

Harry A. Eastman Ranch Collection 1917-1974

**Ontario City Library
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Colony History Room**



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Descriptive Summary

Title

Harry A. Eastman Ranch Collection 1917-1974

Creator

This collection was donated to the Model Colony Room by Mr. Eastman's sister, Marjorie Eastman Wilder of Norridgewock, Maine and shipped to Ontario City Library in 2 installments during 1984.

Extent

Number of containers: 2

Linear feet: 1.5

Abstract

Harry Augustus Eastman (1879-1974) was a grove farmer and businessman in South Ontario from 1907 until 1970. His primary crop was walnuts, but he also grew citrus fruit and developed (but did not patent) a new strain of plum. His ranch was bounded by Francis, Walnut, Benson and Palmetto streets. In 1976 the city of Ontario purchased 15 acres of his land for a public park, now called the Homer F. Briggs Memorial Park. The Eastman collection includes the business archive of the Eastman Ranch Company along with a miscellany of personal papers, photos and memorabilia. Mrs. Wilder's donor correspondence also gives background information on her brother and his business, properties, and South Ontario neighbors.

Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research during the operating hours of the Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room, or by appointment.

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Acquisitions Information

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Processing Information

Ron Baker, 1984 and Joanne Boyajian, 2008

Container List

Box 1

Folder

- 1 Summary report prepared by Ron Baker and donor correspondence
- 2 Eastman Ranch income and expenses, 1925-26
- 3 Eastman Ranch, trial balance sheets, 1927-1937
- 4 Eastman Ranch, financial statements, 1929-1937
- 5 Eastman pumping plant, operation and maintenance, 1926-1936
- 6 Pump value and depreciation notes, undated
- 7 Pest control, cooperative receipt 1939-1972
- 8 H. A. Eastman personal account 1928-1929
- 9 Notes on property titles and holdings (includes hand drawn map of Eastman properties in South Ontario, 1963-1972?)
- 10 Property tax receipts, 1972
- 11 Advertising and crate label, undated

- 12 University of California Extension Services 10th Traveling Conference, report, 1931
- 13 Newspaper clippings, 1922-1973
- 14 Miscellaneous notes and correspondence, 1940's
- 15 Photographs, 1915?-1966

Box 2

Accounting ledger, gray cloth, marked "Harry Eastman", contents labeled on filing tabs and header notes. Journal entries cover the period from 1917-1950.