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**Finding Aid for the**  
**Wilmington Area Business and Industry Collection, 1884-2019**

**Collection Overview**

**Title:** Wilmington Area Business and Industry Collection

**Dates:** 1884-2019

**ID:** WBI

**Primary Creator:** Wilmington Historical Society (Calif.)

**Extent:** 4.42 linear feet

**Arrangement:** Arranged at the collection level, alphabetically by name of company.

**Forms of Material:** Documents, ephemera, objects, photographic materials,

**Language of materials:** English

**Abstract**

The Wilmington Area Business and Industry Collection documents the history of commercial and industrial companies doing business in the city of Wilmington, California between 1884 and 2019. The collection consists of a wide variety of paper records, photographs, and objects related to retail stores, manufacturing companies, banking and financial institutions, fishing and petroleum industries, restaurant and hospitality industries, recreation, leisure, and more.

**Scope and Contents**

The Wilmington Area Business and Industry Collection documents the history of commercial and industrial companies doing business in the city of Wilmington, California between 1884 and 2019. The collection consists of a wide variety of paper records, including brochures and pamphlets, flyers, advertisements, historical sketches, newspaper clippings, correspondence, administrative records, postcards, newsletters, and reports. Photographs include exterior and interior images of businesses, aerial views, and people associated with individual companies. The collection also contains promotional objects, such as matchbooks, pens, ashtrays, clothes

hangers, keychains, playing cards, glasses and mugs, and other types of giveaway items. The collection is arranged alphabetically by the name of the company.

## **Subjects/Access Terms**

### **Creators**

#### **Organization Name:**

Wilmington Historical Society (Calif.)

### **Subject Headings**

#### **Topical Term(s):**

Commercial products--California

Petroleum products

Retail trade--California--Los Angeles

Transportation--California--Los Angeles County

#### **Geographic Name(s):**

Los Angeles County (Calif.)

Wilmington (Los Angeles, Calif.)

#### **Documentary forms:**

Documents

Ephemera

Maps

Objects

Photographic materials

## **Administrative Information**

### **Processing Information:** Holli Teltoe, 2023-2024

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