.

Water development can be directly linked to the land development throughout Southern California. Its history is an important insight in order to better understand why companies such as the Corona Heights Water Co were established even though its use of water was for the Los Angeles area.

Scope & Content Note: Documents date back as early as 1913 and as late as 1976, but the majority of the documents focus primarily with in the time frame of 1941-1945. Expense receipts, insurance policies, and various business correspondences make up the bulk of the collection.

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Gifts of: Rolla Cook

Inventory:

Call Number	Folder	Description of Records
M122/01*	F1	Finding Aid & Accession Records
Series 1	Corona Heights Water Company	
M122/1	F2	Operating Report which details irrigation expenses and assets for the following years: 1935, 1936, & 1937. (2 leaves)
M122/1	F3	Yearly report from Jan. 1, 1936-Dec. 12, 1936 outlining cash receipts and cost of operation. (2 leaves)
M122/1	F4	A transfer request of stocks and a notice of a stockholders meeting changed from 10/4/1937 to Sept. 7, 1937. (2 leaves)
M122/1	F5	Notes on tracts irrigated circa 1938. (1 leaf)
M122/1	F6	Contract detailing terms and conditions made between the City of Corona and the Corona Heights Water Co on July 26, 1938. (8 leaves)
M122/1	F7	Rough drawing of the pipeline 1938 (2 leaves)
M122/1	F8	Corona City council resolution to the pipeline on Buena Vista Ave July 7, 1938. (4 leaves)
M122/1	F9	Balance sheets Jan.-June 1938 and Jan-Dec 1938. (6 leaves)
M122/1	F10	Correspondence with a Mr. Newcomb and the Nevada-California Electric Corp May 26, 1938. (3 leaves)
M122/1	F11	Water Analysis June 16, 1938; only page one is available. (4 leaves)
M122/1	F12	List of growers and what citrus they grew. (1 leaf)
M122/1	F13	Southern Pipe and Casing Company Correspondence and flyers; Feb.17 th , 26, May 11 th 17 th , 19 th , June 15 th 21 st , July 7 th , 25 th and Sept.14 th 1938. (18 leaves)
M122/1	F14	Estimates of the Pipeline Project, requested from the City of Corona by Mr. D.A. Newcomb along with a few scratch paper notes. Dates range from Feb. 10, 1938-Aug. 1, 1938. (18 leaves)
M122/1	F15	Correspondence with the Peerless Pump Division and Mr. D.A. Newcomb. One Graph with water quality information 1938. (4 leaves)
M122/1	F16	List of Stockholders 1938. (2 leaves)
M122/1	F17	Correspondence with the City of Corona and Corona Heights Water Co as well as the Riverside Title Company and the American Pipe and Steel Company regarding requesting CHWC to be moved to Corona 1938. (9 leaves)
M122/1	F18	Correspondence between CHWC and attorney Walter Clayson 1938. (6 leaves)
M122/1	F19	Various business correspondences from CHWC 1938. (18 leaves)
M122/1	F20	Cost of damages done to the pipe by a tractor from Corona Foothill Lemon Co. July 30, 1938. (1 leaf)
M122/1	F21	2 Stock certificates August 8, 1938, Business correspondence, news letter from Portland cement association, 1 Expense report Dec. 1939. (7 leaves)
M122/1	F22	Annual Report February 5, 1940. (4 leaves)
M122/1	F23	Correspondence with CHWC and Luippold Engineer Sales Co. as

		well as a contract with this company 1940. (9 leaves)
M122/1	F24	5 Receipts from Allbright's automotive supplies, 1 Bill from Southern CA Gas Co, 1 Receipt from Associated Carriers Agency Inc. (7 leaves)
M122/1	F25	1 Annual meeting of stockholders Feb. 6, 1940 registered with the Superior Court of Riverside. 1 transfer of stock by Mutual Citrus Products Co. Inc. (2 leaves)
M122/1	F26	Correspondence from Laval Steam Turbine Co. June 16, 1940. (1 leaf)
M122/1	F27	Tax statement and receipts from the County of Riverside July 1940. (3 leaves)
M122/1	F28	Payment receipts to The First National Bank of Corona. Dec. 30, 1940, Jan. Apr., and Nov. 1941. (4 leaves)
M122/1	F29	Correspondence from Corona Sheet Metal Works about the new "Zanjero Method" for irrigation. 1 letter and 1 pamphlet. (2 leaves)
M122/1	F30	Various correspondences from different businesses to CHWC 1941. (8 leaves)
M122/1	F31	Correspondences from California Mutual Water Companies Association: Jan., May, and Sept. 1941. (3 leaves)
M122/1	F32	Sales receipts and correspondence from Luippold Engineering Sales Co. May- Dec. 1941. (5 leaves)
M122/1	F33	Insurance Policies: National Automobile Insurance Co. and Firemen's Insurance Co. May and August 1941. (3 policies)
M122/1	F34	Various receipts for services, equipment, and other misc. 1940-1941. (86 leaves)
M122/1	F35	Stockholder receipts, July-Dec. 1941. (6 leaves)
M122/1	F36	Tax receipts 1941-1942. (7 leaves)
M122/1	F37	Financial Statements August 31, 1941. (2 leaves)
M122/1	F38	Various Utility bills 1941-1942. (21 leaves)
M122/1	F39	CHWC balance sheet of expenses: June 30, 1943 and Dec. 31, 1943. (2 leaves)
M122/1	F40	Report on CHWC booster plan: Dec. 13, 1943, Irrigation statistics 1944. (4 leaves)
M122/1	F41	Tax receipts and notice of refund 1944. (4 leaves)
M122/1	F42	Purchasing orders from CHWC 1943-1944. (12 leaves)
M122/1	F43	Balance sheets for the year of 1944. (37 leaves)
M122/1	F44	Various receipts and invoices 1944. (50 leaves)
M122/1	F44a	Continued from previous folder: various receipts and invoices 1944. (82 leaves)
M122/1	F45	Bills Payable Statements 1944. (30 leaves)
M122/1	F46	CHWC Pumping Record for 1944 and balance sheet Dec. 31, 1944. (3 leaves)
M122/1	F47	Correspondence with various stockholders and two hand written accounts of stocks paid. 1944. (6 leaves)
M122/1	F48	Tax Statements 1944. (3 leaves)
M122/1	F49	Utilities paid receipts 1944. (33 leaves)
M122/1	F50	War Productions Board Report 1943; one hand written note. (2

		Leaves)
M122/1	F51	Tax receipts 1944. (2 leaves)
M122/1	F52	Balance Sheets for 1945. (30 leaves)
M122/1	F53	Bills payable Jan.-Sept. 1945. (8 leaves)
M122/1	F54	News Letter from California Mutual Water Companies Association Jan. 26, 1945. (4 leaves)
M122/1	F55	3 letters of Correspondence and 2 return receipts from the post office 1945. (5 leaves)
M122/1	F56	Invoices, receipts, and misc. correspondence 1945. (59 leaves)
M122/1	F57	Stockholder correspondence 1945. (13 leaves)
M122/1	F58	Utilities Paid Receipts 1945. (16 leaves)
M122/1	F59	Insurance Policies 1945-1946. (3 policies)
M122/2	F60	Articles of Incorporation of the Corona Heights Water Company May 16, 1907. (6 leaves)
M122/2	F61	Contract between Corona Citrus Association and Rolla L Cook January 15, 1924. (1 leaf)
M122/2	F62	Correspondence with between Rolla L Cook and a Mrs. Wallace April 8, 1927. (2 leaves)
M122/2	F63	Tax receipts 1928-1929. (4 leaves)
M122/2	F64	Contract with Corona Citrus Association and R. L. Cook Dec. 2, 1930. (1 leaf)
M122/2	F65	Receipt from Richfield Oil Company August 8, 1933. (1 leaf)
M122/2	F66	Receipt of contract and of motor oil 1934. (2 leaves)
M122/2	F67	Extension of Lease with Jacob Stern & Sons Nov. 23, 1934. (3 leaves)
M122/2	F68	Tax receipts, invoices, sales agreement, and correspondence 1935. (22 leaves)
M122/2	F69	1 notice from Temescal Water Co. calling for a meeting of stockholders May 12, 1936 and a summary of their "Irrigation investigations" for the year of 1935. (7 leaves)
M122/2	F70	Various receipts, correspondence, and 1 loan application 1936. (23 leaves)
M122/2	F71	Receipts, various business correspondences 1938. (13 leaves)
M122/2	F72	Financial Statement from First National Bank October 20, 1939. (1 leaf)
M122/2	F73	2 automobile insurance policies, misc. receipts, correspondence, notes, and 1 article clipping. 1940. (12 leaves)
M122/2	F74	1 lease with First Trust and Savings Bank and various business correspondence 1941. (14 leaves)
M122/2	F75	Financial statements from First National Bank Jan.15, 1941 and Dec. 1, 1941. (2 leaves)
M122/2	F76	Various invoices, tax receipts, 1 fire insurance policy, and 1 sales contract 1941 (54 leaves)

M122/2	F77	Business correspondence, insurance policy, and invoices 1942. (10 leaves)
M122/2	F78	Letter from Fontana Citrus Ass'n. to R.L. Cook in regards to a leaking pipe May, 17, 1943. (1 leaf)
M122/2	F79	Local Board of Riverside County notices of Selective Service April 1943. (7 leaves)
M122/2	F80	Employee injury records and State Compensation Insurance Fund Report 1944. (14 leaves)
M122/2	F81	1 Tire Warranty and Adjustment Agreement, Various Invoices, and 1 Automobile Insurance Policy 1944. (39 leaves)
M122/2	F82	Quarterly Report of Gross Operating Revenue from California Railroad Commission 1944. (4 leaves)
M122/2	F83	1 loan agreement contract 1943 and List of orchard owners 1944. (5 leaves)
M122/2	F84	Fertilizer Receipts Paid 1945. (22 leaves)
M122/2	F85	Nadeau Termite Control Building Report Dec. 1944 and Jan. 1945. (7 leaves)
M122/2	F86	Corona Citrus Association Packout Report May 25 1945. (1 leaf)
M122/2	F87	Employee Records of hire and 1944-1945. (4 leaves)
M122/2	F88	Payments made to the Fontana Domestic Water Company for pipe damages 1945. (5 leaves)
M122/2	F89	Police fines received by Rolla L Cook in regards to the "Guadalupe Brano Case" Jan.-July 1945. (6 leaves)
M122/2	F90	Grain purchasing and storing receipts 1945. (10 leaves)
M122/2	F91	Financial Statements: First National Bank of Corona March 14, 1945 and First National Bank of Los Angeles Aug. 1, 1945. (2 leaves)
M122/2	F92	Insurance policies and documents 1943-1946. (19 leaves)
M122/2	F93	Tax receipts and records 1945. (19 leaves)
M122/2	F94	Invoices and receipts 1944-1945. (20 leaves)
M122/2	F95	Stock Dues from the Temescal Water Company paid 1945. (5 leaves)
M122/2	F96	Payment receipts paid to First National Bank of Corona 1945. (4 leaves)
M122/2	F97	Payment receipts paid to Corona Foothill Lemon Company April-Dec. 1945. (6 leaves)
M122/2	F98	Miscellaneous Correspondence 1944-1945. (17 leaves)
M122/2	F99	State Insurance Compensation reports, policy, and 1 blank application 1945. (13 leaves)
M122/2	F100	Repair receipts/invoices 1944-1945. (33 leaves)
M122/2	F101	Receipts from Towner Manufacturing Co. 1945. (4 leaves)
M122/2	F102	Receipts/invoices from Shepherd Tractor and Equipment Co. 1945. (8 leaves)
M122/2	F103	Shell Oil (2 receipts) and Petrolane Ltd. Receipts 1945. (13 leaves)
M122/2	F104	Miscellaneous repair order invoices 1945. (114 leaves)
M122/2/ 105	F105	Johnson and Tractor Co. invoices and receipts 1944-1945. (34 leaves)
M122/2	F105a	Johnson and Tractor Co. invoices, receipts, 1 sales contract, and 1

		letter addressed to R.L. Cook from Johnson and Tractor Co. 1945. (50 leaves)
M122/2	F106	L. Langton invoices 1945. (20 leaves)
M122/2	F107	Automotive repairs, expenses, and insurance receipts 1945. (55 leaves)
M122/2	F108	S.F. McCabe receipts 1945-1946(1 receipt). (22 leaves)
M122/2	F109	Invoices and receipts paid for hardware, lumber and paint 1944-1945. (40 leaves)
M122/2	F110	Utility: gas, electric, and phone invoices 1945. (30 leaves)
M122/3	F111	Bank Note from Bank of America Nov. 23, 1945. (1 leaf)
M122/3	F112	Birth announcement sent to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cook and photograph of mother and child. (1 leaf, 1 photograph, 1 envelope)
M122/3	F113	City of Corona Building Permit Jan. 4, 1945. (1 leaf)
M122/3	F123	1928 Map of Corona produced by the Corona Chamber of Commerce. The map was tucked into the cover of a report from Smith Booth Usher Co. (See M122/3, F124). Note on the back of the map in the upper right corner states "Corona Heights pipelines according to J. B. [illegible]". (1 leaf)
M122/3	F124	Bound report from Smith Booth Usher Co. to the Corona Heights Water Co. Subject: Single Pump – Gas Engine Drive. Report is dated July 27, 1933. Included in the report are catalogs and literature about different pumps and a blueprint "sketch showing two suggested installations for Corona Heights Water Co." (1 folder)
Series 2	Rolla Cook	
M122/3	F114	Request for a birth certificate by Isabel Margaret Cook, Dec. 21, 1940. (1 leaf)
M122/3	F115	Various Insurance policies and receipts 1945. (9 leaves)
M122/3	F116	Handwritten correspondence addressed to R.L. Cook March 11, 1936. (2 leaves)
M122/3	F117	Burial Card for E.H. Cook who died on March 16, 1912. (1 leaf)
M122/3	F118	Promissory Notes 1921, 1925, 1929. (3 leaves)
M122/3	F119	1 response from the department of Public Health Huntsville, AL addressed to Wille McCoy Kennard Oct. 6, 1937, 1 article about Dr. William Kennard Chiropractor 1928, and misc. receipts from Dr. Kennard's practice 1936-1941. (8 leaves)
M122/3	F120	Life insurance form Lloyd's Of London: 2 policies, 2 Subscriptions to the "LA Times", 2 registration cards 1945. (6 leaves)
M122/3	F121	Future Farmers Of America Certificate awarded to Steve Cook 1976. (1 leaf)
M122/3	F122	2 deeds: Sept. 26 th , 1913 and Oct. 5, 1915. 1 letter of a deed received April 24, 1929. (3 leaves)

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