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Abstract: Letters and documents obtained by H.H. Bancroft for his History of California, relating mainly to Bonilla's career as justice and alcalde of San Luis Obispo, and to lands in southern California, particularly those of the Mission San Miguel. A few papers of Manuel Larios also included.

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Draft containing notes re Manuel Larios, anonymous, undated, Doc. 27, removed to BANC MSS C-D 113.

Scope and Content
The greater part of Jose Mariano Bonilla's papers were lost in a storm. The few preserved here were presented to The Bancroft Library in 1878 by his widow, Doña Dolores García Bonilla. Also included are a few papers of Manuel Larios. A chronological calendar and an index are appended.

Biographical Sketch
Bonilla, born in Mexico City in 1807, came to California in 1834 with the Hijar and Padres colony. He held various responsible public offices in San Luis Obispo — alcalde, judge, and district attorney. He died in 1878.

Indulgence for María Antonia Pacheco (later Mrs. Manuel Larios). Printed. 1802. Doc. 36
Indulgences granted María Antonia Pacheco. Printed, filled in. 1815. Doc. 43
Iturbide, Agustín de, Emperor of Mexico, 1783-1824
   Acta de la declaracion de independencia de Mejico proclamada por la junta gubernatorial ... Sept. 21, 1821. Also signed by many others. Copy, in writing of Bonilla. Doc. 2-5
[Larios, Manuel, 1798-1865]
   Draft of letter to the Comandante General de Artillería, listing his experiences since 1815, and requesting to be relieved and assisted since a wound received in 1819 renders one leg useless. Jan. 18, 1831. Doc. 32-33
Alvarado, Juan Bautista, 1809-1882
   Passport, signed as governor of Alta California, Feb. 1, 1840, for Juan Higuera to go to the Sandwich Islands. Also signed by Manuel Jimeno. Doc. 44
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   Document, written as Juez, San Luis Obispo, Dec. 1, 1842, granting to Odon, an Indian, a house and small garden. Doc. 10-11
Draft of statement made before Juan Antonio Vallejo for power of attorney from José María Castañares to Francisco Castañares. Unsigned, Dec. 7, 1843. Written by Bonilla? Doc. 14-15
Jimeno Casarin, José Joaquín, 1804-1856
   Certificate, Jan. 22, 1844, stating that José María Aguile had worked for the Mission of Santa Inés in 1841, and went to San Luis Obispo where he died, even though no record was made in the Book of Burials. Doc. 16
Pico, José de Jesus, 1807-
   Statement, Apr. 27, 1846, re sale of land from José María Varencuela to Tomás Herrera and Miguel Marque. Copy. Doc. 18-19
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   Proclamation, Dec. 16, 1846, appointing Bonilla Justice of the Peace or Alcalde for San Luis Obispo. Doc. 20
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   Pass for Manuel Larios, Jan. 19, 1847. Printed form, filled in. Doc. 45
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   Letter to Bonilla, Sept. 15, 1847, concerning title to the lands of Mission San Miguel. Translation into Spanish by Hartnell. Doc. 24-25
Mason, Robert Barnes, 1797-1850
   Letter, Nov. 30, 1847, to Bonilla, re lands of Mission San Miguel. Translation into Spanish. Doc. 26
Mason, Robert Barnes, 1797-1850
   Proclamation, Dec. 27, 1847, forbidding entrance into California of inhabitants of Sonora, unless on official business. Doc. 28
Hermandad de Jerusalem
Indulgences for Manuel Larios, June 27, 1850. Printed form filled in. Doc. 38

Carrillo, Pedro C.
Letter to Bonilla, Aug. 19, 1869, re question of title to lands granted by Micheltorena. Doc. 30

Coronel, Ignacio Francisco, 1817-1893
Letter to Manuel Larios, Dec. 6, 1859. Doc. 29

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Note about loss of the bulk of the J. M. Bonilla documents in a storm. ca. 1878. Doc. 1

[Bonilla, José Mariano]
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Viader, José, 1765-
Certificate of baptism of Manuel Salvador Larios. Also attested to by Fr. Buenaventura Fortuni. undated Doc. 34

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Fortuni, Buenaventura, d. 1840
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Jimeno Casarín, Manuel, d. 1853
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