
Register of the Valley Land & Sugar Co. Papers, 1916-1926

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corporate name

Pacific Sugar Corporation (San Francisco, Calif.)

Tracy Garden Farms (Tracy, Calif.)

Valley Land & Sugar Company (Tracy, Calif.)

Amalgamated Sugar Company (Ogden, Utah)

subject

Sugar beet industry -California -Tracy

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Biography

Following the creation of the Naglee-Burk Irrigation Association (1912) and the West Side Irrigation District (1915), land north of Tracy became a valuable commodity for those interested in growing sugarbeets. In 1917 the Pacific Sugar Co. opened the first mill in Tracy, but the firm quickly ran into difficulties because government price supports on sugarbeets ended with World War I and whitefly began to consume the crop. From 1919 sugar refiners always experienced difficulties in getting farmers to plant beets. After a few years the company leased the plant to Amalgamated Sugar Co. of Ogden, Utah (1920) and eventually sold it to Holly Sugar Co. of Colorado Springs (1925). The Garden Farms Co. and its successor Valley Land & Sugar were in the business of leasing and selling land for sugarbeet cultivation along Old River north of Tracy. These companies flourished between 1919 and 1926.

Scope and Content

Valley Land & Sugar Co. Papers consist chiefly of Board of Directors Minutes, correspondence, receipts, property records and maps of the Tracy Garden Farms Corporation (1916-1921) and Valley Land & Sugar Co. (1921-1926).

BOX 1: VALLEY LAND & SUGAR CO. PAPERS

1.1-First Mortgage: Pacific Sugar Corp. to Empire Trust Co. (Nov. 15, 1916) [76pp]

1.2-Garden Farms Company---Misc. Papers (1919-1921) [in blk/white speckled ledger]

a- Resolution by Tracy Garden Farms releasing A.O. Stewart from obligations (12-31-21) [4pp]

b-Deposition by W.W. Low, Pres. of Tracy Garden Farms Co. stating that all financial obligations have been met for the year

c-Calif. Tax Form Tracy Garden Farms (1920) [pink]

d-Do. (1921)

e-"Consent to holding 1st meeting of stockholders of Garden Farms Co." (11-12-19)

f-Minutes of 1st stockholders meeting, Garden Farms Co. (11-12-19) [6pp] inserts incl.:stock certificate & Articles of Incorporation [5pp]

g-Minutes of special meeting of stockholders, Garden Farms Co. (9-4-20) [3pp]

h-Minutes of special meeting of stockholders, Garden Farms Co. (12-3-20) [2pp]

i-Minutes of special meeting of stockholders, Garden Farms Co. (2-21-21) [3pp]

j-Do. (3-1-21) [3pp]

k-Do. (3-2-21) [4pp]

l-Do. (12-20-21) [6pp]

m-Consent to special meeting of Bd. of Directors w/ Valley Land & Sugar (12-31-21)

n-E.S. Rolapp, Amalgamated Sugar Co., Ogden UT to Diana Low, Garden Farms Co. (12-31-21) [telegram]

o-Diana Low to E.S. Rolapp (12-31-21) [telegram]

p-W.W. Low to Henry H. Rolapp, Pres. Amalgamated Sugar Co. (12-31-21)

q-Stephen Richards, Los Angeles to "Bro. Low" (n.d.) [3pp]

r-Minutes of special meeting of Bd. of Directors w/ Valley Land & Sugar (12-31-21) [5pp]

s-Minutes of special meeting of Bd. of Directors (6-12-20) [4pp]

t-Minutes of special meeting Bd of Directors, Garden Farms Co. (4-10-20) [2pp]

u-Minutes of special meeting Bd of Directors, Garden Farms Co. (3-5-20) [2pp]

v-Do. (3-3-20) [5pp]

w-Consent of stockholders to increase of capital stock, Garden Farms Co. (3-3-20) [8pp]

x-Minutes of special meeting Bd of Directors, Garden Farms Co. (3-1-20) [4pp]

y-Certificate of proceedings authorizing increase of capital stock (3-1-20) [2pp]

z-Pacific Sugar Corp. to Kate Dillon Winship, SF (1-30-20) [3pp]

- aa-Minutes of Bd of Directors, Garden Farms Co. (1-28-20) [4pp]
- bb-Minutes of first meeting of Directors, Garden Farms Co. (11-12-19) [9pp]
- cc-Consent to hold 1st meeting of Directors (11-12-19)
- dd-By-Laws of Garden Farms Co. (11-12-19) [11pp]
- ee-Amended Articles of Incorporation of Garden Farms Co. (11-6-19) [3pp]
- ff-Garden Farms Co. stock certificate
- 1.3-Garden Farms Company---"Important papers in safe" (1920)
 - a-Nevada State Agent & Transfer Syndicate---rcpt for filing list of officers (11-22-19)
 - b-Do.---rcpt for filing amended Articles of Incorp. etc. (3-6-20)
 - c-Calif. Dpt. State---bill for filing certificate of incorp. (3-10-20)
 - d-SF County Clerk---rcpt. for filing Articles of Incorp. etc. (3-19-20)
 - e-Willcox, Peck & Hughes, Stockton---3 rcpts. for pmt. of insurance (Mar, Apr, May)
 - f-Do.---endorsement form for insurance coverage (3-11-20)
 - g-Bank of Italy---stmts. (Jun/Jul, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Dec)
 - h-Do.---memorandum debits [3]
 - i-Do.---cancelled checks [4]
 - j-US Post Office---rcpt. (4-24-20)
 - k-San Joaquin County Tax Collector---rcpts. [10] (4-26-20)
- 1.4-Misc. Documents
 - a-Code of By-laws of Garden Farms Co. (1920)
 - b-Quitclaim Deed land of Welling W. Gates to Valley Land & Sugar Co. (1921)
 - c-Dunning letter to Welling W. Gates from Valley Land & Sugar Co. (March 12, 1926)
 - d-Do. (March 9, 1926)
 - e-Sales Contract for land of Welling W. Gates in Tracy Garden Farms (June 14, 1921) [9pp]
 - f-Deed of Trust: Valley Land & Sugar Co. with Welling W. Gates (n.d.) [3pp]
 - g-Sales Contract for land of Arthur P. King in Tracy Garden Farms (Feb. 15, 1921) [9pp]
 - h-Deed of Trust [blank; 3pp]
- 1.5-Abstract of Title & Examination of Riparian Rights to Water from Old River & Tom Paine Slough: Valley Land & Sugar Co. (Dec. 13, 1926) [154pp]
- 1.6-Thos. S. Louttit, Louttit & Stewart to Valley Land & Sugar (Dec. 13, 1926) [5pp] [corresp. re Valley Land's holdings; incl. chain of owners as provided by Title Abstract and discussion of various historical aspects of title to various parcels]
- 1.7-Maps
 - a-"Map B" [Tracy area ca. 1925, blue line; original Valley Land & Sugar patent outlined]
 - b-"Map D" [Tracy area ca. 1925; Garden Farms property outlined in red crayon, Naglee Burke Tract in green]
 - c-"Map E" [Tracy area ca. 1925; "Tracy Garden Farms" property highlighted in various colors to show Haggin Tract, Nash Tract, Cross Tract, Valley Land & Sugar]