
Finding Aid to the American Seedless Raisin Company Records, 1894-1956

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Collection Summary

Collection Title: American Seedless Raisin Company records

Date (inclusive): 1894-1956

Collection Number: BANC MSS C-G 181

Creator: American Seedless Raisin Company

Extent: Number of containers: 29 boxes, 4 cartons, 1 oversize box, 4 oversize folders, 1 oversize scrapbook, 2 volumes. Linear feet: 17

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Abstract: The American Seedless Raisin Company Records (formerly the Franklin P. Nutting Papers), 1894-1956, contain materials related to the raisin industry in California during the first half of the 20th century. The collection includes administrative correspondence, legal documents, and material related to lawsuits and the Federal Trade Commission investigation of Sun-Maid Raisin Growers of California.

Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English

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Alternate Forms Available

There are no alternate forms of this collection.

Related Collections

An Interview with Franklin P. Nutting, BANC MSS C-D 4015

Objects have been transferred to the Pictorial Collections of The Bancroft Library.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Nutting, W. R. (William R.)

California Raisin Growers' Association

Sun Maid Growers of California

California Associated Raisin Company

American Seedless Raisin Company

Agriculture--California

Raisin industry--California

Dried fruit industry

Agriculture--California--Fresno County

Scrapbooks.

Nutting, Franklin P. (Franklin Porter), 1876-1957

Acquisition Information

The American Seedless Raisin Company Records (formerly the Franklin P. Nutting Papers) were given to The Bancroft Library by Henry E. Erdman on March 18, 1955. Additions were made by Franklin P. Nutting, Jr. in 1957.

Accruals

No additions are expected.

System of Arrangement

Arranged to the folder level.

Processing Information

Processed E. Stephens in 2004.

Historical Note

Franklin P. Nutting, born October 18, 1876 in Worcester, Massachusetts, moved to Berkeley when he was seven years old. His father, W. R. Nutting, in 1894 founded the American Vineyard Company headquartered in Boston to commercialize the Thompson seedless raisin. Franklin, attorney for the company from 1901-1911, purchased control of the business in 1911 and moved the headquarters from Boston, MA to San Francisco, where he practiced law. The company's name was changed to American Seedless Raisin Company in 1917. His father went on to found the California Associated Raisin Growers which eventually became the Sun-Maid Corporation.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Series 1 **Correspondence 1902-1928**

Physical Description: Carton 1, folders 1-36

Arrangement

Arranged hierarchically. Family members first followed by business associates in alphabetical order.

Scope and Content Note

Contains correspondence regarding business matters and lawsuits relating to the American Vineyard Company and the American Seedless Raisin Company.

Carton 1, Folder 1-10 **Nutting, W. R. (William R.) 1902-18**
Carton 1, Folder 11 **Nutting, Robert P. 1906-16**
Carton 1, Folder 12-22 **DeGarmo, G. C. (G. Curtis) 1910-28**
Carton 1, Folder 23 **Everts and Ewing 1919-21**
Carton 1, Folder 24-28 **Hathaway, Simon W. 1909-18**
Carton 1, Folder 29-33 **McCandless, George H. 1905-21**
Carton 1, Folder 34 **Peart, Hartley F. 1918-24**
Carton 1, Folder 35-36 **Preston, John W. 1920-21**

Box 29	Scrapbook of clippings 1921
Oversize Box 1, Folder 5	California Associated Raisin Company, Associated Grower, Vol. 6, no. 7 Jul 1924
Carton 2, Folder 22-32	Sun-Maid Raisin Growers 1922-30
Oversize Box 1, Folder 6	Report of Investigation, Sun-Main Raisin Growers 1923

Series 3 Affiliated Companies and Organizations 1914-1939

Physical Description: Carton 2, folders 33-46; Carton 3, folders 1-13; Oversize Box 1, folder 7

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by company or organization name.

Scope and Content Note

Contains correspondence, brochures, legal documents and related material.

- Carton 2, Folder 33-34 **Bonner Packing Company, Charles G. Bonner 1918-21**
- Carton 2, Folder 35 **Breed, Abbott & Morgan 1919-21**
- Carton 2, Folder 36-38 **California Grape Control Board, Ltd. 1928-37**
- Carton 2, Folder 39-40 **California Raisin Pool 1930-35**
- Oversize Box 1, Folder 7 **Sun-Maid Members not members of Pool circa 1930-35**
- Carton 2, Folder 41-42 **California Vineyardist's Association 1927-34**
- Carton 2, Folder 43 **Chaddock & Company 1918-29**
- Carton 2, Folder 44-46 **Dried Fruit Association 1928-34**
- Carton 3, Folder 1 **E. J. Herter & Company 1916-19**
- Carton 3, Folder 2-4 **Federal Farm Board 1930-39**
- Carton 3, Folder 5-6 **Guggenheim & Company 1918-28**
- Carton 3, Folder 7 **J. B. Inderrieden Company 1914-20**
- Carton 3, Folder 8-10 **Raisin Committee 1918-21**
- Carton 3, Folder 11 **Raisin Control Board 1934**
- Carton 3, Folder 12 **Raisin Growers of California, Committee of Seven 1930**
- Carton 3, Folder 13 **Rosenberg Bros. & Company, Abraham Rosenberg 1918-34**

Series 4 Related Material 1908-1956

Physical Description: Carton 3, folders 14-35; Carton 4; Boxes 2-28; 1 oversize scrapbook

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically.

Scope and Content Note

Contains pamphlets, reprints, articles, legal documents, clippings, and clipping scrapbooks.

- Carton 3, Folder 14 **"Agricultural Economics Bibliography no. 18" 1928**
- Carton 3, Folder 15 **Benedict, M. R., pamphlets 1937-38**
- Carton 3, Folder 16 **Burk, Frederick 1915-18**
- Carton 3, Folder 17 **California Fruit & Nut Acreage Survey 1936 1938**
- Carton 3, Folder 18 **California Grape Acreage Production 1924-38**
- Carton 3, Folder 19 **Chamber of Commerce 1917-20**
- Carton 3, Folder 20 **Citrus 1933-36**
- Commonwealth Club of California**
- Carton 3, Folder 21-22 **Agriculture Section 1949-56**
- Carton 3, Folder 23-24 **Water Problems Section 1950-55**
- Carton 3, Folder 25 **Miscellaneous 1953-55**
- Carton 3, Folder 26 **Cooperative organization, pamphlets 1915-18**
- Carton 3, Folder 27 **Cooperation Between Railroads & Agriculture, pamphlet 1927**
- Carton 3, Folder 28 **"Cost of Producing California Crop and Livestock Products" (1926 to 1936 inclusive) 1937**
- Carton 3, Folder 29 **Davis, Joseph S., pamphlets and address 1926-40**
- Carton 3, Folder 30 **Economic Status of the Grape Industry, bulletin 429 1927**
- Carton 3, Folder 31 **Edward E. Dunning et. Al. vs Agricultural Prorate Advisory Commission of the State of California 1941**
- Carton 3, Folder 32 **Grape Growing in California, pamphlet 1940**
- Carton 3, Folder 33 **Insect control 1914-37**
- Carton 3, Folder 34 **Interstate Shipments of California Grapes 1936**
- Carton 3, Folder 35 **Institute of Pacific Relations, articles 1927-29**
- Carton 4, Folder 1-4 **Irene Guinevere Watkins and Henry Cooper Watkins, minors, vs Franklin P. Nutting and American Vineyard & Investment Co. 1940**
- Carton 4, Folder 5 **"Marketing California Grapes," seasonal summary 1935-40**
- Carton 4, Folder 6 **Marketing agricultural products 1919-40**
- Carton 4, Folder 7 **National Recovery Administration 1934-35**
- Carton 4, Folder 8 **Peterson, George M., papers 1932-36**
- Carton 4, Folder 9 **"Thompson Grape Efficiency Study: Kern County" 1931**
- Carton 4, Folder 10 **Trust Laws and Unfair Competition 1915**
- Carton 4, Folder 11 **United States Shipping Board 1918**
- Carton 4, Folder 12 **"What Determines California Raisin Sales" 1930**
- Carton 4, Folder 13 **Wine Institute Confidential Bulletin to Members 1939-43**
- Carton 4, Folder 14 **Miscellaneous undated**
- Carton 4, Folder 15-23 **Clippings 1932, 1940-43**
- Box 2 **Scrapbook, clippings and other material related to plague threat 1908**
- Box 3 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings 1908-11**
- Box 4 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Oct-Dec 1911**
- Box 5 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Jan-Nov 1912**
- Box 6 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Jan 1918-Oct 1918**
- Box 7 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Nov 1912-Apr 1915**
- Box 8 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Dec 1912-Oct 1915**
- Box 9 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Nov 1915-Feb 1916**
- Box 10 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Mar 1916**
- Box 11 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Apr-Sep 1916**

Box 12 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Oct 1916-Jun 1917**
Box 13 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Jul 1917-Jan 1918**
Box 14 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Dec 1917**
Box 15 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings 1918-1920**
Box 16 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Jul 1918-Mar 1920**
Box 17 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Mar 1920-Nov 1921**
Box 18 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Dec 1921-Oct 1922**
Box 19 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings 1923**
Box 20 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings 1924**
Box 21 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings 1925**
Box 22 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Dec 1925-Aug1927**
Box 23 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Aug 1927-Dec 1928**
Box 24 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Dec 1928-Jun 1929**
Box 25 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Jun-Dec 1929**
Box 26 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings Jan-Jun 1930**
Box 27 **Scrapbook, agricultural clippings 1930-31**
Box 28 **Scrapbook, agricultural science clippings 1920-22**
Oversize Scrapbook **Clippings undated**