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Administrative History
The Sierra Club Mother Lode Chapter was founded in 1939. The chapter encompasses the Sacramento Valley as well as the foothills and Sierra Nevada region of Northeastern California. The chapter is one of the oldest in the state, and contains within its borders much public-owned land, which its members strive to preserve and enjoy. Of the nearly 50 charter members, half were women, and most were from the Sacramento-Davis, California, area. Charlotte Mauk, later a long-time member of the national Sierra Club Board of Directors, served as the first chapter chairperson.

Mother Lode Chapter members wrote chapter histories in 1970 and 1975. Most recently, LaVerne and Luis Ireland prepared A History of the Mother Lode Chapter, The First 50 Years, 1939-1989. All three of these histories can be found in carton 1, folder 61.

Scope and Content
This collection documents the internal affairs, activities, and conservation concerns of a chapter which is based in Sacramento, but which includes most of northeastern California as well as the upper San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys. Because of the large geographical size of the chapter, much of the work takes place in regional groups and activity sections.

This geographical region contains some of the most beautiful mountain scenery in California, much of it national forest lands. The chapter’s conservation activities reflect concern over how these public land will be utilized. Lake Tahoe Basin planning, ski resorts, use of all terrain vehicles, and evaluation of roadless areas for inclusion in wilderness are some of the issues documented in the second and largest series, Conservation Records.

In addition to its Conservation Committee, the chapter continues to have an active Outing Committee. Activities include car camping, day hikes, knapsacking, and peak and gorge "scrambling."

Scope and Content Note
Arrangement
Files are arranged hierarchically.
Besides correspondence and by-laws, the records document the work of the Executive Committee, other committees (excluding Conservation Committee, which is found in the second series), and regional groups. Also included are chapter histories; material relating to anniversaries; and chapter awards and honors, including conservationist of the year.

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Arrangement
The first subseries, Conservation Committee, is divided into three parts: Conservation Committee-Operational Files (arranged hierarchically by record type); Conservation Committee Chair Files-Gary Pichon Papers (arranged alphabetically by subject); and Conservation Subcommittees (arranged alphabetically by name of subcommittee). The second subseries, General Conservation Subject Files, is arranged alphabetically by subject. Conservation concerns of the chapter include use of all terrain vehicles on public lands; land use planning; Roadless Area Review and Evaluation (RARE II); and ski resorts.

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