Collection Summary
Title: Western Range Cattle and Other Industries Study Papers
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Summary: Reproduces business records and personal papers including incorporation agreements, stockholder lists, journals, correspondence, maps, photographs, and printed matter relating to the cattle industry in Colorado, Kansas, Texas, and other areas. Also contains material concerning mining, including articles of agreement, stockholder lists, and summaries of capital and shares.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Brayer, Herbert Oliver, collector.
Frewen, Moreton, 1853-1924.

Organizations
Matador Land and Cattle Company.
Powder River Cattle Company.
Prairie Cattle Company.
State Historical Society of Colorado.
Swan Land and Cattle Company.

Subjects
Cattle trade--Colorado.
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Provenance
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American economic history in various European repositories. The Library defrayed some of the expenses and received a copy of the microfilm of material selected by Brayer.

Processing History

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Additional Guides


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Scope and Content Note

The papers on the microfilm edition of the Western Range Cattle and Other Industries Study Collection span the years 1823-1947, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1880-1920. The collection includes incorporation agreements, stockholder lists, journals, correspondence, maps, photographs, and printed matter relating to the cattle industry in Colorado, Kansas, Texas, and other areas and the Matador Land and Cattle Company, Swan Land and Cattle Company, and the Prairie Cattle Company. The microfilm is organized into two series: *Cattle Industry Files* and *Mining and Other Business Files*.

The majority of the material was reproduced from the originals in the Registrar of Companies Office in Edinburgh, Scotland. A reproduction of the index to companies register (1856-1920) from the Registrar of Companies in London, England, is found on Reel 22. Reels 23-28 contain material relating to the cattle industry reproduced from the Registrar of Companies Office in London. Reels 29-34 reproduce Moreton Frewen's Ranch Papers (1823-1932), the originals of which are in the Special Collections Division, University of North Dakota Library, Grand Forks, North Dakota. These papers supplement Frewen's personal papers in the Library of Congress and deal with his activities in conjunction with the Powder River Cattle Company in Johnson County, Wyoming.
Reels 35-75 contain material relating primarily to mining. This material, reproduced from originals in the files of the Registrar of Companies, Bush House, London, England, consists mainly of articles of agreement, stockholder lists, and summaries of capital and shares.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

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