
Guide to the American Land and Trust Co. Records, ca. 1887-1911.

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Contents

The bulk of the collection consists of financial documents, primarily payment receipts, for the period ca. 1887-1911 and scattered later dates. The receipts document most aspects of the corporation: payroll, legal fees, purchases of building materials, advertising costs, etc. In addition there are a few personal items pertaining to Wright and his family.

History

The American Land and Trust Company (ca. 1914-, the Anglo-American Land Co.) was the real estate company established by Charles W. Wright to promote land development in the founding days of the city of Larkspur in Marin County. In 1886/87, Wright purchased around 600 acres from rancher Patrick King for \$21,000. He had the land surveyed and subdivided into lots for sale to the public. In 1891 he built the Larkspur Inn and, in 1895, the Hotel Larkspur, in order to further promote development. Larkspur became an incorporated town on March 17, 1908 and became a city in 1928. Wright died in 1929 and the family finally sold all interests in Larkspur in 1932.

Pamphlets:

- Larkspur, San Francisco's Popular Suburb
- Larkspur-Booster Day-Sept. 6, 1909
- Larkspur-Sept. 5, 1910
- Picturesque Mill Valley
- Marin County as a Place of Permanent Residence
- The Gem of California, Larkspur, the Home of the Redwood and the Laurel
- Larkspur-Marin County, Calif.
- Hiking in Marin (Map and Trail Routes)
- Larkspur Inn-Marin County
- Larkspur California in Marvelous Marin

Other:

- Letter concerning Sutro estate to Bio file: Sutro.

Box Box 2208 **Advertising (Misc.)-Advertising (Bulletin, Call, others)-Advertising (Chronicle-by date)-Advertising (Chronicle-undated)-Advertising (Examiner).**

Box Box 2209 **Architects-Automobile services-Banking fees-Construction (Misc.)-Construction (Supplies)-Food and household-Hotel Larkspur-Insurance-Larkspur Inn-Legal services-Livery services-Loan payments.**

Box Box 2210 **Lumber yards-Miscellaneous-Nursery and grounds-Payroll-Shipping -Surveying and recording of land.**

Box Box 2211 **Taxes (four folders)-1889-1898-C.W. Wright personal bills-Drawings-Photographs-Stock Certificate.**