
Register of the Wolters (Henry) & Son (Stockton, Calif.) Collection, 1948-1978

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personal name

Wolters, Henry W.

Wolters, Henry W., Jr.

Wolters, Johns C.

corporate name

Wolters (Henry) & Son (Stockton, Calif.)

subject

House painting - California - Stockton

Painting, Industrial - California

Interior decoration firms - California - Stockton

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geographic name

Stockton (Calif.) - History

Biography

Henry W. Wolters came to the United States from Hamburg, Germany (1910), working first in a paint factory, then as a painter. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War I, Wolters settled in Stockton (Calif.) where he pursued the trade of house painter for eight years until he had accumulated sufficient capital to launch his own painting and decorating business (1927). Henry Wolters Jr. apprenticed as an interior decorator under Constantino Faggioni, then worked at this trade in various cities of California before becoming first a foreman (1943) and then a partner (1948) in his father's Stockton business. In 1955 Henry Wolters Jr. became sole owner of the firm. His son, John C. Wolters, became Vice President of Henry Wolters & Son following an extended apprenticeship in 1977. In addition to work on the San Joaquin County Courts Building, the Sacramento County Courthouse, the Shell Chemical Plant (St. Helens, Ore.), the Hershey Chocolate Corp. Plant (Oakdale, Calif.), St. Joseph's Hospital (Stockton, Calif.) and various 19th century commercial buildings in Stockton, Henry Wolters & Son completed a variety of highly specialized industrial contracts, including work for the Atomic Energy Commission. The company ceased business operations in 1990.

Scope and Content

The Wolters Collection consists of Painters' Agreement Books for most of Northern California and Nevada (1951-1977); Painters' Union By-Laws (1952-1969); Hospital & Medical Insurance Benefits for Bay Area Painters & Decorators Agreement (1950); Cement Masons Master Agreement (1971); Painters & Decorators Union Dues Books (1938-1945); Henry Wolters & Son information brochures (1961-1978); job cards (c1950-1955); miscellaneous receipts and business correspondence; and, grade books from vocational high school courses taught by Henry Wolters Jr. at Stockton High School (1948).

BOX 1: WOLTERS & SON COLLECTION

- 1.1: Painters Agreements, San Joaquin County---San Joaquin County Chapt., Painting & Decorating Contractors of California, Inc. & Painters Local Union No. 1115. "Working Conditions & Agreement for Painters," 1951-1952
- 1.2: Painters Agreements, San Joaquin County---Do., 1956 [3 copies]
- 1.3: Painters Agreements, San Joaquin County---Do., 1968 [4 copies; text differs]
- 1.4: Painters Agreements, San Joaquin County---Do., 1977
- 1.5: Painters Agreements, Stanislaus County---"Painters' & Decorators' Joint Committee of Stanislaus County, Inc. 1956-1959 Agreement"
- 1.6: Painters Agreements, Other Valley Counties---Painters' & Decorators' Joint Committee, Inc. (Modesto, Calif.) "Painters & Decorators Stanislaus, Merced, Tuolumne, Mariposa 1958-1959 Agreement"
- 1.7: Painters Agreements, Other Valley Counties---Painters' & Decorators' Joint Committee, Inc. (Modesto, Calif.) "Painters & Decorators Stanislaus, Merced, Tuolumne, Mariposa 1962-1965 Agreement"
- 1.8: Painters Agreements, Other Valley Counties---Do., 1965-1967.
- 1.9: Painters Agreements, Other Valley Counties---"Painters Agreement betw. Internatl. Brotherhood of Painters & Allied Trades Local Union No. 317 & Painting & Decorating Contractors Assn., Stanislaus & Merced Chapters," 1971
- 1.10: Painters Agreements, Other Valley Counties---"Kern County Painters & Decorators Joint Committee Agreement, 1955-1956"

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- 1.11: Painters Agreements, Other Valley Counties---"Kern County Painters & Decorators Joint Committee Agreement, July 1, 1956 to July 1, 1959"
- 1.12: Painters Agreements, Other Valley Counties---"Agreement betw. Painting & Decorating Contractors Assn. of Butte Co. & Local Union No. 1084....," 1955-1957
- 1.13: Painters Agreements, Other Valley Counties---Painting & Decorating Contractors Assn., Inc. of Sacramento & Painters Local Union No. 487. "Working Conditions & Agreement for Painters," 1963
- 1.14: Painters Agreements, Bay Area---"Bay Area Painters & Decorators Joint Committee, Inc. Agreement," 1954
- 1.15: Painters Agreements, Bay Area---"Bay Area Painters & Decorators Joint Committee, Inc. Agreement," 1955
- 1.16: Painters Agreements, Bay Area--- Do., 1962
- 1.17: Painters Agreements, Bay Area--- Do., 1965
- 1.18: Painters Agreements, Bay Area---"Bay Area Agreement of the Painters & Decorators Jount Committee of the East Bay Counties, Inc.," 1971-1974
- 1.19: Painters Agreements, Bay Area---"Peninsula Area Painters & Decorators Joint Committee Agreement," 1971-1974 [2 copies]
- 1.20: Painters Agreements, Northern California Counties---"Laborers' Master Agreement betw. Northern & Central Chapter, Assoc. Genl. Contractors of America & No. Calif. Dist. Council of Hod Carriers, Building & Construction Laborers" 1962-1965
- 1.21: Painters Agreements, Northern California Counties---"Northern Calif. Painters & Decorators Joint Comm. Agmt., 1966-1970"
- 1.22: Painters Agreements, Northern California Counties---Do., "1970-1973 Agreement"
- 1.23: Painters Agreements, Nevada---Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators & Paperhangers of America. "Agreement, By-Laws, Trade Rules & Jurisdiction of Local Union No. 567, Reno, Nev.," n.d.
- 1.24: Painters Agreements, Nevada---Painting & Decorating Contractors Assn., Inc. of Reno, Nev. & Painters Local No. 567. "Working Conditions & Agreement for Painters," 1956-1958
- 1.25: Painters Agreements, Nevada---Do., 1958-1960
- 1.26: Painters Agreements, Nevada---Do., 1962-1965
- 1.27: Painters Agreements, Other States---"Oregon State & Southwest Washington Area Agreement for the Painting & Drywall Industries," 1965-1968
- 1.28: By-Laws, Stockton Local #1115---1952-1953
- 1.29: By-Laws, Stockton Local #1115---1954-1955
- 1.30: By-Laws, Stockton Local #1115---1960
- 1.31: By-Laws, Stockton Local #1115---1965
- 1.32: By-Laws, Stockton Local #1115---1969
- 1.33: By-Laws, Other Unions---Modesto Local No. 317 (n.d.)
- 1.34: By-Laws, Other Unions---"Painting & Decorating Contractors of Calif., Inc.," 1956
- 1.35: By-Laws, Other Unions---Do., 1967
- 1.36: By-Laws, Other Unions---Elko, Nev. Local No. 1681 (n.d.)
- 1.37: By-Laws, Other Unions---"Cement Masons Master Agmt....," 1971
- 1.38: By-Laws, Other Unions---"Harbor Area....," 1965
- 1.39: Hospital & Medical Insurance Benefits---"Bay Area Painters & Decorators, 1950
- 1.40: Wolters Commemorative Booklets---"A 34 year story of service, performance & growth" (1961)
- 1.41: Wolters Commemorative Booklets---"A 35 year story of service, performance & growth" (1962)
- 1.42: Wolters Commemorative Booklets---"A 38 year story of service, performance & growth" (1965)
- 1.43: Wolters Commemorative Booklets---"A 41 year story of service, performance & growth" (1968)
- 1.44: Wolters Commemorative Booklets---"Henry Wolters & Son: 45 years of service/performance/growth" (1972)
- 1.45: Wolters Commemorative Booklets---"Henry Wolters & Son: 49 years of service/performance/growth" (1976)
- 1.46: Wolters Commemorative Booklets---"Henry Wolters & Son: 50 years of service/performance/growth" (1977)
- 1.47: Wolters Commemorative Booklets---"Henry Wolters & Son: Over 50 years of service/performance/growth" (c1978)
- 1.48: Wolters Commemorative Booklets---"Our story, which started in 1927" (c1981)
- 1.49: CORRESPONDENCE; LETTERHEAD; ESTIMATES BOOK; MISCELLANY
- a-Ed H. Grogan to Henry Wolters (9-6-74) [brief account of Stockton Builders Exchange]
- b-Dwight E. Fletcher to "Sisters & Brothers" (6-4-76)
- c-"Jeep" to "Hank & Bett" (10-24-78)
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d-Letterhead; Statement form; Bill form; sample business cards

e-Balance Sheet (July 31, 1951) [3 pp.]

f-Estimates book

1.50: MARY LOUISE O'BRIEN. "PIONEERING WITH FULLER, 1849-1949" (1949) [history of Fuller Paints; lists Wolters in appendix as Stockton dealer]

1.51: HENRY WOLTERS JR. GRADE BOOKS FROM H.S. CLASSES TAUGHT

a-"Painting," Stockton High School (1947/48) [lists participants & employers]

b-[unidentified] lists participants w/ grades for April-July [n.d.]

1.52: WOLTERS JOB CARDS, 1950

1.53: PAINTING & DECORATING CONTRACTORS of AMERICA PRICE GUIDE, 1963

1.54: HENRY WOLTERS JR. PAINTERS UNION MEMBERSHIP BOOKS, 1938-1948 [3]

1.55: HENRY WOLTERS SR. WORK RECPT. STUBS, 1924-1926 [11]

1.56: HENRY WOLTERS ADVERTISEMENT [for home use]

1.57: FAGGIONI STUDIOS, SF WET PAINT SIGN [n.d.; c1920s]