Finding aid prepared by Anna Liza Posas
Autry National Center, Braun Research Library
234 Museum Drive
Los Angeles, CA, 90065-5030
323-221-2164
room@theautry.org
2013
Title: Joseph Benjamin Colling Papers
Identifier/Call Number: MS.503
Contributing Institution: Autry National Center, Braun Research Library
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.1 Linear feet (4 folders)
Date (inclusive): 1951-1952

Abstract: Joseph Benjamin Colling was an early resident of Los Angeles, California born in 1875 and died sometime after 1952. After 1918 he became a resident of Del Monte, California and worked for Del Monte Hotel specializing in fine printing. This collection consists of correspondence and writings of Joseph Benjamin Colling, created between 1950-1951. His writings, or "reminiscences," describe Colling's time in Los Angeles from 1878-1918. This collection also includes the "reminiscences" of Colling's wife, Aurelia E. Rowland Colling, which describes her experiences in Los Angeles from 1905-1949. Aurelia E. Rowland, was the granddaughter of pioneer John Rowland.

creator: Colling, Aurelia E. Rowland
creator: Colling, Joseph Benjamin, 1875-circa 1952
creator: Foy, Mary Emily, 1862-1962
creator: Hodge, Frederick Webb, 1864-1956

Access
Collection is open for research. Appointments to view materials are required. To make an appointment please visit http://theautry.org/research/research-rules-and-application or contact library staff at rroom@theautry.org.

Acquisition
Donated by Joseph Benjamin Colling and Mary Foy, 1951-1952.

Preferred citation
Jonathan Benjamin Colling Papers, 1951-1952, Braun Research Library Collection, Autry National Center, Los Angeles; MS.503; [folder number] [folder title][date].

Biographical note
Joseph Benjamin Colling was an early resident of Los Angeles, California born in 1875 and died sometime after 1952. After 1918 he became a resident of Del Monte, California and worked for Del Monte Hotel specializing in fine printing. He was the child of Benjamin Colling and Maria Antonio Coronel. Maria Coronel died when her son was about two years old. Joseph Colling's wife, Aurelia E. Rowland, born in 1881. She was the 19th child out of 22 of Thomas Rowland and Zenobia Yorba de Rowland. She was also the granddaughter of pioneer John Rowland. Aurelia married Richard Vejar of Lordsburg in 1905 and they had two sons and a daughter. Vejar passed away in 1937. She married Colling in 1949.

Scope and contents
This collection consists of correspondence and writings of Joseph Benjamin Colling, created between 1950-1951. His writings, or "reminiscences," describe Colling's time in Los Angeles from 1878-1918. This collection also includes the "reminiscences" of Colling's wife, Aurelia E. Rowland Colling, which describes her experiences in Los Angeles from 1905-1949.

Processing history

Use
Copyright has not been assigned to the Autry National Center. All requests for permission to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted in writing to the Autry Archivist. Permission for publication is given on behalf of the Autry National Center as the custodian of the physical items and is not intended to include or imply permission of the copyright holder, which must also be obtained by the reader.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Carbon copies
Correspondence
Los Angeles (Calif.)
Los Angeles County (Calif.)
Finding aid for the Joseph Benjamin Colling Papers MS.503

Folder 1

Reminiscences of Los Angeles 1951-1952
Scope and contents
Typed manuscript that describes Colling’s experiences in Los Angeles, California from 1878-1918. Folder also includes a handwritten letter from Colling to Frederick Webb Hodge, Southwest Museum Director. The letter is dated 1952 November 22.

Folder 2

"Notes on Coronel Home" brochure undated
Scope and contents
Special edition print of brochure provides biographical information about Colling and his grandfather, Don Ignacio F. Coronel. Front page of brochure features block print of the Coronel Home, built in 1842 and located in Los Angeles, California.

Biographical note
Don Ignacio F. Coronel moved to Los Angeles from Mexico City in 1836. From 1838-1942, Coronel served as a school teacher through the recommendation of Governor Pio Pico of California. He retired in 1842 and resumed work in his orange grove of 60 acres of land in Los Angeles, California which he acquired from a Spanish grant. The tract of land bordered on Alameda Street, Central Avenue, 6th Street and 8th Street.

He fathered 15 children. His eldest daughter, Maria Antonia Coronel, was the mother of Joseph Benjamin Colling. Other children of Coronel include Frank Indart and Antonio F. Coronel.

Folder 3

Correspondence with Mary Foy and Frederick Webb Hodge 1951

Letter from Colling to Foy 1951 July 6
Scope and contents
Also includes a note by Foy dated 1951 July 27.

Letter from Hodge to Foy 1951 July 9
Letter from Colling to Hodge 1951 July 12
Letter from Hodge to Colling 1951 July 16
Letter from Colling to Foy 1951 July 31
Letter from Colling to Foy 1951 October 31
Scope and contents
Letter also includes three newspaper clippings that relate to the Rowland family.

Letter from Ella Robinson to Colling 1952 March 26
Biographical/Historical note
Ella Robinson was the Librarian for the Southwest Museum.

Folder 4

Colling Family reminiscences 1951

Joseph Colling family reminiscences 1951 June 19
Scope and contents
This is a 5-page handwritten document by Colling that includes information about the Coronel, Perez, Del Valle, and Cabot families; early schools and jail of Los Angeles; flood of 1849; and Casa Amarilla. The document also mentions local business owners and residents, Mr. and Mrs. Mariekich, Don Marquitos, and the Hellman family.
Aurelia E. Rowland Colling, reminiscences 1951 June 19

Scope and contents
This is a 2-page hand-written document by Aurelia Rowland Colling about her life experiences in Los Angeles, California from 1905-1949. The document also includes information about her parents and grandparents from the the Rowland and Yorba families. Her description also mentions the Sanchez and Hudson families.