

Balke Collection Finding Aid

Collection Number

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Contact Information

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Language

English

Collection Creator

Balke family

Dates Covered by Collection

1906-1963

Size of Collection

2 cubic feet

Abstract

The collection includes materials pertaining to the company town of the Little River Redwood Company, called first Bulwinkle, then Crannell. There is a ledger book, No. 1, L.R.R. Co., with entries as early as 1906, Index to the Affidavits of Registration for the voter precincts of Little River (1912, 1914, 1922, 1926) and Crannell (1944, 1946) and minutes books of the Crannell Womens Club (1920-21, 1922-28, 1939-43, 1949-51.) Additionally, there is a scrapbook about the Happy Planters Club (1956-63).

Access

Open for research by appointment

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Acquisition Information

Donated by Robert Lee and Patti Balke

Biographical Information

From the estate of William Conrad Balke and his wife Mildred, donated by his great nephew and wife, Robert Lee and Patti Balke, in 1998 when they sold the home that had been in the family since the late 1800s. "Uncle Bill" died ca 1993. He was the son of Herman Conrad Balke and Maggie Peters Balke. Conrad Bullwinkle was Herman Conrad Balke's uncle (Herman's mother's brother).

Scope and Content of the Collection

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Container List

Series: Ledger book No. 1 Little River Redwood Company, 1906-1909

Box 1

Series: Index to the Affidavits of Registration

1. Little River 1912
2. Little River 1914
3. Little River 1922
4. Little River 1926
5. Crannell 1944
6. Crannell 1946

Series: Women's Club of Crannell, minutes books

1. 1920-21
2. 1922-28 (includes Constitution and Bylaws, Mar 7, 1923)
3. 1939-43
4. 1949-51

Series: Miscellaneous

1. Poster "Pool Car" from Little River Redwood Company
2. "Crannell Rent List" tablet
3. Poster "Posted Rules" Georgia-Pacific Corporation
4. Memo tablet Hammond-California Redwood Co.

Box 2

1. Box of cancelled checks from Little River Redwood Company, 1919, 1921, 1922

Box 3

Series: Scrapbook Happy Planters Club (1956-63)

Bibliography

Related Works

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Subject Headings

Company Towns

Crannell (Calif.)

Little River Redwood Company