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*GERALD WHITE PAPERS*

**Preliminary Inventory and Container List**

**MS-F009**

Contents: Research files relating to Professor White's work on the history of oil in California, including his book on Standard Oil of California.

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| 1  | A chronology of the discovery of oil in California, development of the oil industry and in particular Standard Oil, land purchases, etc. Begins with entry for discovery of gold in Placerita Canyon by Francisco Lopez in 1842, followed by establishment of Phoenix Oil Works in San Francisco in 1850. Last entry is December 4, 1953, with Standard Oil's announcement of Rough Range no. 1, apparently the first commercial well in Australia. |
| 1  | 1850-1870   |
| 2  | 1871-1879   |
| 3  | 1880-1885   |
| 4  | 1886-1889   |
| 5  | 1890-1895   |
| 6  | 1896-1901   |
| 7  | 1902-1907   |
| 8  | 1908-1913   |
| 9  | 1914-1918, 1925-1930  |
| 10 | 1919-1924, 1936-1938, 1940-1945, 1947-1949, 1951-1953   |

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- 2           Seven carbon typescripts of book chapters.
  - 1           Chapter 4. "The Pennsylvanians." 23 l; footnotes, 12 l.
  - 2           Chapter 5. "The California Star Oil Works Company." 25 l; footnotes, 13 l.
  - 3           Chapter 6. "The Twilight of an old order." 31 l.; footnotes, 19 l.
  - 4           Chapter 14. "The Rascals evidently mean business." 51 l.; footnotes, 34 l.
  - 5           Chapter 15. "Riding into a storm." 48 l; footnotes, 28 l.
  - 6           Chapter 16. "The Spirit of the times." 41 l; footnotes, 21 l.
  - 7           Chapter 17. "In a tight place." 33 l; footnotes, 19 l.
  - 8           Chapter 18. "A Venture in wildcatting." 34 l; footnotes, 19 l.
  - 9           Correspondence.

Report from Local History and Genealogy Division, New York Public Library, Dec. 28, 1964.

TLS to "Amigo de mi Vida" [GW?] from Hutch, April 9, 1965.

TLS to GW from Hutch, May 5, 1965.

TLS to GW from Hutch, May 16, 1965.

TLS to GW from W. N. Davis, Historian, State Archives, Jan. 14, 1966.

TLS to GW from Louis Kuslan, Jan 27, 1967.

TLS to GW from John S. Freidin, Feb. 6, 1967.

TLS to [John S.] Freidin from GW, Feb. 13, 1967.
- 10          Manuscript, "The United States and the problem of recovery after 1893." Typescript with ms additions, corrections and revisions. With cover letter from University of Alabama Press, Mar. 5, 1982.

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- 11                   "
- 3                   File box of research notes on cards.
- 4    1            "On petroleum in California", by Prof. B. Silliman. (Article, "National Intelligencer", Washington, Feb. 6, 1866. Typescript. 5 l.
- 2                   "Scott and his expedition" [5] l.
- "Scott syndicate" [6] l.
- "Aside from an occasional warning against sinking one's entire fortune in oil schemes... [California press treatment of oil enterprises] 7 l.
- "Philadelphia and California Petroleum Company" 16 l.
- "Thomas Alexander Scott, widely known as Tom Scott, then vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in 1863 organized and expedition..." 25 l.
- "California Petroleum Company" [10] leaves
- "California Petroleum Company" [17] l.
- "Pacific Coast Petroleum Company" [8] l.
- "Scott syndicate" [5] l. Stalder's unpublished manuscript--Robert Wakefield, Oakland.
- "John B. Church was elected president of the company shortly before March 20, 1866..." [3] l.
- "The most spectacular effort made by Parsons to shore up the Silliman report..." Attached note: "Brief report to Torrey & Jackson. Also, Stone to Williams, 6/17,65" [8] l.
- 3                   "Finally the charges affecting Silliman's scientific and moral character..." [29] l.
- 4                   "Humboldt County" Leaves 1-6; 3 additional pp. 2 copies
- 5                   "Silliman & promoters"

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"Professor Benjamin Silliman, Jr. and Early California Oil" E. De Golyer. 14 l.  
Carbon typescript.

"Silliman and the promoters" [15 l.] Another draft.

"Cumulative production for petroleum through 1921..." Ms. [3] l. together with  
note from Hutch.

"Professor Benjamin Silliman, Jr. made his first trip to California in March 1864..."  
[3] l.; Bibliography, [1] l. Carbon typescript. With: "The Whitney survey" [10] l.  
Carbon typescript

6 Pico Anti-Cline (on the discovery of oil in Pico Valley).

7 Draft chapters for a history of Standard Oil Company of California.

8-9 Billions for defense (typescript).

5 Unprocessed research files

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