

# Finding Aid to the Balfour Guthrie Collection

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## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Balfour Guthrie Collection

**Date Range:** 1869-1969

**Collection number:** Accession 96-71 (1996.71)

**Collectors:** Originally in the collection of the San Francisco History Association

**Extent:** 8 boxes

**Repository:** County History Center, Contra Costa County Historical Society, 724 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553, 925-229-1042

**Physical location:** Special Collections

**Legal status:** public

## Information for Researchers

**Access:** Collection is open for research.

**Publication Rights:** Contact the Contra Costa County Historical Society for publication permission.

**Preferred Citation:** Suggested citation of these records is: [Identification of item], Balfour Guthrie Collection, Contra Costa County Historical Society.

**Scope and Content:** Collection of corporate records of this London based multinational business that operated out of the Crockett area in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, dealing in coal mining, shipping, grain trade, agricultural real estate, etc.

## Bibliography

See: Balfour, Guthrie & Co., Limited: a first century of commerce, 1869-1969, compiled by Sidney P. Allen, San Francisco, 1969. California History Room, San Francisco Main Library.

## Arrangement of Materials

This is an important collection of corporate records of the London-based multinational business. The following organizations are reference:

- Balfour Guthrie & Co. Illinois
- Balfour Kessler Agency
- Lawson, Willard & MacLeod
- California Wharf and Warehouse
- Balfour Foods
- Volck Knight
- Olympic Portland Cement, Bellingham, Washington
- Foster Rogers Mill
- London Dock and Warehouse, Tacoma, Washington

Waterside Milling

Balfour Guthrie & Co. Ltd

This collection includes minutes, stock shares, incorporation records, property records, ledgers, and letters. Most volumes are bound. Bound copies of letters are indexed.

**Indexing Terms**

Balfour Guthrie

Business Records

California Wharf & Warehouse

Foster Rogers Mill

Letters

London Dock & Warehouse

Olympic Portland Cement

Volck Knight

Waterside Milling

**Personal Names:**