



R. H. Verity, Sons and Company Collection

1910-1978 (predominantly 1931-1978)

1311 records, 55 reels of microfilm | 50 linear feet | 28 boxes

R.H. Verity, Sons and Company emerged from a business founded in the early 1900s by A.F. Call. Call named the business Call Lemon Association. After Call's death in 1913, two long-time stock holders, G.A. Charters and Allen J. Davis purchased the business outright and renamed it Charters-Davis Company. Charters served as the company's president. Davis, who had been the Call Lemon Association's general manager, continued in this capacity, as well as holding the offices of vice president and treasurer. When the business changed ownership in 1918, it consisted of 212 acres of citrus fruits and 108 acres of peaches, plums and alfalfa. The company also held a 10 year lease on 22 acres of oranges and owned a packing house near Ontario and Compton streets which was erected in 1913. On December 1, 1929, the company's name was changed to Davis-Verity as Charters no longer held an interest in the business. In 1932, R. H. Verity, his wife, Helen F., his wife's sister Katherine E. Burritt, and his sons, Wilfrid Burritt, Alden Henry, and Robert Charles purchased Davis' interest in the company and renamed it, R.H. Verity, Sons and Company. The business now owned 250 acres of groves, rented another 60 acres. It owned a citrus packing house and offices located on East Ontario and Compton streets. That year, the company shipped 150 railroad cars of citrus (100 contained lemons).

During the 1930s because marketing regulations limited how much fruit could be sent to market in any given year, the Veritys constructed a lemon storage building in 1941 to store their fruit. During World War II, obtaining necessary supplies such as shooks for citrus crates or bags for citrus picking became a problem. In March 1948, in response to falling citrus prices, the Veritys closed their packing house. From 1948 to 1977, Verity and Sons contracted to have their citrus picked, packed and marketed by Corona Foothill Lemon Company and the Orange Heights Orange Association. With rising land values and increasing urban and suburban development, the Veritys sold their grove acreage in 1958 and eventually also the packing house. By 1978, all of the R.H. Verity Sons and Company assets had been liquidated.

The collection consists of partnership records, property records (1958-1978), financial records (19730-1977), ledgers, legal records (1938-1978), sales record (1931-1948), pool statements (1948-1977), association records (1932-1977), citrus marketing records, labor records (1940-1949), physical plant records, correspondence (1932-1975), bulletin, circulars, newsletters (1913-1950, mostly 1930-1959).

Series:

- 1) **Financial Records** include records appraising the Verity business, listings of assets and liabilities, audit and financial statements, county tax statements, insurance records and estate records of deceased partners.

- 2) **Legal Records** contain correspondence on legal matters relating to partnership agreements, estates of deceased partners, trademark registration, trespassing on grove property.
- 3) **Property Transaction Records** includes information about property easements, rights-of-way, leases for oil and gas exploration and billboards. The major portion relates to property sales.
- 4) **Citrus Sales Records – Account Sales** records cover the period 1931 to 1948 when Verity packed and shipped their own fruit to the fruit auctions in Chicago. Each car lot sent to Chicago represented one railroad car filled with citrus crates. Each car lot was assigned a file number. Each File contains such records tally sheets counting crates packed into the railroad car, shipping invoices, bills of lading, citrus inspection reports, correspondence with various fruit distributors, auction reports and citrus sales invoices. -- **Pool Statements** detail marketing of the citrus fruit through cooperative citrus marketing associations and contain information on the rates associations charged growers for picking, packing and marketing citrus fruit as well as certain grove maintenance operations. The statements detail income earned.
- 5) **Association Records** contain association bylaws, newsletters, annual reports, agreements, and correspondence. Included are files on various cooperative citrus marketing associations, professional associations and other types of agricultural associations.
- 6) **Citrus Marketing Records** are more general records such as citrus labels, Chicago Sales information, marketing agreements, estimates of prices and shippers' performance records.
- 7) **Labor Records** consist of lists of employees, hourly rate information, daily payroll records, time records, savings bond records, compensation records and correspondence with and about employees.
- 8) **Physical plant records** deal with groves, packing house and lemon storage house, supplies, equipment, wells, pumps and irrigation.
- 9) **Correspondence, Business and Personal** related to business matters along with a few personal letters. Most relate to partnership dividends, estate matters and questions about citrus growing.
- 10) **Bulletins, Circulars, Newsletter** published by agricultural entities.

11) **Ledger Series**

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Gift of the Verity Family.

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	Estimated Federal Taxes – 1944	
	Correspondence, Lucile Verity Collins Estate-1954-1967	
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	Robert H. and Helen F. Verity Estate – 1943-1945	
	Financial Records, miscellaneous – 1940-1944	
	Individual or Partnership Statement – 1938,1941	
	Correspondence, Auditor A.B. Schultz – 1969-1978	
	Correspondence, Auditor F.A. Winspear & Associates – 1943-1945	
	Insurance Policy, “Checkometer” – 1927	
	Correspondence, Insurance – 1943-1944	
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	Average Pack Boxes per Acre, Gross Returns on Tree – 1937-1939, 1951, 1960-1964	
	Total Lemon and Orange Income – 1947, 1948	
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	Civil Actions, Summons and Complaint No 1491-H – 1941	
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	Partnership Agreement – 1955,1973	
	Annual Meeting Proxy Forms – 1950	
	Correspondence, Corona City Planning Commission – 1964-1965	
Series 3 Property Transaction Records		
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	Right-of-Way – No Date, 1938,1941	
	Right-of-Way, Easement, California Electric Power Company – 1941	
	Property Easement, Metropolitan Water District – 1954	
	Right-of-Way, Oak Street Storm Channel (Oversize) – 1957	
	Permit to Improve Road – 1958	
	Easement, California Electric Power Company – 1962	
	Billboard Lease Agreement – 1944	
	Property Lease – Lot 1/35 1964-1975 –1941	
	Leases, miscellaneous – 1957-1958	
	Oil and Gas Lease –Eureka Refining Co. 1951—Gedodepthograph Co. 1954	
	Union Oil Lease – 1957-1958	
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	Real Estate Escrow Papers – 1960, 1963, 1964,1970	
	Property Sale – Lot #s 9/29 &10/29 W. Salter Nursery and Moore 1972-1975, 1977-1978—Lot #1/35 1967-1974—	
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	Pool Statements- Calavo Growers 1952-1967	
	Pool Statements -Corona Foothill Lemon Co. 1948-1973	
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	Pool Statements-Upland Lemon Grower’s Association 1967-1978	
	Pool Returns and Notes 1948-1956	
Series 5 Association Records		
M064/11	Correspondence-Agricultural Producers Labor Committee 1939-1945	V031
	California-Arizona Orange Grapefruit Agency -1942	
	Calavo Growers, “Facts About Calavo Growers” 1951	
	California Citrus League, Citrus Cost of Production – 1934 – Correspondence 1933-1940	
	California Fruit Growers Exchange – Citrus Sales Auction 1932	
	Annual Report 1915,1936,1942	
	California State Chamber of Commerce – Manpower Control Program 1943	
	Corona Foothill Lemon Company – Agreements 1948-1951 – Analysis Reports 1936-1939 –Correspondence 1952-1977	
	Independent Citrus Association – 1933	
	Lemon Administrative Committee – Certificate of Assignment 1942-1946	
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	Mutual Orange Distributors – Brief Against Prorate	
	Orange Administrative Committee—Assignment of Allotment Certificate 1944	
	Correspondence 1943-1946	

	Orange Heights Orange Association—Annual Reports 1952, 1953, 1960, 1961	
	Newsletters 1958-1959	
	Riverside County Citrus Center	
	Sierra Madre-La Monda Citrus Association --Bylaws 1937	
	Upland Lemon Grower's Association – Articles of Incorporation 1946	
	Picking Reports 1973-1977	
Series 6 Citrus Marketing Records		
M064/11	Chicago Citrus Sale, McCaffrey&Rogers, Fruit Distributors 1942-1943	V032
	Chicago Fruit and Vegetable Reporter 1947	
	Citrus Label – Ambassador, Blue Goose, Consul, Diplomat, Envoy, Maverick	
	Lemon Diversion Reports 1941	
	Orange Diversion Reports 1945	
	Navel Estimates 1934-1944	
	Valencia Estimates 1941-1942	
	Proposed Marketing Agreement, Agriculture Adjustment Administration 1935	
	Lemon Prorate Marketing Agreement 1941	
	Licensed Produce Dealers in California 1928	
	Shipper's Performance Records 1934-1940	
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	English Sentences for Mexicans	
	Fair Labor Standards Act – Exemptions 1941—Posters 1941-1942	
	President's Reemployment Agreement 1943	
	Pay Rates – Jameson 1947 – Daily Picking – Lemon Picking Base Rates 1941	
	Payroll Daily 1941, 1947-1948,1965	
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	Payroll Book , Employee -1943-1949	
	Payroll of Transported Workers, Weekly- 1943-1948	
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	Bond Deduction Payroll – 1942-1947	
	Employee's Bond Account – 1942-1948	
	Payroll Allotment Authorization for U.S. Savings Bonds – 1942	
	Workmen's Time Book –1932	
	Time Records, Daily – 1945-1947	
	Workmen's Compensation Claims 1938-1940 – 1943-1961	
Series 8 Physical Plant Records		
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	California Citrus League, Verity Cultural Cost of Production – 1932-1935 – 1938-1939	

	Grove Diagrams –	
	DDT Test, Riverside Citrus Experiment Station – 1946	
	Soil Analysis Reports, The Twining Laboratories 1937-1941	
	Soil Tests, UC Riverside Agricultural Extension Service - 1961	
	Map of Corona (showing Verity groves) – 1928	
	Orchard Logs 1939-1949	
	Licenses and Permits - 1938-1948	
	Orchard Heater Permits -1967-1975	
	Fertilization Notes - 1945-1959,1961	
	Grove Pesticide and Inspection Records – 1934,1937	
	Red Scale Inspection, Dupont – 1932	
	Spray Charts- 1943	
	Photographs, Aerial of Groves – 1954	
	Photographs, Man Working in Groves – 1946	
	Soil Conservation – 1945	
	Air Conditioning, Specifications for Lemon Storage Plant – No Date	
	Baker Ice Machine Co., Contract and Correspondence – 1941-1945	
	Blue Print (Lemon Storage House) – No Date	
	Food Machinery Corporation, Contract and Correspondence – 1942-1948	
	Industrial Safety, Elevator Inspections (Packing House) 1941-1950	
	Lemon Storage Building Construction – 1941	
	Lemon Storage House Specification – No Date	
	Inventory Records – 1942-1951	
	Invoices (Charters-Davis) – 1928-1929	
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	Application for Non-Highway Gasoline Ration – 1942,1945	
	California State Truck Certificates for Out-of-State Truck Shipments – 1938	
	Office of Defense Transportation, Certificate of War Necessity – 1942-1945	
	Gasoline Sheets - 1973-1978	
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	Vehicle Oil/Gas Log – 1941-1943	
	Vendor Records- 1930-1969	
	California State Water Code – 1955,1956	
	Ranch Irrigation Record – May-July, No Year	
	Aqua Mansa Water Company, Assets and Liabilities – 1960	
	Corona City Water Bills – 1940-1941, 1955-1975, 1977	
	Meeks and Daily Water Company, Assets and Liabilities – 1960	
	Riverside County Water Association, Bylaws and Minutes – 1956	
	Temescal Water Company – Annual Statements 1958,1959,1965 – Articles of Incorporation	

	1952 – Bills 1955-1977 – Correspondence 1966 – Legal memorandum No Date –	
	Rules and Regulations No Date – Supply and Distribution System 1952 – Map No Date	
	Pumps, Correspondence—1936	
	A-pump (Mangular Street) – 1940-1960	
	Hillside Pump – 1949-1968	
	Power Cost of Pumping – 1934-1945	
	Well Drilling Diagram – 1918-1919	
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	American Agricultural Chemical Company, “Citrus Culture in CA” – 1924	
	California Department of Agriculture, Bulletin –1933	
	Commercial Travellers, Association of Canada, Bylaws – 1938	
	Fruit-Frost Service –Corona-Riverside District – Annual Report – 1941-1942	
	Research Institute of America, Business Reports – 1944-1945	
	Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner – Annual Reports 1944-1945 – Crop Rpt- 1944	
	Social Security Hearing Transcript – 1939	
	Sunkist, Newsletters and Circular – 1963,1977	
	University of California, Experiment Station – Bulletins 1915-1940 – Circulars 1915-1939	
	--Report “Toward Better Agriculture” 1936-1938	
	University of California, Extension Service – Circulars 1923-1941	
	–Citrus Production Cost Study – 1949	
	University of California, Agricultural Extension Service – Cost and Efficiency Analysis Valencia Orange Production – 1931,1935	
	University of California, Riverside – Citrus Experiment Station, Petroleum Spray 1955 – Plant Physiology Newsletter- 1948	
	University of Southern California, Publications – 1915	
United States Department of Agriculture – Bulletin 1920 – Service & Regulatory Announcements 1935 – Yearbook 1910		
War Production Board Regulations – 1942-1943		
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