

FINDING AID FOR:
Estate Financial Records

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Collection Description

Collection #: E2

Collection Title: Estate Financial Records

Creator:

Location:

Inclusive Dates: 1913-1923

Bulk Dates: 1915-1921

Extent:

Restrictions:

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Hist/Bio Note: The estate financial records provide a detailed account of the expenses incurred while designing, constructing, and maintaining Vizcaya. The bulk of the records were maintained by Paul Chalfin and his office. They were relocated with the rest of the Estate Records in 1921 with the help of W. J. Louderback, James Deering's financial manager and Miami Corporation member. The location of the collection from the 1920s to the 1950s is unknown, although it is believed to have been stored in the Superintendent's Residence in Vizcaya Village.

Scope: This series is comprised of financial records pertaining to the planning, design, construction, and furnishing of James Deering's Vizcaya Estate. Records include invoices, receipts, payroll records, financial reports, checks, and bank records. The bulk of this collection was created during the construction of Vizcaya, 1913-1921. While dozens of companies, contractors, and suppliers are present in the records, the main creators of this collection are Paul Chalfin, Fred T. Ley & Co. Inc., and William J. Louderback. Also included are George Sykes, Phineas Paist, Fred Starbuck, and August Koch.

Notes:

Topic: Construction--20th century --Invoices--lcsh --Receipts (Acknowledgements)--lcsh

Geographic:

Personal: Deering, James--1859-1925--lcsh --Louderback, W. J. --Paist, Phineas--1873-1937--lcsh --Starbuck, F. L. --Koch, August --Sykes, George

Corporate: Fred T. Ley and Co. Inc.--Construction

Arrangement: Materials are separated into Contractor Expenses and Chalfin Special Account Expenses. Items are arranged chronologically within each sub-series. This series is part of the Estate Records Collection. __ Contractor expenses date from 1917 to 1921. These records are bills that were forwarded to William J. Louderback from general contractors George Sykes Company (1915-1917) and Fred T. Ley and Co, Inc. (1917-1922). These bills include materials purchased for the Main House and payroll summaries of employees and contractors. Paul Chalfin special account expenses date from 1913 to 1921 and include purchases, payroll, and other expenses. These bills were also sent to Mr. Louderback for processing.

Series Descriptions

Series: 001: Contractor Expenses

Location: Off site storage at Uovo; shelves 3, 4, 7, 8, and 10

History:

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Inclusive Dates: 1917-1921

Arrangement: Items are arranged chronologically.

Notes:

Extent:

Series Container List

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Series: 002: Chalfin Special Account Expenses

Location: Off site storage Uovo; shelf 8

History:

Scope: Paul Chalfin special account expenses date from 1913 to 1921 and include purchases, payroll, and other expenses. These bills were also sent to Mr. Louderback for processing.

Inclusive Dates: 1913-1921

Arrangement: Items are arranged chronologically.

Notes:

Extent:

Series Container List

Collection/Series #: E2 /002