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Collection Summary

Collection Title: Norma B. Ricketts papers.

Date (inclusive): 1881-2007,

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Abstract: The Norma B. Ricketts Papers contain research materials on the Mormon presence in California, from the Gold Rush era to present day.

Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English

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Alternate Forms Available

There are no alternate forms of this collection.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Ricketts, Norma B. (Norma Baldwin)--Archives

United States. Army. Mormon Battalion

Mormons--West (U.S.)--History

Acquisition Information

The Norma B. Ricketts Papers were given to The Bancroft Library by Norma B. Ricketts on May 26, 2007. Additions were made on March 30, 2009.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

System of Arrangement

Arranged to the folder level.

Processing Information

Processed by Anastasia Karel in 2009.

Biographical Information

Norma Baldwin Ricketts was born in 1921 in Holbrook, Arizona. In the early 1940s, her first job was with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, where she worked on publicity for the Oscars and the movie industry in general. She resigned after a few years to fulfill a mission for the Church of Latter Day Saints, and then moved to Sacramento, CA. She married Monte Ricketts and continued her public relations work in a freelance capacity while raising three children. During the 1950s she also wrote a weekly column on the arts, and served as the music and drama critic for the *Sacramento Union*. She moved to Mesa, Arizona in 1988.

While researching her pioneer heritage, Ricketts discovered that there were Mormons living in California two years before Brigham Young's group arrived in Utah's Salt Lake Valley. This led her to research and write several articles and books on the Mormon presence in California; a special focus of her work was the Mormon Battalion and their descendants.

Scope and Content of Collection

The papers consist of subject files which include correspondence, notes, newspaper clippings, and drafts of Ricketts's writings. Please note that these files are arranged alphabetically, according to Ricketts's original order, which means that files for historical figures are mixed with those for contemporary correspondents. The dates listed for a particular folder usually represent correspondence to or from Ricketts, or published materials; many folders contain undated material. There is one folder of personal materials filed under P, and a couple of folders interspersed that contain materials related to the history of Sacramento.

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Physical Description: 6 cartons (6 linear feet)

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Scope and Content Note

copy of journal

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