Guide to the Witmer Family collection MS-27

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Title: Witmer Family Collection

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Date (inclusive): 1731-1931

Abstract: This collection of photos and publications belonged to Val Witmer and her family. It contains several portraits and group shots of family members, an oversized photo of the Cota Ranch, and a set of photos of Father Jose Godayol representing several periods in his life.

Scope and Contents

This collection of photos and publications belonged to Val Witmer and her family. There are several portraits and group shots of family members as well as an oversized photo of the Cota Ranch.

Another set of photos is of Father Jose Godayol. The photos of Godayol in this collection represent several periods in his life. The publications are almost all of a religious nature and may have been passed down several generations. Two noteworthy sermons were written by the first bishop of California, Francisco Garcia Diego, and Joseph Alemany, first bishop of Monterey.

Biographical / Historical

Father Jose Godayol (1829-1902) was one of the first three novices received into the Franciscan Order in California in 1854. He was ordained as a priest in 1860 by Fr. Joseph Alemany in San Francisco. In 1876 he most likely went to Vich, Spain where he was born. Returning to the United States, Godayol was assigned to various dioceses including Phoenix, Arizona and the Pajaro Valley (Calif.) where he died in 1892.

Maria Valentine "Val" Witmer (1927-2014) was the daughter of Edith Cota of Santa Barbara and Baltazar Beltran of Mexico. She married Alexis Witmer and had three children.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two (2) series:

Series 1 - Photographs

Series 2 - Miscellaneous Publications

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Liana Thompson

Separated Materials

One (1) book Misionero parroquial, ó Sermones para todos los domingos del año, escritos en frances por Mr. Chevassu ... y traducidos al español por don Jacinto Lopez , transferred to library.

Processing Information

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Witmer family

Godayol, Jose, Fr., 1829-1902

folder 1 Photographs
Photographs

**Rafaela Salmon Arreola 1864**
Physical Description: 1 carte de visite, albumen print; 2.25 x 3.75 in.

**Marie Valentine Beltran and Edith Cota Beltran**
Physical Description: 1 b and w print; 2.5 x 3.5 in.

**Wedding photo of Edith Cota and Baltazar Beltran**
Physical Description: 1 hand colored b and w print; 7.5 x 9.75 in.

**Group of costumed people in front of the Arlington Hotel during the first Fiesta celebration in Santa Barbara 1924**
Physical Description: Color photocopy; 8.5 x 11 in.

**Jose Godayol, O.F.M. standing 1854-1860**
Physical Description: 1 cabinet card; albumen print; taken by Hayward and Muzzall photographers, Santa Barbara, California

**Jose Godayol, O.F.M. seated**
Physical Description: 1 cabinet card; albumen print; taken by Morse's Palace of Art, Santa Francisco, California

**Jose Godayol, O.F.M., standing**
Physical Description: 1 carte de visite; 2.25 x 4 in.; taken by Sanchez in Vich, Spain

**Cota Ranch, Val's Family**
Physical Description: 1 b and w print, undated; 11 x 14 in.

**Miscellaneous Publications**

**Carta Pastoral del Ilmo. y Rmo. Fr. José S. Alemany, O.P., Obispo de Monterey en Alta California 1851**

**Carta Pastoral que El Ilmo. y Rmo. Sr. D. Fr. Francisco Garcia Diego, primer Obispo de Californias 1840**

**Novena para los nueve dias de jornadas en honor de los santos peregrinos Jesus Maria y Jose. Con El Nuevo Rorro y el Wals de las golondrinas a lo divino, musica de la zarzuela "De Madrid a Paris." Editor Antonio Vanegas Arroyo.**

General
In ink on cover: "D. de la Guerra-Mexico"

**J. Jacobo Kienast y Comp. Guadalaxara. Direcciones para medidas. Separated pages from Resumen instructivo que publica el Comisario de division del Exercito de operaciones sobre Tejas, by Miguel Barreiros,1837**
Physical Description: 2 pages

**Indulgencias Que Se Ganan Andando El Santo Via Crucis. Reimpresias en Mexico: Por Joseph Bernardo de Hogal 1731**
Physical Description: 1 page, printed on one side, 13 x 17 in.

**2 issues of "The Tidings" 1921-1931**