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personal name

Gibbons, Stuart C.

Weber, Charles David Maria (1814-1881)

corporate name

San Joaquin County. Board of Supervisors

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Biography

Stuart C. Gibbons, Stockton (Calif.) realtor, was particularly active in local politics during the years framed by World War II and the national Bicentennial celebration. In 1948 he helped form the Stockton Recreation Committee to oversee the development of parks in the city. He was, for many years, an active member of the Stockton Chamber of Commerce, and, as a member of the Chamber's Civic Affairs Committee and the Stockton Improvement Committee, Gibbons led a protracted but successful fight for a new county courthouse (1955-1964). Gibbons was also interested in local history and sought to preserve historic buildings whenever this seemed viable. From 1958 through 1960 he held a seat on the Stockton City Council and was subsequently a member of the Cultural Heritage Board (1969-1985). Gibbons was honored as "Mr. Stockton" for his community activities (1976).

Scope and Content

Most of the material in this collection of Stuart Gibbons' papers relate to his fight for a new San Joaquin County Courthouse (1955-1964). These materials include: Supervisor's Minutes; Stockton Chamber of Commerce correspondence; architects' and other reports; clippings; and, ephemera. Also present in the collection is are small bodies of materials relating to a proposed memorial to Stockton's founder, Charles M. Weber (1956) and to Stockton recreation issues (1959). A larger collection of Stuart Gibbons' papers (Mss225) exists at the Holt Atherton Department of Special Collections of the University of the Pacific Library in Stockton.

BOX 1: STUART GIBBONS COLLECTION

- 1.1: Civic Improvement Committee---Minutes, 12-13-55; 11-12-56; 11-28-56
- 1.2: "Resolution of the Greater Stockton Committee of 100 relating to the acquisition of a new San Joaquin County Courthouse site," n.d. ; "Resolution relating to construction of new Courthouse [San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors]," 3-15-56
- 1.3: San Joaquin County Taxpayers Association Tax Reflector 7:20 (9-28-56) [contains record of votes by Supervisors and voters on Courthouse bonds, etc.]; also (9-20-60) [contains new Courthouse and administrative offices costs]
- 1.4: Charles M. Weber. "Proposal for financing the construction of a new courthouse in Stockton....," 1956
- 1.5: Clowdsley & Whipple, architects. Reports to SJ County Bd. of Supervisors re new Courthouse costs, etc., 11-59; 6-60
- 1.6: "Report of the Subcommittee of the Civic Affairs Committee of the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce taking a position for the immediate construction of a new San Joaquin County courthouse," 1960
- 1.7: Stockton Chamber of Commerce memos re new Courthouse, May-Aug 1960 [6 items]
- 1.8: C.P. Kenyon memo to SJ County Bd of Supervisors re new Courthouse, Jun 1960
- 1.9: Untitled justification for new Courthouse, 7-12-60
- 1.10: County of San Joaquin. Board of Supervisors. "Handbook for the County-wide Committee for the new county administrative and courthouse building," 1960
- 1.11: C.S. Plumb Co. Building Contractors. "Proposal for relocation of municipal court facilities and certain facilities in the existing county court house to the five story building known as Dunlap's Department Store, Stockton, Calif.," 1960
- 1.12: "Proposal to the County of San Joaquin regarding the use of the Hotel Stockton property as an interim site for the courts, administrative offices, as well as other offices of the County," 1960
- 1.13: SJ County Bd of Supervisors' agenda, 9-26-60

- 1.14: "Outline of procedures discussed or suggested: Civic Improvement Committee on constructing and financing courthouse project, Stockton Chamber of Commerce," n.d. [c1960]
- 1.15: Clippings re creation of new San Joaquin County Courthouse, Apr-Sep 1960
- 1.16: Notes re interim County Offices, 1960-1962
- 1.17: Misc. Ephemera re new Courthouse [3 items]
- 1.18: Stuart Gibbons memo re Capt. Charles Weber Memorial, 1956
- 1.19: "Capt. Weber, founder of Stockton...life story of a pioneer of 1841," The Argonaut 135:4104 (7-6-56)
- 1.20: Stockton City Council recreation development papers, 1959 [9 items; incl. Stmt. by Stuart Gibbons to SJ County Bd of Supervisors on Stockton's recreation needs]
- 1.21: Clipping re sale of old San Joaquin County jail, 1961
- 1.22: Robert Shepherd. "San Joaquin County," 1964