
Descriptive Summary

Title: Cyrus Grandison Baldwin Papers

creator: Baldwin, Cyrus Grandison

Dates: 1891-1955

Abstract: This collection contains documents about Cyrus Grandison Baldwin's involvement with water issues in the Pomona Valley and San Bernardino Mountains from 1897-1937.

Extent: 1 box

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Acquisition Information

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Accruals

No additions to the collection is anticipated.

Biographical Note

Cyrus Grandison Baldwin: Pioneer Developer of Electric Power in the Pomona Valley by Dr. E. Wilson Lyon, President, Pomona College.

Cyrus Grandison Baldwin was first president of Pomona College from 1890-1897. He graduated from Oberlin College, and from that institution he brought to the newly established Congregational college in California . . . high academic standards and the principles.

He had some knowledge of the growing use of electric power, both in Europe and in the eastern part of the United States, and he began to think of lighting the Pomona valley and the region as far away as San Bernardino by using the water power of the San Antonio Canyon, [in the San Bernardino Mts.] His enthusiasm was contagious and a group of men in Pomona, some of whom had joined in founding the new college, united with him to establish a company to convert the power of the water into electricity and to bring it to the homes and offices of the new Anglo-Saxon community which was replacing the Spanish ranchos of earlier California. From their efforts the San Antonio Light and Power Company was born in 1891. The company planned to bore a tunnel through the Hogsback at the upper level, thereby establishing a steep flume which would give a drop of nearly 400 feet to the power house below. The power would then be distributed by high voltage transmission to the valley, This practice, a common-place today, had never before been undertaken in California. President Baldwin and his associates were therefore proposing to establish the first hydroelectric installation for high voltage transmission in our state.

Series Arrangement

Series 1 Water rights and Water use in San Bernardino County, California

Subseries 1.1 Publications

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Subseries 1.3 Microfilm

Subject Headings

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection

Baldwin, Cyrus Grandison

Pomona College

Southern California History -- 1900 - 1960

California. Division of Water Rights

California--Water-supply.

Western Americana -- 1900-1960

Series 1 Water rights and Water use in San Bernardino County, California, 1891-1955

Subseries 1.1 Publications, 1937-1955

box 1, folder 2 "State Historical Landmark no. 514 Pomona Valley Water power Plant", 1955
box 1, folder 3 Claremont Courier, Sept. 1937. "Claremont Pioneers Noted in history of Resort Area.", 1937
box 1, folder 4 Claremont Courier, Sept. 17, 1937. "Hydro Electric Power Plant", 1937
box 1, folder 10 San Antonio Light and Power Co., Prospectus, 1891
box 1, folder 12 Consolidated Abstract and Title Guaranty of San Bernardino, Calif. , 1899-1902

Subseries 1.2 Exhibits with correspondence and reports about water use and water supplying California, 1897-1913

box 1, folder 1 Transcription of contents in Notebook Exhibits 1-9. [Notebook was disassembled], 1908

Note

The document in this collection were removed from a notebook called exhibits. Below is a transcription of the list. There are 9 exhibits.

Scope and Content Note

Relating to Los Angeles, water powers, Baldwin, Cyrus G., Conduits 8/1/08. (1) Reports of Dr. Winders of Columbus who has the reputation of being the diagnostician. in that city, doing nothing else, and after an examination occupying most of one day. Of Dr. Stoughton of Claremont, CA. (2) Letters relating to facts of first filing first work on rights. (3) U.S. Regulations which the rights were first acquired and in conformity with which we incurred large expense before present policy was adopted and under which present policy was adopted and under which present policy no such loss as now threatens us could have been incurred. (4) Some papers and reports the "Mt. San Bernardino Power Company" of Los Angeles, filed to show the thorough organization and large amount of bona fide work undertaken and accomplished. (5) Irrigators' stipulation and friendly agreement with C. G. Baldwin and their letter to Riverside to hinder sale to that City. (6) Correspondence with the Department of Forestry as to the sale to the Edison Company. (7) Riverside Reports and Contracts showing the large amount of work involved and justifying the large expense reported as involved in that work which failed at last. (8?) Papers relating to Riverside and Redlands options during past year. (9?) Present Condition of negotiation with Edison Company under its new management.

box 1, folder 5 Correspondence and legal agreements about Mount San Bernardino Power Plant and San Gabriel Electric Company, 1901-1912
box 1, folder 6 Correspondence from/to United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Department and Baldwin at Angeles, Water and Power about Mill Creek, San Bernardino County, 1909-1913
box 1, folder 7 Bear Valley Water Co. - Mill Creek, etc. 1898-1913
box 1, folder 8 Electricity in Southern California by Cyrus Grandison Baldwin, 1898
box 1, folder 9 Photos-Mill Creek, Falls Creek near Dobbs' Cabin, Lost Creek Falls, Summer P. Hunt and family, Alder Creek [San Bernardino Mountains], 1898-1913

Subseries 1.3 Microfilm, 1897-1913

box 1, folder 11 Microfilm copy of Baldwin Papers, 1898-1913

Note

The microfilm supplements this collection of papers.
