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Colonization Realty Company Records, 1901-1954

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Colonization Realty Company

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Extent: 2.5 linear feet (4 boxes)

Record Group Number: RG 03 J

Historical Note

Archbishop John J. Glennon incorporated the Colonization Realty Company on January 5, 1905 and maintained absolute control over the company during its forty-nine year history. The Archbishop's goal was to attract Catholic immigrants from Austria, Russia, Poland, and Italy to settlements in rural Missouri. The Colonization Realty Company's first purchase was twelve thousand acres of farmland in Dunklin County, a marshy area of southeastern Missouri about 200 miles south of St. Louis. The first immigrant families were relocated to this area by Father Frederick Peters and the burgeoning town eventually came to be called Glennonville. Within the first year of its existence, the Colonization Realty Company purchased one hundred and eighty-seven acres of land in four counties: Jefferson, Phelps, Butler, and Dunklin. Of the four counties that the company established colonies in, the Dunklin County settlements of Glennonville and Wilhelmina were most successful. Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter dissolved the company in 1947.

Scope and Content

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Restrictions

The records are not restricted. The Archives reserves the right to restrict any materials.

Related Material

The Archive's Collection RG 10 B Theses and Dissertations contains a five part thesis called "The History of Glennonville and the Adjacent Catholic Colonization" by Reverend Donald F. Molitor. The book *Saint Louis: The Story of Catholic Evangelization of America's Heartland (Volume III)* by Msgr. Michael John Witt briefly discusses the Catholic Colonization Company and Glennonville.

Administrative Information

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Folder Legal - Deeds - Deeds of Trust, 1915-1926	Record Number LEGL/828	Series Container A433
Folder Legal - Real Estate Ownership - Rent Contracts and Lot Payments, 1906-1910	Record Number LEGL/1239	Series Container A433
Folder Legal - Deeds - Deeds of Trust and Sheriff's Contracts, 1917-1932	Record Number LEGL/829	Series Container A433
Folder Legal - Deeds - Deeds of Trust and Correspondence, 1914-1931	Record Number LEGL/830	Series Container A433
Folder Legal - Real Estate Ownership - Abstracts and Memorandum, circa 1901	Record Number LEGL/1240	Series Container A433
Folder Legal - Real Estate Ownership - Loan Contracts, Deeds, and Financial Reports, 1906-1935	Record Number LEGL/1241	Series Container A433
Folder Legal - Real Estate Ownership - Deeds and Sales Contracts, 1906-1932	Record Number LEGL/1242	Series Container A433
Folder Administrative - Correspondence - Permanent - Correspondence, 1925-1929	Record Number ADMN/C2/P/002012	Series Container A434
Folder Administrative - Correspondence - Permanent - Correspondence, 1930-1938	Record Number ADMN/C2/P/002013	Series Container A434
Folder Administrative - Minutes - Board of Directors Annual Meeting, 1912-1914	Record Number ADMN/M1/001203	Series Container A434
Folder Legal - Real Estate Ownership - Court Documents for Land Disputes, 1905	Record Number LEGL/1243	Series Container A434
Folder Legal - Real Estate Ownership - Sales Receipts, 1906-1910	Record Number LEGL/1244	Series Container A434
Folder Legal - Deeds - Quit Claim Deeds, 1905	Record Number LEGL/831	Series Container A434
Folder Legal - Deeds - General Warranty Deeds and Affidavits, 1905-1938	Record Number LEGL/832	Series Container A434
Folder Legal - Real Estate Ownership - Option Sales Contrats, 1905 -1922	Record Number LEGL/1245	Series Container A434
Folder Legal - Real Estate Ownership - Vouchers, 1905	Record Number LEGL/1246	Series Container A4681



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Folder Legal - Real Estate Ownership - Voucher Record, 1905-1911	Record Number LEGL/1247	Series Container A4681
Folder Legal - Real Estate Ownership - Land Abstracts, 1858-1902 (compiled 1902)	Record Number LEGL/1248	Series Container A4681
Folder Legal - Real Estate Ownership - Abstract of Title, 1902	Record Number LEGL/1249	Series Container A4681
Folder Legal - Real Estate Ownership - Sales of Property, 1905-1918	Record Number LEGL/1250	Series Container A4681
Folder Administrative - Minutes - Minutes of Meetings, 1905-1907	Record Number ADMN/M1/001204	Series Container A4682
Folder Administrative - Correspondence - Permanent - Correspondence, 1906	Record Number ADMN/C2/P/002014	Series Container A4682
Folder Legal - Real Estate Ownership - St. Francis Country 1906	Record Number LEGL/1251	Series Container A4682
Folder Legal - Real Estate Ownership - Co-Certificates of Registration, 1922-1947	Record Number LEGL/1252	Series Container A4682
Folder Legal - Real Estate Ownership - Dissolution Documents, 1947-1954	Record Number LEGL/1253	Series Container A4682
Folder Financial - Reports, Year-End - Annual Financial Reports, 1906-1924	Record Number FNCL/1892	Series Container A4682
Folder Financial - Reports, Year-End - Agents Reports, 1915-1927	Record Number FNCL/1893	Series Container A4682
Folder Legal - Real Estate Ownership - Stock Certificates, 1905-1906	Record Number LEGL/1254	Series Container A4682
Folder Financial - Cash Books - Cashbook, Stock Shares, and Ledgers, 1911-1922	Record Number FNCL/46	Series Container A4682
Folder Administrative - Publications - Permanent - Plats and Booklets, circa 1905	Record Number ADMN/P2/P/004468	Series Container A4682
Folder Financial - Tax Records - Franchise Tax Forms, 1917-1932	Record Number FNCL/2420	Series Container A4682
Folder Financial - Tax Records - Income Tax Forms and Receipts, 1920-1927	Record Number FNCL/2421	Series Container A4682



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Folder Financial - Tax Records - Capital Stock Tax Forms, 1919-1925	Record Number FNCL/2422	Series Container A4682
Folder Financial - Tax Records - Income Tax Forms, 1918-1946	Record Number FNCL/2423	Series Container A4682
Folder Financial - Tax Records - Local Ditch Tax Forms and Correspondence, 1915-1932	Record Number FNCL/2424	Series Container A4682
Folder Financial - Tax Records - Local Drainage Tax Forms, 1919-1934	Record Number FNCL/2425	Series Container A4682
Folder Financial - Tax Records - Local Land Taxes, 1904-1938	Record Number FNCL/2426	Series Container A4682
Folder Financial - Tax Records - Delinquent Law Taxes, 1905-1938	Record Number FNCL/2427	Series Container A4682
Folder Administrative - Correspondence - Permanent - Correspondence, 1906-1932	Record Number ADMN/C2/P/002015	Series Container A4682
Folder Legal - Real Estate Ownership - Abstract of Land, 1856-1907 (compiled 1907)	Record Number LEGL/1255	Series Container A4682
Folder Legal - Real Estate Ownership - Abstract of Land, 1856-1905 (compiled 1905)	Record Number LEGL/1256	Series Container A4682
Folder Administrative - Correspondence - Permanent - Correspondence, 1902-1927	Record Number ADMN/C2/P/002016	Series Container A4682
Folder Administrative - Correspondence - Permanent - Correspondence, 1905-1919	Record Number ADMN/C2/P/002017	Series Container A4682
Folder Legal - Estate Settlements - Dunklin County Prospects and Chouteau Land Clearance, 1905-1909	Record Number LEGL/1035	Series Container A4682
Folder Administrative - Correspondence - Permanent - Correspondence, 1920-1924	Record Number ADMN/C2/P/002018	Series Container A4682