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BEISSNER, CHARLES L.

PAPERS, 1847-1918; 75 inches, MSS.

Born in Bremen, Charles L. Beissner, Jr. (1839-1912), immigrated to Galveston as a child with his parents. By 1872 he was a cashier with E. W. Hurley and Company, Commission Merchants. In the early 1880's Beissner formed a partnership with Robert Irvine of Galveston, and the firm of Irvine & Beissner, Brokers and Commission Merchants, existed until Irvine's death in 1897. At that time Beissner's brother Edward J. joined him in business and Beissner took on the duties of state and county tax collector. By 1901 the brothers Beissner entered the banking business and became the principals in The Rosenberg Bank.

Our holdings reflect the several business ventures in which the Beissners were engaged. Included is correspondence with the office of the State Comptroller, assorted papers from the firm of Irvine and Beissner, papers of the estates of Irvine, Henry Rosenberg, George W. Beissner, and Edward L. Ufford, records of The Concordia Society, an exclusive gentleman's singing society of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and the papers of the Texas Land and Loan Company, 1857-1918, one of several land companies through which Galveston controlled and profited from land development in the Texas hinterland. The papers show land use patterns throughout the state in a period of development, and reflect the position of advantage held by the Galveston business community over this development.

## Manuscript Listing

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Donor:	Collection: C.L. Beissner	From: 1847 To: 1918
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Box	FF	Description	Dates Begin/End
		PERSONAL PAPERS	1856-1912
1	1	C.L. Beissner, Sr. Biography	1895
	2	Will of C.L. Beissner	1907
	3	Will of Louise Beissner	1889
	4	G.W. Beissner Estate Papers	n.d.
	5	G.W. Beissner Estate Papers	1886-1887
	6	G.W. Beissner Estate Papers	1887
	7	G.W. Beissner Estate Papers	1887
	8	G.W. Beissner Estate Papers	1887-1888
	9	G.W. Beissner Estate Papers	1889-1890
	10	G.W. Beissner Estate Papers	1890
	11	G.W. Beissner Estate Papers	1890
	12	G.W. Beissner Estate Papers	1890
	13	G.W. Beissner Estate Papers	1890-1894
	14	G.W. Beissner Galveston City Company Indenture	1856
	15	House Contract and Specifications	1904
	16	Linnell / Ramsay Correspondence	1899
	17	Linnell / Ramsay Correspondence	1899
	18	Linnell / Ramsay Correspondence	1900
	19	Linnell / Ramsay Correspondence	1901-1906
	20	Linnell / Ramsay Correspondence	1907
	21	Linnell / Ramsay Correspondence	1908
	22	Linnell / Ramsay Correspondence	1909
	23	Linnell / Ramsay Correspondence	1910
	24	Linnell / Ramsay Correspondence	1911
	25	Linnell / Ramsay Correspondence	1912
	26	Bunting, R.F., Dr. and Mrs., Papers	1880+1882
	27	Clark, Mrs. Robert	1884
	28	Misc. letters in German	1869-1883
	29	Misc. letters in German	1884-1909

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1		BUSINESS PAPERS	1847-1912
	30	Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe vs. Kempner et. al.	1887-1889
	31	Brown, Cherry and Wilson	1889
	32	Cinelli, Angelo, Estate of	1911-1912
	33	Concordia Society; Lease of Club Rooms	1889
	34	Concordia Society; Cancelled Shares	1887-1888
	35	Amendments to Concordia Charter	n.d.
	36	Concordia Society Subscription Lists	1889
	37	Concordia Society Membership List	1888
	38	Concordia Society Papers in German	1888
	39	Concordia Society Papers, Receipts	1888-1890
	40	Concordia Society Correspondence	1887-1889
	41	Concordia Society Resignations, Applications	1887-1890
	42	Frederick, W.J.	1882-1883
	43	Erhard, Peter H., Estate of	1879-1883
	44	Galveston City Company	1904-1906
	45	Hart Land and Import Company	1911
	46	Heitman, F.W., letter	1884
	47	Hellmers, L., Mrs., Estate of	1882
	48	Horsley, Charles A. Deeds and Note	1881-1883
	49	Horsley, Charles A. Releases	1883
	50	Horsley, Charles A. Tax Receipts	1883
	51	Irvine, Robert, Estate of	1910
	52	Irvine, Robert, Estate of	1890
	53	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Homestead Expenses	1889-1901
	54	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Correspondence	1902-1908
	55	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Tax Receipts	1879-1890
	56	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Tax Receipts	1887-1900
	57	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Tax Receipts	1901-1903
	58	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Tax Receipts	1904
	59	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Tax Receipts	1902-1905
	60	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Tax Receipts	1905
	61	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Checks	1908-1910
	62	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Checks	1910-1911
	63	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Dividends	1898-1901
	64	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Stock Dividends	1901-1903
	65	Irvine, Robert; Estate of; Insurance	1907
	66	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Insurance	1910
	67	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Bills	1900-1901
	68	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Sale of House	1881-1907

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1	69	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Income Statement	1906
	70	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Cash Transactions	1897-1899
	71	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Notes, Letters, Receipts	1890-1893
	72	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Financial Statements	1898-1901
	73	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Insurance	1907
	74	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Cemetery Lot	1884-1888
	75	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Property	1875-1899
	76	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Property	1900-1909
	77	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Statements, Receipts	1897-1899
	78	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Statements, Receipts	1898-1899
	79	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Receipts	1906-1907
	80	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Tax Receipts	1891-1899
	81	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Lease	1900
	82	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Account Statements	1911-1912
	83	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Deeds	1874-1899
	84	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Misc. Papers	1867-1909
	85	Irvine, Robert, Estate of; Financial Reports	1888-1889
2	1	Irvine, Reliance	1879-1893
	2	Irvine, Reliance, Household Expenses	1901-1906
	3	Mills County, Abstract of Title	1896
	4	Mills County, Property Title	1898
	5	Palmetto Hotel, Lease	1907-1909
	6	Palmetto Hotel, Lease	1909-1910
	7	Palmetto Hotel, Operating Expenses	1907-1910
	8	Palmetto Hotel, Expenses	1910-1911
	9	Palmetto Hotel, Expenses	1910-1911
	10	Palmetto Hotel, Expenses	1911
	11	Palmetto Hotel, Expenses	1911
	12	Palmetto Hotel, Expenses	1911
	13	Parr, Samuel	1875-1883
	14	Rosenberg, Letitia, Estate of	1882-1894
	15	Rosenberg, Henry, Estate of	n.d.
	16	Rosenberg, Henry, Estate of	1884-1885
	17	Rosenberg, Henry, Estate of	1886-1892
	18	Rosenberg, Henry, Estate of; May 13-Aug 1	1893
	19	Rosenberg, Henry, Estate of; Sept. 7-Nov. 21	1893
	20	Rosenberg, Henry, Estate of; Dec. 5,6	1893
	21	Rosenberg, Henry, Estate of; Dec. 7-9	1893
	22	Rosenberg, Henry, Estate of; Dec. 14-21	1893
	23	Rosenberg, Henry, Estate of	1894

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2	24	Rosenberg, Henry, Estate of	1894
	25	Rosenberg, Henry, Estate of	1894
	26	Rosenberg, Henry, Estate of	1894
	27	Rosenberg, Henry, Estate of	1894
	28	Rosenberg, Henry, Estate of	1894
	29	Rosenberg, Henry, Estate of	1895-1897
	30	Loudon Park Cemetery	1885
	31	Rosenberg Bank Correspondence	1879-1892
	32	Rosenberg Bank Correspondence	1892-1897
	33	Seixas, E.E. and C.E., Estates of	1907
	34	Seixas, H.O. and H.O., Jr., Correspondence	1906-1908
	35	Sellers, John S.	1873
	36	Sellers, John S.	1874-1877
	37	Sellers, John S., Bankruptcy	1877
	38	Sellers, John S., Deeds	1877
	39	Ufford, E.S.	1874
	40	Ufford, E.S.	1874-1875
	41	Ufford Property, Deeds, Receipts, Leases	1877-1886
	42	Ufford Property, Notes	1874-1879
	43	Ufford Property	1877-1880
	44	Ufford Property	1880-1882
	45	Wright, H.B.	1890, 1892
	46	Beissner, C.L., Deeds	1867-1902
	47	Beissner, C.L., Deeds	1880-1881
	48	Beissner, C.L., Misc. Deeds	1877
	49	Beissner, C.L., Misc. Deeds	1878-1880
	50	Beissner, C.L., Tax Records	n.d.
	51	Beissner, C.L., Galveston Tax Receipts	1868-1879
	52	Beissner, C.L., Tax Receipts	1891-1902
	53	Beissner, C.L., Comptroller, Texas Tax Receipts	1897-1898
	54	Beissner, C.L., Galveston County Taxation	1897
	55	Beissner, C.L., Correspondence of State Comptroller	1897, 1898
	56	Beissner, C.L., Galveston County Tax Receipts	1897
	57	Beissner, C.L., Galveston County Tax Receipts	1897
	58	Beissner, C.L., Galveston County Tax Receipts	1898
	59	Beissner, C.L., Galveston County Tax Receipts	1898
	60	Beissner, C.L., Galveston County Tax Receipts	1898
	61	Beissner, C.L., Tax Receipts	1899-1907
	62	Beissner, C.L., Tax Receipts	1908-1912
	63	Beissner, C.L., Receipts	1897-1898

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3	1	Beissner, C.L., Receipts	1898-1907
	2	Beissner, C.L., Cancelled Checks	1897
	3	Beissner, C.L., Cancelled Checks	1897
	4	Beissner, C.L., Cancelled Checks	1898
	5	Beissner, C.L., Real Estate Papers	1857-1870
	6	Beissner, C.L., Cancelled Checks	1898
	7	Beissner, C.L., Powers of Attorney	1910-1911
	8	Mageean, Charlotte, Galveston City Company Indenture	1847
	9	Beissner, C.L., Misc. Papers	n.d.
	10	Beissner, C.L., Misc. Papers	1860-1888
	11	Beissner, C.L., Misc. Papers	1887-1898
	12	Beissner, C.L., Misc. Papers	1907-1909
	13	Beissner, C.L., Misc. Papers	1910-1911
	14	Beissner, C.L., Misc. Letters	1906-1908
	15	Beissner, C.L., Misc. Items	1891-1911
	16	Beissner, C.L., Rent Collection Book	n.d.
		TEXAS LAND AND LOAN COMPANY PAPERS	1857-1918
3	17	Arnett, Walter A.	1857-1888
	18	Arnett, Walter A.	1889-1901
	19	Baker, C.H.A., Mrs.	1897-1902
	20	Bean, B.F.	1908-1910
	21	Biering, E.J.	1900-1903
	22	Brin, Sam	1903
	23	Brin, Sam	1903
	24	Brin, Sam	1903
	25	Brin, Sam	1907-1908
	26	Brin, Sam	1908
	27	Busselle, J.T., Estate of	1907-1909
	28	Cagle, J.F.	1888-1901
	29	Clingman, J.I.	1904-1912
	30	Cox, Jno. J.	1901-1905
	31	Crouch, B.L., Leases	1895-1903
	32	Crouch, B.L., Leases	1895-1907
	33	Crouch, B.L., Leases and Taxation	1895-1907
	34	Crouch, B.L., Land Sales	1895-1905
	35	Crouch, B.L., Taxation, Bankruptcy	1889-1903
	36	Crouch, B.L., Sales and Leases	1890-1905
	37	Crouch, B.L., Land Transactions	1895-1904
	38	Crouch, B.L., Foreclosure Sale	1885-1907
	39	Crouch, B.L., Leasing Agreements	1895-1903

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3	40	Crouch, B.L., Taxes	1895
	41	Crouch, B.L., Taxes	1896
	42	Crouch, B.L., Tax Receipts	1896-1898
	43	Crouch, B.L., Tax Receipts	1899-1905
	44	Crouch, B.L., Deeds, Correspondence	1894-1905
	45	Crouch, B.L., Deeds, Correspondence	1905-1907
	46	Crouch, B.L., Application for Loan	1889-1890
	47	Crouch, B.L., Correspondence with Jones, W.K. Mar./Apr.	1900
	48	Crouch, B.L., Correspondence with Jones, W.K. May	1900
	49	Crouch, B.L., Correspondence with Jones, W.K. June	1900
	50	Crouch, B.L., Correspondence with Jones, W.K. July	1900
	51	Crouch, B.L., Correspondence with Jones, W.K. August	1900
	52	Crouch, B.L., Correspondence with Jones, W.K. Sept.	1900
	53	Crouch, B.L., Correspondence with Jones, W.K. Oct.- Dec.	1900
	54	Crouch, B.L., Correspondence with Jones, W.K. Jan./Feb.	1901
	55	Crouch, B.L., Correspondence with Jones, W.K. Mar./Apr.	1901
4	1	Crouch, B.L., Correspondence with Jones, W.K. May-Oct.	1901
	2	Crouch, B.L., Correspondence with Jones, W.K.	1902-1903
	3	Doss Brothers	1887-1902
	4	Doss Brothers	1903-1908
	5	Eastham, Delha, Mrs.	1894
	6	Ellis County Land and Cattle Company	1889
	7	Ellis County Land and Cattle Company	1889
	8	Ellis County Land and Cattle Company	1889
	9	Ellis County Land and Cattle Company	1889-1890
	10	Ellison, Joe F.	1900-1901
	11	Ellison, Joe F.	1901
	12	Ellison, Joe F.	1901
	13	Ellison, Joe F., Statements	1903
	14	Ellison, Joe F., Correspondence	1903-1905
	15	Eubank, T.A.	1888-1900
	16	Frost, S.M., Jr.	1907-1910
	17	Gano Brothers	1891
	18	Gano Brothers	1891-1893
	19	Goree, Thomas J.	1898-1901
	20	Goree, Thomas J.	1902-1903
	21	Goree, Thomas J.	1904
	22	Goree, Thomas J.	1904-1905
	23	Goree, Thomas J., Ellison Letters	1903
	24	Goree, Thomas J., Ellison Letters	1904

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4	25	Goree, Thomas J., Ellison Letters	1904-1905
	26	Goree, Thomas J., Rent Statements	1901-1903
	27	Grooms, Alfred	1890-1903
	28	Harris and Monk	1892-1898
	29	Harris, George C.	1910-1912
	30	Heffron, Issac	1890-1891
	31	Hendricks, George B.	1881-1905
	32	Hendricks, George B.	1905
	33	Hoyle, A.T.	1888-1907
	34	Huffaker, Melvin	1891
	35	Hughes, Charles H.	1902-1903
	36	Hughes, Ed. S.	1916
	37	Irvin, Marcellus	1880-1892
	38	Johnson, H.M.	1897-1903
	39	Kennedy, W.J.	1891
	40	Kinnebrew, J.L.	1904
	41	Le Tulle, V.L. and L.	1893-1897
	42	Le Tulle, V.L. and L.	1897-1903
	43	Le Tulle, V.L. and L.	1903-1905
	44	Lewis, William	1883-1901
	45	Linden, J.F., Estate of	1892-1893
	46	McClellan, L.B.	1892-1894
	47	McGregor, J.D.	1896
	48	McGregor, J.D.	1896
	49	McLean and Shannon	1892
	50	McLean and Shannon	1892-1897
	51	McLean and Shannon	1897-1906
	52	Mayes, Will H. and Hawey F.	1905-1909
	53	Mill, C. C., Elevator and Light Company	1904
	54	Mill, C. C., Elevator and Light Company	1904-1906
	55	Mill, C. C., Elevator and Light Company	1907-1909
	56	Minor, E.G.	1900-1905
	57	Moore, James L.	1891-1899
	58	Moore, James L.	1899-1902
	59	Moore, James L.	1902
	60	Moore, James L.	1901-1903
	61	Neyland and Douglas	1897
	62	Neyland and Douglas	1897-1898
	63	Neyland and Douglas	1898-1899
	64	Neyland and Douglas	1900

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4	65	Neyland and Douglas	1900-1902
	66	Neyland and Douglas	1902
	67	Neyland and Douglas	1902-1906
	68	Pascal, D.A.	1897-1901
	69	Pike, John A., Property	1883-1889
	70	Pike, John A., Property	1889-1898
	71	Pike, John A., Property	1898-1904
5	1	Redeker, Otto	1912-1914
	2	Redeker, Otto	1917
	3	Redeker, Otto	1917
	4	Redeker, Otto	1917-1918
	5	Rein, Charles M.	1902
	6	Rein, Charles M. and Etta	1902
	7	Rein, Charles M. and Etta	1902-1905
	8	Sayles, Henry	1887-1912
	9	Sayles, Henry	1913-1914
	10	Sayles, Henry Sr., Estate of	1916-1917
	11	Sims and Wright	1889-1890
	12	Sims and Wright, Correspondence	1890
	13	Sims and Wright, Correspondence	1890
	14	Sims and Wright, Correspondence	1891
	15	Sims and Wright, Correspondence	1891
	16	Sims and Wright, Correspondence	1891
	17	Smith, Will	1909-1912
	18	Stafford, J.B.	1898-1906
	19	Stith, Will	1909-1912
	20	Stockton, W.C., Dr. and Mrs.	1917
	21	Stokes, J.B.	1911
	22	Swanwick, H.C.	1888
	23	Swanwick, H.C.	1888-1890
	24	Swanwick, H.C.	1891-1892
	25	Swanwick, H.C.	1892-1893
	26	Swanwick, H.C.	1893-1900
	27	Tally, A.D.	1891-1900
	28	Thompson, T.C., Estate of	1897-1906
	29	Thompson, Margaret P., Mrs.	1898-1902
	30	Thompson, Margaret P., Mrs.	1903-1904
	31	Thompson, Margaret P., Mrs.	1904-1906
	32	Thompson and Ford Lumber Company	1907-1908
	33	Van Wey, D. I.	1887-1890

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5	34	Van Wey, D.L.	1891-1902
	35	Vedder, Charles A.	1891
	36	Vedder, Charles A.	1891-1906
	37	White, F.M.	1892-1893
	38	Wiley, T.W.	1906-1909
	39	Woods, O.R.	1873-1902
	40	Val Verde County Lands	1905
	41	Vendors Lien, Brazoria County Lands	1894
	42	Rent List of Galveston Properties	n.d.
	43	Misc. Deeds	1889-1892
	44	Misc. Deeds	1893-1894
	45	Misc. Deeds	1900-1904
	46	Irvine Estate Income	1898-1899
	47	Irvine Estate Income	1900
	48	Irvine Estate Income	1898
	49	Val Verde County Land Records	n.d.
	50	Insurance Papers	1905
	51	Stock Certificates	1876-1894
	52	Deeds	1872-1879
	53	Financial Transactions	1890-1903
	54	Texas Land and Loan Company, Bills	1892-1903
	55	Texas Land and Loan Company, Bills	1904-1905
	56	Paid Notes and Receipts	1869-1888
	57	Paid Notes and Receipts	1888
	58	Misc. Documents	1868-1907
	59	Land Transactions	1886-1916
	60	Committee on Anniversary - Expense List	1883
	61	Redemption Receipts	1903
	62	Land Transactions	1916-1918
	63	Misc. Leases	1872-1894
	64	Paid Note	1870
	65	Misc. Correspondence	1889-1902
	66	Misc. Deeds	1878-1881
	67	Misc. Loan Applications	1897-1899
	68	Misc. Releases, Statements, Assessments	1876-1897
	69	Misc. Correspondence	1894-1896
	70	Misc. Correspondence	1898-1908
	71	Misc. Taxation Reports	1897