Josefa Avila Papers

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Josefa Avila Papers

**Dates:** 1814-1943

**Collection Number:** GC 1318

**Creator/Collector:** Avila, Josefa

**Extent:** (Boxes: 1 legal; 1 ov folder)

**Repository:** Seaver Center for Western History Research, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County
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**Abstract:** Documents, receipts and other items from the estate of Josefa Avila. Also postcards and two portraits.

**Language of Material:** Spanish; Castilian

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**Biography/Administrative History**

Anastasio Avila received the Mexican land grant, Rancho Tajauta, also known as Rancho de Los Cuervos, located in the present-day Watts district of the city of Los Angeles.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

Documents, receipts and other items from the estate of Josefa Avila. Also postcards and two portraits. She was the daughter of Jose Maria Avila [died ca. January, 1900] and Francisca Avila [died 1916.] The papers provide a snapshot of the Avila family, including the real estate transactions to sell off portions of Rancho Tajauta. Spanish surname spelling variant: Abila. English and Spanish. 1814-1943, undated (bulk 1871-1916). Most photographic items from the collection have been transferred to P-68 Case Art Collection and P-78 Portrait Collection. See also related collection GC1239 Avila Family Papers.

**Indexing Terms**

Land grants--California.

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