

TITLE: J. M. Molina Investment Company

DATE RANGE: 1876-1972

CALL NUMBER: Y-MS 25

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3.25 linear ft (7 boxes)

PROVENANCE: Donated by Julius Molina, 1988

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HISTORICAL NOTE: The J. M. Molina Investment Company was founded in 1924 by Jose Maria Molina. Jose had been a cattle rancher and the president of the Yuma National Bank before his retirement in 1911. In 1917 Jose moved to San Diego, California leaving his sons Gus and Conrad to manage his properties in Yuma. After creating the investment company, Jose transferred the ownership of his properties in Arizona and California to the company. The company remained a family business with Conrad Molina taking over as president of the company until his death in 1963. After Conrad, Dr. Julius Molina became the president of the company. The company declared bankruptcy in 1984, and was finally revoked in 1987. Over the course of its existence, the J. M. Molina Investment Company was heavily involved in the development of a large amount of land in Yuma, including Marsh Field and several blocks of Main Street.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection contains business records from the J. M. Molina Investment Company. The bulk of the material consists of notes and property leasing agreements. There are also several folders of financial papers including checks, bills, and tax records.

The collection is organized in four series.

Series I – Personal Financial Records: This series has documents concerning individual's finances rather than the company's financial records.

Series II – Property Files: This series contains information about various properties that were owned by the company, including notes about property taken by the city of Yuma for building public works such as highways and levees.

Series III – Client Files: This series contains documents and notes pertaining to individuals associated with the company, including people leasing land from the company as well as realtors, and people that leased their land to the company.

Series IV – Business Records: Includes a wide range of company files such as financial papers, correspondence, meeting minutes, and deeds.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Personal Financial Records: Molina, Conrad B.	1933 – 1956
	2	Personal Financial Records: Molina, Gus	1928 – 1941
	3	Personal Financial Records: Molina, Julia F.	1933 – 1943
	4	Property Files: Central Hotel	1940 – 1966
	5	Property Files: Central Hotel, Refurbishment	1941
	6	Property Files: Del Rio Hotel	1945 – 1957
	7	Property Files: Fire Loss	1953 – 1957, n.d.
	8	Property Files: Highways	1968
	9	Property Files: Levees	1963 – 1973, n.d.
	10	Property Files: Lyric Theatre	1943
	11	Property Files: Mall Improvement	1969, n.d.
	12	Property Files: Party Wall	1950 – 1957, n.d.
	12a	Property Files: Ted’s Truck Center, Inc.	1964 - 1969
	13	Property Files: War Housing	1943 – 1954
	14	Property Files: Water Easement	1956, n.d.
	15	Client Files: Bracker, J. G.	1942
	16	Client Files: Cavaness (102 East Third Street)	1943 – 1946
	17	Client Files: Cohen, Earl	1957, n.d.
	18	Client Files: Collins, W. C. (215 Main Street)	1939
	19	Client Files: Colyer, J. L. (124 Madison Avenue)	1945 – 1947
	20	Client Files: Contreras, A. R. (285 Main Street)	1942
	21	Client Files: Coston, Howard (283 South Main Street)	1945 – 1956, n.d.
	22	Client Files: Curtiss, Evelyn (281 Main Street)	1970
	23	Client Files: Dahlburg, Julia	1965
	24	Client Files: Davell’s Inc.	1956 – 1969

		(316 Main Street)	
	25	Client Files: Davis, Henry M.	1956 – 1962
	26	Client Files: D. P. Folly Inc. (Lot 6, Block 16)	1950
	27	Client Files: El Paso Gas Company	1956 – 1958
2	1	Client Files: Fletcher, L.	1951
	2	Client Files: Fraternal Order of Eagles (Lot 7, Block 13)	1972
	3	Client Files: Gila Valley Oil and Gas Co.	1958, n.d.
	4	Client Files: Giss, Harold C. (215 South Main Street)	1950
	5	Client Files: Holliday, Betty (Lot 1, Block 12)	1969 – 1970, n.d.
	6	Client Files: Hughes, Earl	1962
	7	Client Files: Hunter, Ray (285 Main Street)	1964
	8	Client Files: Lamb, Lawrence D. and Patricia	1958
	9	Client Files: Larson, Lorenzo (318 Main Street)	1954 – 1961
	10	Client Files: Larson – Sant (Lot 5 Block 20)	1954
	11	Client Files: Lee, I. M.	1947
	12	Client Files: Lee, James and Marshall	1947
	13	Client Files: Levy – Gandolfo	1945
	14	Client Files: Lovi, Pauline (143 4 th Street)	1945
	15	Client Files: Low, John	1948 – 1952
	16	Client Files: Lutes, R. H.	1962
	17	Client Files: Marsh Aviation	1948 – 1960
	18	Client Files: McDougal – Land	1947
	19	Client Files: Modesti	1952 – 1964, n.d.
	20	Client Files: Molina, Amalia Fernandez	1957 - 1961
	21	Client Files: Motor Supply Co. (297 Main Street)	1942 – 1956, n.d.
	22	Client Files: Que, Leonard C. (102 East Third Street)	1948
	23	Client Files: RFC Mortgage Co.	1938 – 1944, n.d.
	24	Client Files: Rogers, Carl (315 Main Street)	1951
	25	Client Files: Ross, G. F.	1958
	26	Client Files: Sears Roebuck and Co. (240 Gila Street)	1954
	27	Client Files: Singer Sewing Machine Co. (318 Main Street)	1947 – 1951

	28	Client Files: Spitzer Co.	1954
	29	Client Files: Stahl, James F. (281 Main Street)	1950 – 1956
	30	Client Files: Topete, Willa Pearl (133 West Jones Street)	1961
	31	Client Files: Town Storks (324 and 330 South Main Street)	1950
	32	Client Files: Tucker – Friedman 316 South Main Street)	1947
	33	Client Files: Western Savings and Loans Association	1958
	34	Client Files: Yuma Motors Inc.	1931
	35	Business Records: Account Statements	1936 – 1940
3	1	Business Records: Account Statements	1941 – 1946
	2	Business Records: Agreements	1930 – 1958, n.d.
	3	Business Records: Appraisals and Assessments	1938 – 1971, n.d.
	4	Business Records: Checks	1935 – 1936
	5	Business Records: Checks	1937 – 1939
	6	Business Records: Checks	1940
	7	Business Records: Checks	1941 – 1942
	8	Business Records: Checks	1943
4	1	Business Records: Checks	1943 – 1944
	2	Business Records: Checks	1944
	3	Business Records: Checks	1945
	4	Business Records: Checks	1946
	5	Business Records: Corporate Stock	1924 – 1970
	6	Business Records: Correspondence	1929 – 1972, n.d.
	7	Business Records: Delinquent Checks	1926 – 1932
	8	Business Records: Directors Meetings	1934 – 1965
5	1	Business Records: Dissolution	1938 - 1962
	2	Business Records: Financial Records	1929 – 1942
	3	Business Records: Financial Records	1943 – 1966, n.d.
	4	Business Records: Financial Reports	1924 – 1941, n.d.
	5	Business Records: General	1943 – 1966, n.d.
	6	Business Records: Legal Papers	1930 – 1961, n.d.
	7	Business Records: Loans	1927 – 1942
	8	Business Records: Mortgages	1927 – 1948
	9	Business Records: Notice of Public Sale	1932 – 1942, n.d.
6	1	Business Records: Stockholders Meetings	1948 – 1973, n.d.
	2	Business Records: Tax Records (fragile)	1917 - 1920
	3	Business Records: Tax Records	1924 – 1935
	4	Business Records: Tax Records	1936 – 1941
	5	Business Records: Tax Records	1942 – 1968, n.d.

	6	Business Records: Tax Law Suit	1966
7	1	Business Records: Titles and Deeds	1876 – 1930
	2	Business Records: Titles and Deeds	1940 – 1956, n.d.