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**CALL NUMBER:** WA MSS S-3806

**CREATOR:** Brice, Fred H., author

**TITLE:** Fred H. Brice California real estate papers

**DATES:** 1923-1978

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3.36 linear feet (9 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Collection of papers relating to the career of California real estate agent Fred H. Brice, 1923-1978. Includes 105 file folders documenting property transactions in Alameda County and Contra Costa County; 120 remittance receipts from real estate and insurance firm Mason-McDuffie Co.; an accounting ledger recording expenses and income; and a record book with tipped-in paperwork, including contracts and correspondence with buyers and sellers.

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b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Marc Selvaggio, Bookseller on the Arthur Corbitt Hoskins Memorial Fund, 2016.

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## Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Fred H. Brice was a licensed real estate agent in Alameda County and Contra Costa County, California, circa 1923-1978. Brice was also a licensed California broker, handling transactions within the state. For most of his career, he was an agent for real estate and insurance firm Mason-McDuffie Co., which operated out of Berkeley.

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## Scope and Contents

Collection of papers relating to the career of California real estate agent Fred H. Brice, 1923-1978. Includes 105 file folders documenting property transactions in Alameda County and Contra Costa County; 120 remittance receipts from real estate and insurance firm Mason-McDuffie Co.; an accounting ledger recording expenses and income; and a record book with tipped-in paperwork, including contracts and correspondence with buyers and sellers.

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## Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. Property Transactions, 1949-1978. II. Remittance Receipts, 1940-1949. III. Other Papers, 1923-1949.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Property transactions, 1949-1978

English

Series I contains 105 file folders documenting property transactions in Alameda County and Contra Costa County, California, 1949-1978. Original folders with annotations were retained in the series.

Series I is arranged alphabetically by seller name.

b. 1, f. 1-3	Abbott, Don R. to Kathleen Hubbner (3 folders)	1954
b. 1, f. 4-6	Anderson, Herbert T. to Louis Rapp (3 folders)	1955
b. 1, f. 7-8	Arnold, Beatrice (2 folders)	1949
b. 1, f. 9-11	Bargs, Dorothea Rubel to Ray Hendrickson (3 folders)	1956
b. 1, f. 12-14	Beck, Harris W. to Herman H. Michel (3 folders)	1951
b. 1, f. 15-16	Bechter, Kathryn to John P. Eddowes (2 folders)	1949
b. 1, f. 17-19	Bell, Golden W. to Frank J. Andronico (3 folders)	1952
b. 1, f. 20-22	Bolton, Arthur L. to Cornelius C. Felton (3 folders)	1956
b. 1, f. 23-24	Brown, Charles R. to J. W. Jue (2 folders)	1953
b. 1, f. 25-27	Brown, Everett E. to Charles D. Button (3 folders)	1953
b. 1, f. 28-30	Bundy, Lucy to Anthony LaSalle (3 folders)	1954
b. 1, f. 31-33	Burdell, J. N. (3 folders)	1952
b. 1, f. 34-36	Burke, Edward R. to D. A. Chelemedos (3 folders)	1953
b. 1, f. 37-38	Cave, B. M. to Augustine J. Sullivan (2 folders)	1956
b. 1, f. 39-41	Cave, B. M. to Velma L. Davis (3 folders)	1956
b. 2, f. 42-44	Chase, Ruth H. to Clair Hayden Bell (3 folders)	1956
b. 2, f. 45-47	Cole, Ray to Herman E. Ballard (3 folders)	1953
b. 2, f. 48-49	Connal, John T. to Basic Homes Limited (2 folders)	1954
b. 2, f. 50-52	Cornwall, Katherine F. to David A. Rogers (3 folders)	1958
b. 2, f. 53-56	Cowan, Frank W. to Charles H. Smith (4 folders)	1953
b. 2, f. 57-59	Crowley, John J. to Glenn H. West (3 folders)	1950
b. 2, f. 60-62	Crowley, John J. to Samuel Germany (3 folders)	1950
b. 2, f. 63-64	Davis, G. N. to Kathryn Bechter (2 folders)	1949
b. 2, f. 65-67	De Clairmont, Jane C. to Elwood W. Lyman (3 folders)	1952
b. 2, f. 68-69	De Fremery, Elena Rice to Bert G. True (2 folders)	1954

b. 2, f. 70-71	Dean, Nellie F. (2 folders)	1950
b. 2, f. 72-74	Dean, Nellie F. to Harold R. Sproul (3 folders)	1950
b. 2, f. 75-77	Denbigh, Basil K. to A. Robinson (3 folders)	1950
b. 2, f. 78-80	Elkins, Joseph to Horace P. Critchlow (3 folders)	1956
b. 2, f. 81-83	Felton, Cornelius C. to Frank J. Wong (3 folders)	1957
b. 3, f. 84-86	Ferguson, Bessie S. to John Hedspeth (3 folders)	1950
b. 3, f. 87-90	Fortney, Eleanor to Stanby McMillan (4 folders)	1959
b. 3, f. 91-93	Francis, James F. to Marguerite B. Leighty (3 folders)	1950
b. 3, f. 94-95	Gartenberg, Melford (2 folders)	1957
b. 3, f. 96-98	Gathas, W. C. (3 folders)	1950
b. 3, f. 99-101	Gillam, Jefferson R. to Herman E. Ballard (3 folders)	1954
b. 3, f. 102-104	Girgich, Ivan J. to Robert A. Nisbet (3 folders)	1950
b. 3, f. 105-106	Goodspeed, Florence M. to James A. Weightman (2 folders)	1952
b. 3, f. 107-109	Goodspeed, Thomas H. to Charles J. Cox (3 folders)	1953
b. 3, f. 110-111	Goodspeed, Thomas H. to Stanby McMillan (2 folders)	1951
b. 3, f. 112-114	Gragg, Leroy (3 folders)	1955
b. 3, f. 115-117	Hacker, Katherine M. to John A. Nelson (3 folders)	1950
b. 4, f. 118-121	Hagstrowe, Eleanor V. to Stanley McMillan (4 folders)	1953
b. 4, f. 124-125	Hanson, Lloyd W. to Howard James (2 folders)	1958
b. 4, f. 122-123	Hansen, Rosa D. (2 folders)	1952
b. 4, f. 124-126	Hardies, Isabelle H. to Bob Alan Rowe (3 folders)	1951
b. 4, f. 127-129	Harris, Charles V. to Rudolph Geringer (3 folders)	1950
b. 4, f. 130-132	Hartzell, Harry F. to W. H. Poole (3 folders)	1956
b. 4, f. 133-134	Hasty, Lewis Allen (2 folders)	1952
b. 4, f. 135-137	Hoffer, David to Donald P. Barnett (3 folders)	1949
b. 4, f. 138-140	Holmes, Mary A. to Stanley A. War (3 folders)	1951
b. 4, f. 141-142	Ireland, F. M. (2 folders)	1958
b. 4, f. 143-144	Jambrits, Maria (2 folders)	1954
b. 4, f. 145-147	James, Harry M. to Henry M. Williams (3 folders)	1955
b. 4, f. 148-150	Jenkins, Frances Briggs to Owen Chamberlain (3 folders)	1951

b. 4, f. 151-152	Jones, Margaret E. to Clement Renzi (2 folders)	1953
b. 5, f. 153-155	Jue, Jun to M. A. Stafford (3 folders)	1954
b. 5, f. 156-158	Korb, Samuel D. to Jerome Land (3 folders)	1957
b. 5, f. 159-161	Lang, Anna A. to Arthur B. Conemac (3 folders)	1950
b. 5, f. 162-163	Lipson, Leslie M. (2 folders)	1950
b. 5, f. 164-166	Masonic Homes of California to Robert L. Richard (3 folders)	1953
b. 5, f. 167-169	Mast, Martha G. to Fern H. Kingston (3 folders)	1955
b. 5, f. 170-171	Mau, Frederick E. to John R. Hattam (2 folders)	1952
b. 5, f. 172-174	McGrath, Elizabeth J. to E. James Houseberg (3 folders)	1951
b. 5, f. 175-177	McLeverty, Zoe to Herbert A. Staples (3 folders)	1950
b. 5, f. 178-180	McMenemy, Eda H. to Horace P. Critchlow (3 folders)	1955
b. 5, f. 181-183	McMillan, Stanley to Beatrice L. Baer (3 folders)	1959
b. 5, f. 184-186	McKillen, John M. to Robert J. Winkenbach (3 folders)	1960
b. 6, f. 187-188	Mendell, Wilbert T. to Bruce Whitcomb (2 folders)	1959
b. 6, f. 189-191	Mendell, Wilbert T. to Bruce Whitcomb (3 folders)	1959
b. 6, f. 192-193	Montgomery, John R. to Gerard M. Leies (2 folders)	1952
b. 6, f. 194-196	Morgan, Dennis N. to Arthur C. Brussell (3 folders)	1951
b. 6, f. 197-198	Neller, Hildur (2 folders)	1950
b. 6, f. 201-203	Olivier, Lottie Reilly to Birgit E. Williams (3 folders)	1951
b. 6, f. 199-200	Oliver, W. H. to Guilford H. Soules (2 folders)	1955
b. 6, f. 204-206	Paroni, Clelia A. to R. S. Alexander (3 folders)	1950
b. 6, f. 207-209	Parsons, Robert D. to Dudley R. Turner (3 folders)	1954
b. 6, f. 210-211	Persinger, Lewis (2 folders)	1954-1955
b. 6, f. 212-214	Porter, Jennie S. to J. Malcolm Good (3 folders)	1952
b. 6, f. 215-217	Proto, Charles to Keong Tom (3 folders)	1950
b. 6, f. 218-220	Purvis, George G. to Walter F. Gassman (3 folders)	1953
b. 6, f. 221-222	Reed, Howard to Ned Reed (2 folders)	1955
b. 6, f. 223-225	Regli, Stanislaus to Ned R. Reed (3 folders)	1956
b. 6, f. 226-227	Richards, E. L. to Rodney E. Richmond (2 folders)	1951
b. 7, f. 228-230	Scardino, Joseph T. to John D. Faust (3 folders)	1958

b. 7, f. 231-233	Schiffeler, Marjorie W. to William Etchegoin (3 folders)	1954
b. 7, f. 234-236	Schultz, R. C. to J. N. Kositsky (3 folders)	1950
b. 7, f. 237-239	Siljander, Alicia to Louis B. Gorham (3 folders)	1954
b. 7, f. 240-242	Sohler, Edwin Francis to M. Gerard Emerson (3 folders)	1952
b. 7, f. 243-245	Stafford, Max A. to William F. Francis (3 folders)	1957
b. 7, f. 246-247	Stormont, Marguerite to J. W. Speer (2 folders)	1955
b. 7, f. 248-250	Southwick, Neil to Gerald G. Hirschberg ( 3 folders)	1954
b. 7, f. 251-253	Strohbach, William Carl to Robert G. Warf (3 folders)	1951
b. 7, f. 254-256	Taylor, Robert E. to Harris W. Beck (3 folders)	1951
b. 7, f. 257-258	Taylor, Robert E. to John J. Ponzuric (2 folders)	1951
b. 7, f. 259-260	Thomas, Charles H. to Elinor Griffin (2 folders)	1953
b. 7, f. 261-262	Von Hallen, Herbert to R. A. Witt (2 folders)	1950
b. 7, f. 263-264	Walker, George T. to William M. Meagher (2 folders)	1954
b. 7, f. 265-267	Walton, J. W. to Marshall H. Carver (3 folders)	1954
b. 8, f. 268-270	Welton, Beatrice S. to Mildred M. Freitas (3 folders)	1954
b. 8, f. 271-273	Welton, Lacey to Beatrice S. Welton (3 folders)	1952
b. 8, f. 274-275	Williams, Florence M. to Clennie G. Lawson (2 folders)	1949
b. 8, f. 276-278	Wobig, H. F. to Ned R. Reed (3 folders)	1956
b. 8, f. 279-281	Woodbury, Ruth B. to William David Kelly (3 folders)	1950
b. 8, f. 282-284	Worthington, Alexander C. to George Pitnernick (3 folders)	1950-1951
b. 8, f. 285-286	Valley Springs Sanitary District, Project No. C-06-0752 (2 folders)	1978
b. 8, f. 287-289	Yohanan, Carol W. to Harmon Bennett (3 folders)	1957



## **Series II: Remittance receipts, 1940-1949**

English

Series II contains 120 remittance receipts from real estate and insurance firm Mason-McDuffie Co., 1940-1949.

Series II is arranged chronologically.

b. 8, f. 290	Remittance receipts	1940-1942
b. 8, f. 291	Remittance receipts	1943-1945
b. 8, f. 292	Remittance receipts	1946-1947
b. 8, f. 293	Remittance receipts	1948-1949

**Series III: Other papers, 1923-1949**

English

Series III contains an accounting ledger recording Fred H. Brice's expenses and income, 1923-1949; and a record book with tipped-in paperwork, including contracts and correspondence with buyers and sellers, 1935-1944.

Series III is arranged chronologically.

b. 8, f. 294	Accounting ledger	1923-1949
b. 8, f. 295	Record book (loose papers)	1935-1944
b. 9, f. 296	Record book	1935-1944

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Occupations**

Real estate agents -- California -- 20th Century

### **Subjects**

Real estate business -- California  
Real property -- California -- Alameda County  
Real property -- California -- Contra Costa  
County

### **Geographic Names**

Alameda County (Calif.)  
California -- Economic conditions -- 20th  
Century  
Contra Costa County (Calif.)  
San Francisco (Calif.)

### **Corporate Body**

Mason-McDuffie Co.

### **Acquired From**

Marc Selvaggio, Bookseller , bookseller