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Abstract: Dr. J. J. (Joseph James) Markey (1897-1985) was a physician and amateur archaeologist and was president of the San Luis Rey Historical Society in 1957. This collection of papers and photographs includes newspaper clippings following Markey’s archaeological exploits, photographs of Markey and other members of the San Luis Rey Historical Society, and artworks created from their findings.
creator: Markey, Joseph James, 1897-1985
creator: San Luis Rey Historical Society
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Biographical Note
Dr. J. J. (Joseph James) Markey (May 31, 1897-December 1985) was a physician who had served in World War I and was an amateur archaeologist. In 1957, Markey was the president of the San Luis Rey Historical Society and gave lectures and led field trips in Southern California. Markey wrote in his biographical history that he directed archaeological expeditions in China, Java, Germany, California, France, England, Morocco, and Tahiti between 1924 and 1955, although he did not hold a degree in archaeological studies.
Scope and contents
This collection includes newspaper clippings of various archaeological exploits of Dr. J. J. Markey in Southern California from 1952-1957, as well as bulletins and field trip announcements from the San Luis Rey Historical Society. Photographs in this collection feature archaeological sites, artifacts, artwork, sculpture, newspaper articles, and people, including Dr. J. J. Markey, painter Eileen Herbster, and sculptor George Stromer. Some photographs feature members of the San Luis Rey Historical Society in a chemistry lab, and other photographs feature society members at archaeological sites with metal detectors. Some of the photographs have “Search for Buried Treasure” written on the verso. Photographs of George Stromer feature him sculpting a human head from a found skull, as well as photographs of the finished sculpture.
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