

Hermosa Beach Historical Society

Finding Aid

Ralph E. Matteson Papers

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Summary Information

Title	Ralph E. Matteson Papers
Date(s)	1875—1978
Repository	Hermosa Beach Historical Society
Creator	Ralph E. Matteson
Accession Number	hbhs.12
Extent	.4 cubic foot
Language	English
Abstract	This collection contains correspondences and photographs regarding life of Ralph E. Matteson.

Use and Access

Acquisition	The material donated to the Hermosa Beach Historical Society. Future additions to the collection are expected.
Access Restrictions	Unrestricted Access
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Biographical/Historical Note

Ralph Eugene Matteson was born in Grand Rapids Michigan on December 25, 1875. He studied to be a naturalist and was known for his rose garden at 1901 Manhattan Avenue. He moved to Hermosa Beach in 1907 and worked on as the city's first employ. He would monitor the city utilities and collect payments. He was a successful realtor and owned land throughout the South Bay. Additionally, he was a banker and opened the First National Bank of Hermosa Beach as well as finance the Surf and Sand Club (Biltmore Hotel) and the Bijou Theatre. Known throughout the city, he was often consulted on topics and city decisions. He was known in the local media as "Mr. Hermosa Beach." Ralph Eugene Matteson passed away on September 15, 1978.

Scope and Content

This collection contains correspondences and photographs regarding life of Ralph E. Matteson. The bulk of the material document Matteson's 101 birthday.

Subjects

Hermosa Beach (Calif.)

Hermosa Beach (Calif.)--History

Hermosa Beach (Calif.)--City of Hermosa Beach--Fire Department

Matteson, Ralph, E.

President Gerald Ford

Container List

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| 2 | 11 | Photograph, 1906 |
| | 12 | Letter, 1976—President Gerald Ford |
| | 13 | Memorial Service Card, 1978 |

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