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MS 144
Trotti Motor Co. records

Span Dates, 1917-1932
Bulk Dates, 1929-1931

11 feet (linear)

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Donated by State National Bank, 1971.

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Biographical and Historical Sketch

Lawrence Trotti (1881-1947) was a civil engineer and businessman who arrived in El Paso around 1913. After working briefly for the Mexico Northwestern Railway, he worked as the secretary-treasurer of Lone Star Motor Co., located on W. San Antonio Street, for several years, then as manager for the Automobile Parts Company in El Paso. He started his own business in 1923 that sold Dodge Brothers vehicles and called it Trotti Motor Co. That company continued in business, also selling used cars and offering repair work, until 1932. The business was located at 617 Texas for at least six years. In the 1931 city directory, Lawrence J. Trotti was listed as the president of an automobile salvage company. No employer was listed for Trotti after 1932. He later worked in Austin for the State Health Department.

Series Description or Arrangement

Materials were left in the order found by the archivist (rough chronological order). Ledger sheets, ledgers, correspondence, and documents relating to the corporation comprise the bulk of the collection. Cancelled checks and receipts were not kept; only a sample was retained. Other materials encountered include financial records reflecting bookkeeping, correspondence about debt collection, land titles, and information on the State National Bank.

Scope and Content Notes

Ledger sheets, ledgers, correspondence, and documents relating to incorporation comprise the bulk of the collection. Cancelled checks and receipts were not all kept; only a sample was retained. Other materials include financial records reflecting bookkeeping practices, checkbooks, correspondence about debt collectors, land titles, and notes relating to companies with whom Trotti Motor Company did business. Also included were bank statements and income tax returns.

Provenance Statement

The State National Bank transferred 9 boxes of records to the UTEP Library in 1971.

Restrictions

None.

Literary Rights Statement

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Notes to the Researcher

Some materials were discarded because of redundant information or lack of research value. Sampling was used for some materials, primarily canceled checks and voucher checks.

Container List

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	1	RE: T. Brahan Cunningham, General Finance Corporation stock	June 20, 1925
1	2	Receipt books of carbon copies (2)	1929
1	3	Receipt books of carbon copies (3)	1930
1	4	El Paso National Bank notebook The State National Bank notebook; cash payments; interest income; petty cash vouchers, Imprest cash summaries No. 4638-4643, No.4626-4637, No.4611-4625	1928, 1930, 1931, n.d.
1	5	Incorporation documents: Universal Securities Corporation, C.I.T. Corporation correspondence	1930, 1931
1	6	Corporation tax returns	1922-1931
1	7	Tax receipts	1925-1932
2	1	Receipt book, carbon copies	1930
2	2	Receipt book, carbon copies	1930
2	3	Receipt book, carbon copies	1930
2	4	Receipt book, carbon copies	1930
2	5	Receipt book, carbon copies	1930
2	6	Receipt book, carbon copies	1930
2	7	Receipt book, carbon copies	1930
2	8	Receipt book, carbon copies	1930
2	9	Receipt book, carbon copies	1930
2	10	Midland Finance Corporation	October 8, 1929
3	1	Charter & Incorporator's contracts, General Finance Corp.	1924-1926
3	2	T.B. Cunningham subject files, shares	May 8, 1917
3	3	Charter & Amendment, franchise tax receipt	May 1, 1928
3	4	Investment finance corporation subject files	1924-1925
3	5	RE: T. Brahan Cunningham, purchase sale liquidation, general finance corp. stock	July 28, 1925
3	6	Assignments, liquidating stores & new stock, all stockholders to T. Brahan Cunningham	July 28, 1925
3	7	General Finance corp., income tax papers, county & state tax papers	January 30, 1928

3	8	Stocks	January 5, 1929
3	9	A.E. Wisbey papers	Undated
4	1	Records/ Woodbury county land trust contracts & agreements	December 19, 1925
4	2	Cancelled checks & income tax returns, samples	1926-1928
4	3	Records/ Woodbury county land trust insurance	1923-1925
4	4	Records/ Woodbury county land trust budgets & expenses	October 8, 1926
4	5	Woodbury county land trust	February 27, 1926
4	6	Woodbury county, Sioux city, Iowa	September 1930
4	7	Trotti Motor Co. vs Blackwell-H.L.	1930
4	8	Perry- E.G. Tax claims, RE: Lone Star Motor Co.	February 13, 1928
4	9	Imprest cash summary, vouchers # 3321-3376	April 1929
4	10	Imprest cash summary vouchers	November 1929
4	11	Imprest cash summary vouchers # 4411-4451	July 1930
4	12	Imprest cash summary vouchers	February 1929
4	13	Imprest cash summary vouchers #3858-3939	December 1929
4	14	Imprest cash summary vouchers	Undated
4	15	Imprest cash summary vouchers # 4006-4128	February 1930
4	16	Imprest cash summary vouchers	October 1929
4	17	Cash payment tickets	June 30, 1931
4	18	Universal automobile insurance company	April 1, 1931
4	19	Commercial check alteration forgery policy, Maryland Casualty Company	July 22, 1931
4	20	De Soto motor corporation correspondence	December 15, 1930
4	21	Dealer's agreement between Dodge Brothers, INC. & Trotti Motor Company	April 26, 1927
4	22	Garage liability policy, Maryland casualty company	November 22, 1931
4	23	Joseph G. Bennis, First National Bank	October 9, 1930
4	24	The General Indemnity corporation of America, check or draft alteration policy	June 6, 1930
4	25	Forgery Bond	February 20, 1930
4	26	Joseph G. Bennis, First National Bank Building	October 9, 1930

4	27	Stocks 3 shares, Auto Dealers Salvage Corporation	April 30, 1930
4	28	Belk & Company, Universal Automobile Insurance Co.	May 13, 1930
4	29	Bonding department, Maryland casualty company	March 4, 1929
4	30	Records/ correspondence, Treasury department, IRS subject files	September 3, 1931
5	1	Loose leaf, corporation record, General Finance Corporation	February 17, 1921
5	2	General Finance Corporation, meeting of stockholders	February 14, 1923
5	3	Call & waiver of notice special, meeting board of directors, record of minutes	December 15, 1923
5	4	Midland Finance Corporation subject files	May 5, 1930
5	5	Proxies/ annual stockholders meeting	February 9, 1924
5	6	Proxies/ annual stockholders meeting	February 14, 1923
5	7	Stockholders assent, meeting of stockholders/ General Finance Corporation	June 20, 1925
5	8	General Finance Corporation/proxies for stockholders special meeting	May 21, 1923
5	9	General Finance Corporation	June 20, 1925
5	10	General Finance Corporation, proxies for annual stockholders meeting	January 9, 1922
5	11	Proxies	1925
5	12	General Finance Corporation/ First National Bank subject files/ correspondence	1930
5	13	Cash payments ickets	June 30, 1931
6	1	The State National Bank notebook	April 6, 1928
6	2	Certificate of shares notebook	April 3, 1929
6	3	Certificate of shares notebook unused	Undated
6	4	Ledger book/ undeposited funds, inventories, legal expenses	1930-1932
6	5	Dodge Brothers dealers/ uniform account system, cash journal	1931
6	6	Expenses accounts	1911-1931
6	7	General Finance Corporation, general ledger, assets, liabilities, revenues	1931
6	8	Ledger book, insurance expenses, notes receivable, miscellaneous expenses	1929-1930
7	1	Notebook, notes	1930

7	2	Notebook, notes	1930
7	3	Notebook, notes	1930-1931
7	4	Notebook, notes	1930-1931
7	5	Notebook, notes	1931
7	6	Notebook, notes	Undated
7	7	Samples of voucher checks	November 1930
7	8	Samples of voucher checks	1930
7	9	Samples of voucher checks	April 1931
7	10	Samples of voucher checks	December 1931
7	11	Samples of voucher checks	November 1931
7	12	Samples of voucher checks	October 1931
7	13	Samples of voucher checks	September 1931
7	14	Samples of voucher checks	November 1929
7	15	Samples of voucher checks	July 1929
8	1	Ledger book, sales summary	1930
8	2	Ledger book, check receipts, cash registers, retail titles	1929
8	3	Ledger book, title retaining notes, check registers, cash receipts	1928
8	4	Ledger book, General Finance Company, journals	1926-1927
9	1	Ledger book, payroll & time distribution	1929-1930
9	2	Ledger book, cash discounts, officers or partners	1925-1929
10	1	Ledger sheets	1927
11	1	Ledger sheets, information on customers, sales and inventory	1930
12	1	Ledger sheets, sales summaries, cash receipts, accounts of customers, check register pages; "cars delivered to used car lot"	1922-1930
13	1	Ledger book, purchase records, sales summaries	1928
13-B	2	Ledger book, sales summaries, purchase records	1929
13-B	3	Ledger book, cash receipts, cash registers	1930