Finding Aid to the Inyo County Collection MS.539

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**Title:** Inyo County Collection  
**Identifier/Call Number:** MS.539  
**Contributing Institution:** Autry National Center, Braun Research Library  
**Language of Material:** English  
**Physical Description:** 0.2 Linear feet (1 scrapbook; 2 folders)  
**Date (inclusive):** 1919-1922  
**Abstract:** Scrapbook of articles about Inyo County; letter from John L. Von Blon, a journalist and photographer, to "Bill," regarding publicity for Red Rock Canyon; and copy of article regarding Red Rock Canyon by Von Blon.  
**creator:** Von Blon, John L., 1870-1957  

**Processing history**  
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**Scope and Contents**  
Letter from John L. Von Blon to Bill regarding publicity for Red Rock Canyon; copy of article regarding Red Rock Canyon by Von Blon; and scrapbook of Inyo County articles from 1919-1922.  

**Preferred citation**  
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**Historical note**  
Inyo County is a county on the east side of the Sierra Nevada and southeast of Yosemite National Park in the eastern-central part of the U.S. state of California. Inyo County includes the Owens River Valley; it is flanked to the west by the Sierra Mountains, and to the east by the White Mountains and the Inyo Mountains. Present day Inyo county has been the historic homeland for thousands of years, of the Mono tribe, Coso people, Timbisha and Kawaiisu Native Americans. Inyo County was formed in 1866 from the territory of the unorganized Coso County created on April 4, 1864 from parts of Mono and Tulare Counties. It acquired more territory from Mono County in 1870 and Kern County and San Bernardino County in 1872.  
In order to provide water needs for the growing City of Los Angeles, water was diverted from the Owens River into the Los Angeles Aqueduct in 1913. The Owens River Valley cultures and environments changed substantially. From the 1910s to 1930s, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power purchased much of the valley for water rights and control. In 1941, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power extended the Los Angeles Aqueduct system further upriver into the Mono Basin.  

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**  
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Inyo County (Calif.)  
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Red Rock Canyon (Calif.)  
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