

## **Banning Library District Local History Collection**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Banning Library District local history collection

**Dates:** 1890-2010

**Collection number:** Consult library

**Collector:** Banning Library District

**Creator:** Barker family

**Collection Size:** Approximately 2,000 items, including photographs, letters, scrapbooks, legal documents, newspapers and newspaper clippings, and business related ephemera pertaining to the Barker Family. Online items available

**Repository:** Banning Library District

Banning, California, 92220

**Abstract:** The Banning Library District Local History Collection consists of materials documenting the history of the San Gorgonio Pass from the 1880s to the Present. Included in these materials are photographs, newspapers and newspaper clippings, telephone books, Banning High School annuals, scrapbooks, brochures, maps, pamphlets, the Boud Collection and the Barker Collection. The Local History Collection documents the history of Banning, Beaumont, Cabazon, Cherry Valley, and other portions of Riverside County, California, depicting people, places and events of the San Gorgonio Pass and its communities.

**Languages:** Languages represented in the collection: English

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### **Access**

Some material from the Local History Vertical File, local history books, and newspaper microfilm are open for research. Photographs and scrapbooks are available for research by appointment only.

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### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Acquisition Information**

Collected by the Banning Public Library and Banning Library District staff and others, 1955 - Present. The Boud Collection, donated by the Boud Estate in 1962. The Barker Collection, donated by Omar Barker, 1979.

### **Biographical Note**

Ernest and Nelle Boud lived in San Diego, California from 1926 to 1955, where Ernest served as a San Diego City Councilman from 1941 to 1947. Mr. Boud was a Captain in World War I and worked as a representative for a Pittsburgh steel company before retiring. He was a member of the American Legion for 41 years and Nelle was affiliated with the Red Cross for 25 years. After retirement the Bouds moved to Banning in 1955, where they were well known in the communities of the San Gorgonio Pass and appreciated for their volunteer work. While living in Banning the Bouds continued adding to their extensive collection of Western history books.

Charles Omar (C. O.) Barker settled in Banning, California in 1884 after relocating from Iowa. He is best remembered as a politician and a cattle and farming entrepreneur. While serving as a California State Assemblyman he introduced a bill creating the County of Riverside in 1893. Mr. Barker was instrumental in the establishment of water rights for Banning and the Morongo Indian Reservation and developed large portions of Banning for agricultural use.

### **Scope and Content of Collection**

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The majority of the photograph collection was taken by commercial photographers, including Leonard McCulloh, who worked and resided in Banning. The photographs from the Barker Collection consist of family-produced photographs and photographic postcards. Much of the Banning Library District Local History Collection was donated by the Barker Family. The Barker Collection consists of photographs, letters, legal documents, local business related ephemera, and scrapbooks assembled by Beulah Roth Barker, wife of Charles Omar Barker Sr.

The Boud Collection consists of approximately 300 books donated to the library by the Estate of Ernest J. and Nelle R. Boud in 1962. This collection pertains to the history of the West, principally the early histories of California and the Southwest desert regions.

The Banning Library District Local History Collection also includes microfilm of the Banning Record Gazette newspaper from 1909 to the Present and hard copies of the Banning Live Wire newspaper from 1941-1952.

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### **Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection.

#### **Names and Places**

Banning (Calif.)  
Beaumont (Calif.)  
Cabazon (Calif.)  
Cherry Valley (Calif.)  
Banning Public Library  
Barker Family  
Highway 60  
Highway 70  
Highway 99  
Lockheed Propulsion Company  
Morongo Reservation  
Pass Pioneers  
San Bernardino Mountains  
St. Boniface Indian/Industrial School

#### **Topics**

Aerospace Industry  
Agriculture  
Almonds  
Armistice Day  
Business and Industry  
California Aqueduct  
Churches  
Clubs/Organizations  
Events  
Historic Hotels  
Hospitals  
Libraries  
Mexican Labor Camps  
Migrant Agricultural  
Migrant Laborers  
Morongo Reservation  
Panoramas

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Parades  
Railroads  
Ranches  
Recreation  
Resorts  
Riverside County  
Schools, Streets  
Stagecoach Days  
Theaters  
Water Systems  
Weather

**Genres and Forms of Materials**

Photographs  
Slides  
Postcards  
Books  
Scrapbooks  
Binders  
Clippings  
Brochures  
Letters  
Legal documents  
Maps  
Deeds  
Microfilm

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