

# Harry A. Eastman Ranch Collection 1917-1974

Ontario City Library  
Robert E. Ellingwood Model  
Colony History Room



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## **Descriptive Summary**

### **Title**

Harry A. Eastman Ranch Collection 1917-1974

### **Creator**

This collection was donated to the Model Colony Room by Mr. Eastman's sister, Marjorie Eastman Wilder of Norridgewock, Maine and shipped to Ontario City Library in 2 installments during 1984.

### **Extent**

**Number of containers:** 2

**Linear feet:** 1.5

### **Abstract**

Harry Augustus Eastman (1879-1974) was a grove farmer and businessman in South Ontario from 1907 until 1970. His primary crop was walnuts, but he also grew citrus fruit and developed (but did not patent) a new strain of plum. His ranch was bounded by Francis, Walnut, Benson and Palmetto streets. In 1976 the city of Ontario purchased 15 acres of his land for a public park, now called the Homer F. Briggs Memorial Park. The Eastman collection includes the business archive of the Eastman Ranch Company along with a miscellany of personal papers, photos and memorabilia. Mrs. Wilder's donor correspondence also gives background information on her brother and his business, properties, and South Ontario neighbors.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Access**

Collection is open for research during the operating hours of the Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room, or by appointment.

### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Acquisitions Information**

This collection was acquired by the Model Colony Room from Marjorie Eastman Wilder of Norridgewock, Maine, who was Harry's sister. The collection was shipped to Ontario City Library in 2 installments during 1984.

### **Processing Information**

Ron Baker, 1984 and Joanne Boyajian, 2008

## **Container List**

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder**

- 1 Summary report prepared by Ron Baker and donor correspondence
- 2 Eastman Ranch income and expenses, 1925-26
- 3 Eastman Ranch, trial balance sheets, 1927-1937
- 4 Eastman Ranch, financial statements, 1929-1937
- 5 Eastman pumping plant, operation and maintenance, 1926-1936
- 6 Pump value and depreciation notes, undated
- 7 Pest control, cooperative receipt 1939-1972
- 8 H. A. Eastman personal account 1928-1929
- 9 Notes on property titles and holdings (includes hand drawn map of Eastman properties in South Ontario, 1963-1972?)
- 10 Property tax receipts, 1972
- 11 Advertising and crate label, undated

- 12 University of California Extension Services 10<sup>th</sup> Traveling Conference, report, 1931
- 13 Newspaper clippings, 1922-1973
- 14 Miscellaneous notes and correspondence, 1940's
- 15 Photographs, 1915?-1966

**Box 2**

Accounting ledger, gray cloth, marked "Harry Eastman", contents labeled on filing tabs and header notes. Journal entries cover the period from 1917-1950.