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Finding Aid for the Dupuy Family Collection, 1900-1979

Collection Overview

Title: Dupuy Family Collection

Dates: 1900-1979

ID: DFC

Primary Creator: Dupuy Family

Extent: 1.02 linear feet

Arrangement: Arranged at the collection level, alphabetically by topic.

Forms of Material: Artifacts, documents

Language of materials: English, Italian

Abstract

The Dupuy Family Collection documents the personal and professional lives of the Dupuy family in and around the Wilmington, California area between 1900 and 1979. The collection includes business records and a small amount of material related to the individual family members. The collection is arranged alphabetically by topic.

Biographical History

Frank Sampson Dupuy was born on September 5, 1869, in Hanover County, Virginia, to parents John James and Mary Baldwin (née Sampson) Dupuy. He was educated at Pantops Academy, a boys school located in Albemarle County, Virginia, on land originally owned by Thomas Jefferson. He later attended Davidson College, a private school founded by the Presbyterian Church in 1837.

Frank Dupuy married Sarah "Sadie" Carter Salzi on October 1, 1905, in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. The couple moved to Burbank, Los Angeles County, California in 1906 and had their first child, John James, on August 31 that same year. Between 1908 and 1917, the couple had five more sons: Thomas Dudley, George Montgomery, Charles Frederick, Ralph Sampson, and Frank Sampson Jr. Sometime after May 1917, the family moved to San Leandro, Alameda

County, California where a daughter, Julia was born in 1920. By 1922, the family had relocated to Wilmington, California, where they purchased a home at 917 Marine Avenue.

Sarah Dupuy died on June 1, 1923 in Long Beach, California, as a result of gunshot wounds. At the time of the incident, the three younger children were reportedly visiting Frank Dupuy's sister, Ella Blanch Dupuy Brown in Greensboro, Guilford, North Carolina. Following their mother's death, Ralph, Frank Jr., and Julia remained with their aunt's family. Sometime prior to 1932, Ralph Dupuy returned to Wilmington to live with his father. Frank Dupuy, Jr. committed suicide at his aunt's home in Greensboro on June 17, 1933.

Frank Dupuy, Sr. had a long career as a marine engineer and surveyor, working for Pillsbury and Curtis, and later as an independent marine surveyor and consulting engineer. He was also engaged in building, construction, and commercial real estate in the Wilmington area, and held properties leased to the Wilshire Oil Company. Frank was a founding member of the Bilge Club, established in 1929, as well as an active member of the Propeller Club and the Wilmington Chapter of Freemasons. Frank Dupuy passed away on August 23, 1953 and is buried in the Historic Wilmington Cemetery beside his wife, Sarah.

John, Thomas, and Ralph Dupuy never married. John and Thomas joined the Merchant Marines at a young age and Ralph Dupuy was drafted into the United States Army in 1941. All three served for the duration of WWII. George married Elva Mildred Richardson in 1938 and the couple had two children. Charles married Pauline Lemaster in 1938 and the couple had three children. The Dupuy sons lived and worked in Wilmington and surrounding areas for the rest of their lives. Julia Dupuy was raised to adulthood in North Carolina, and married Carlyle E. Boyd in 1942. The couple had two sons.

Scope and Contents

The Dupuy Family Collection documents the personal and professional lives of the Dupuy family in and around the Wilmington, California area between 1900 and 1979. Business records include real estate, financial, and legal papers, sales receipts, and corporate documents pertaining to commercial interests. The collection also contains a small amount of material related to the personal lives and professional careers of individual family members, including WWII ration books, identification and membership cards and pins, correspondence, and achievement certificates. The collection is arranged alphabetically by topic.

Subjects/Access Terms

Creators

Personal Names:

Dupuy, Charles Frederick, 1911-1999
Dupuy, Frank Sampson, Sr., 1869-1953
Dupuy, George Montgomery, 1910-1985
Dupuy, John James, 1906-1991
Dupuy, Pauline, 1918-1992

Dupuy, Ralph Sampson, 1914-2005
Dupuy, Thomas Dudley, 1908-1994

Organization Name(s):

Frank S. Dupuy & Son

Subject Headings

Topical Terms:

Oil wells--California--Los Angeles
Private clubs
Real estate management
World War II

Geographical locations:

Los Angeles County (Calif.)
Wilmington (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Documentary forms:

Artifacts
Documents

Administrative Information

Processing Information: Holli Teltoe, 2023-2024

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Conditions Governing Access: The collection is open for research use.

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Collection Contents

Box 1

Folder 1: Dupuy, Charles "Chuck" Frederick, 1936, 1943-1976

Folder 2: Dupuy Family, Coupons and Receipts, 1936, 1955, 1963-1971

Folder 3: Dupuy, Frank Sampson, Sr., 1900, 1923-1930, 1942-1954

Folder 4: Dupuy, George Montgomery, 1953, 1962, 1966,1985

Folder 5: Dupuy, John James, 1943-1944,1954

Folder 6: Dupuy, Pauline (Charles), 1963, 1966, 1967,1979

Folder 7: Dupuy, Ralph Sampson, 1936, 1941-1955

Folder 8: Dupuy, Thomas Dudley, 1943-1944, 1953

Folder 9: Frank S. Dupuy and Son, Articles of Incorporation,1959

Folder 10: Frank S. Dupuy and Son, Stock Certificates

Folder 11: Frank S. Dupuy and Son, Corporate Binder, 1959

Folder 10: Legal and Real Estate Papers. 1937, 1953

Box 2

Item 1: Automobile Club of Southern California Maps

Item 2: Dupuy, Charles Frederick, Presbyterian Pin

Item 3: Dupuy, Frank Sampson, Pill Box, 1953

Item 4: Dupuy, John James, Bethlehem Steel Co., San Pedro Yard, Identification Badge

Item 5: Dupuy, John James, Kaiser Company, Inc. Shipyard Number Three, Temporary Ship Pass

Item 6: Dupuy, John James, Kaiser Company, Inc. Shipyard Number Three, Permanent Ship Pass

Item 7: Dupuy, John James, Los Angeles Port of Embarkation Identification Badge

Item 8: Dupuy, John James, Yard Three Badge

Item 9: Dupuy, Ralph Sampson, WWII Dog Tags, ca. 1942-ca. 1945

Item 10: Dupuy, Thomas, Citizen Badge

Item 11: Frank S. Dupuy and Son Embosser

Item 12: Oil Well Lease Tags, ca.1954

Map Case 7

Flat File 1: Dupuy, Charles, 1922

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