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Abstract: This collection comprises home movies filmed by Albert Armor from 1938-1949. The bulk of the films depict the Armor family of Corcoran, California, participating in holiday and birthday celebrations and family vacations. Other films depict cotton and grain harvesting, cattle ranching, and irrigation, in the San Joaquin Valley.  
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Acquisition Information  
The Albert Armor home movies were donated to the California Historical Society by Nancy Pickford in 2013.  
Accruals  
No additions are expected.  
Scope and Contents  
This collection comprises home movies filmed by Albert Armor from 1938-1949. The films primarily depict the Armor family of Corcoran, California participating in holiday and birthday celebrations and family vacations to a cabin in Doyle Springs near Sequoia National Park; the San Francisco Golden Gate International Exposition; Pasadena Rose Bowl and Parade; and La Quinta Resort. The films also depict cotton and grain harvesting, cattle ranching, and irrigation in the San Joaquin Valley. Most of the agricultural films were taken on Elmer von Glahn's farm and include footage of the planting and harvesting of cotton for the J.G. Boswell Company. The films also show irrigation techniques used on the farm such as pumping water, the dredging of irrigation ditches, and the construction of levees. The films also include footage of Tulare Lake and its wetlands, ecosystem, and water fowl habitat before it became a dry bed due to the diverting of water for agricultural and municipal purposes.  
Indexing Terms  
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's public access catalog:  
Armor family.  
Agricultural industries--California--San Joaquin Valley.  
Amateur films.  
Corcoran (Calif.)
Cotton growing--California--San Joaquin Valley.
Families.
Irrigation--California--Tulare Lake Region.
Ranching--California--San Joaquin Valley
Tulare Lake (Calif.)

Anne's first birthday 1944 June .redirect
https://archive.org/details/chi_000051
Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts Anne Armor's first birthday celebration; Anne playing with her friend Sue Boswell and swimming in the pool at the family's summer cabin in Doyle Springs, California.

Elmer von Glahn showing machinery, tractors, and harvesting 1941 .redirect
https://archive.org/details/chi_000045
Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts farmer Elmer von Glahn and the machinery used in his cotton and grain harvesting operation in Corcoran, California.

Doyle 1938 .redirect
https://archive.org/details/chi_000056
Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts the Armor family's trip to their cabin in Doyle Springs, California.

Grain harvest 1943 .redirect
https://archive.org/details/chi_000060
Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts the harvesting of grain on Elmer von Glahn's farm in Corcoran, California.

Family and folks 1938 .redirect
https://archive.org/details/chi_000058
Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts the Armor family at home in Corcoran, California, and a visit to the beach on the Southern California coast with J.G. Boswell's mother and grandmother.

Anne and Bill Armor 1949 .redirect
https://archive.org/details/chi_000048
Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts siblings Anne and Bill Armor playing with friends at their family's home in Corcoran, California, and a visit to Pasadena to view the 1949 Rose Parade.

Bill Armor 1946 .redirect
https://archive.org/details/chi_000042
Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts Bill Armor's first birthday and first haircut; family life in their Corcoran, California home; and a family trip to their cabin in Doyle Springs, California.
Anne and Bill, birthday, Doyle 1947  
Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts siblings Anne and Bill Armor at a birthday party with friends and vacationing at their family's summer cabin in Doyle Springs, California.

Easter 1939
Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts the Armor family's Easter holiday in 1939.

Christmas, La Quinta 1947
Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts the Armor's trip to the La Quinta Resort in La Quinta, California, and Christmas at the Armor family home in Corcoran, California, in 1947.

Anne and Bill Armor, Summer 1948
Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts siblings Anne and Bill Armor through the summer of 1948. In the film Anne and Bill play dress up, celebrate Anne's fifth birthday and Bill's third birthday, attend a wedding where Anne is the flower girl, and celebrate Anne's first day of school.

Elmer von Glahn on Gates Ranch 1944
Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts Elmer von Glahn pumping water, dredging an irrigation ditch and planting seeds on his farm in Corcoran, California.

Anne and Bill 1945
Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts Anne and Bill Armor playing at their home in Corcoran, California, and at the family's summer cabin in Doyle Springs, California.

World's Fair, '39, Rose Bowl, Christmas 1939
Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film includes footage taken at the Golden Gate International Exposition in 1939 in San Francisco, the Rose Bowl Parade and football game in Pasadena, and the Armor family Christmas at their home in Corcoran, California.

Love life and growth of cotton circa 1935-1945
Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts the stages of growth in the life of cotton from the planting of seeds to the harvesting. The cotton was harvested for the J.G. Boswell Company in Corcoran, California.
Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts Anne Armor's baptism and includes footage of Anne as a very young girl at her family's home in Corcoran, California.

Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts newborn Anne Armor's first days upon arrival at the family home in Corcoran, California and her first trip to the family's cabin in Doyle Springs, California.

Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts a drive along Tulare Lake, flocks of pelicans at Tulare Lake, farm scenes and levees in the Central Valley, and flooding at Doyle Springs, California.

Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film contains footage of cotton harvesting, weighing of cotton bales, cattle pens and cattle branding on the Elmer von Glahn farm in Corcoran, California.

Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts siblings Anne and Bill Armor at their family's summer cabin in Doyle Springs, California. Activities include riding ponies, climbing rocks, a barbeque and playing in the Tule River.

Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film includes footage of Tulare Lake, possibly the Kern River, and methods of irrigation for the harvesting of grain in Corcoran, California, by Elmer von Glahn.

Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film includes various scenes filmed in the Central Valley of California including the Kings River, pelicans (possibly at Tulare Lake), and gliders in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada.

Physical Description: Color, film format: 16 mm, silent.
Scope and Contents
Film depicts cotton planting, weeding, picking and mechanical harvesting on Elmer von Glahn's farm in Corcoran, California.