title: Equitable Appraisal Company, Records

approximate inclusive dates: ca. 1913-1943; bulk 1922-1939

date of receipt: Sept-Oct. 1963

received from: Equitable Appraisal Company

volume on arrival: 5 packages

number of boxes (after reboxing): 3 Rca, 1 AB (legal sz.)

condition: Very Good

restrictions: None

description: The Equitable Appraisal Company was founded in 1904 (and incorporated later in the century) as a small operating company to provide asset evaluation services. In the second, third and fourth decades of the twentieth century it was engaged in the valuation of property for insurance, estate and tax purposes. Its officers were William G. Pilgrim, president, and Michael J. O'Haren, secretary-treasurer. Between 1920 and 1943 its offices were located at 145 Nassau Street in New York City, the city in which it appears to have been founded.

The records of the Equitable Appraisal Company consist of copies of inventories with room-by-room appraisals of homes, estates, institutional offices or buildings and churches, working papers for appraisals of the real property of clients such as John D. Rockefeller, a few letters and one will. Clients included also the Society for Ethical Culture, Simon Guggenheim, Artemus Ward, Ralph Pulitzer, F. W. Woolworth Estate, J. P. Morgan and the Wheeling (W. Va.) Public Museum.

container list:
1. B - I
2. K - P
3. Davis - Ward (legal sz.)
4. R - W

related collections

temporary catalog card entries:
Appraisers - New York City; Business - New York City;
Personal Property - Valuation; Real Property - Valuation; Each name above.

additional comments:
Equitable Appraisal Company, Inc., a local asset valuation firm including among its clients the owners of the Rockefeller Center, is now located at 19 E. 25th St. and its president is Carl Thomson.