Finding Aid to the Lone Woman of San Nicolas Island Collection MS.661

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Title: Lone Woman of San Nicolas Island Collection
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Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.25 linear feet (1 box)
Date (inclusive): 1899-1950
Abstract: This is a collection of two booklets and many newspaper clippings from 1899-1981 regarding the "Lone Woman" of San Nicholas Island, who was supposedly abandoned and lived alone on a tiny island off the Southern California coast between 1836 and 1853.
creator: Bennett, William C.
creator: Dudley, M. E.
creator: Geiger, Maynard
creator: Hardacre, Emma Chamberlain, 1844-1930
creator: Hudson, Travis
creator: Mathis, S. J.
creator: McAllister, H. E.
creator: Shippey, Lee, 1884-
creator: Tenney, W. A.
Scope and Contents
This is a collection of two booklets and many newspaper clippings from 1899-1981 regarding the "Lone Woman" of San Nicholas Island, who was supposedly abandoned and lived alone on a tiny island off the Southern California coast between 1836 and 1853. One of the booklets is a reprint of an article written by Elizabeth Mason, which originally ran in Scribner's in 1880. Other materials include photocopies of articles, and a reprinted photograph.
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Biographical note
Juana Maria (died 1853, October 18), better known to history as the Lone Woman of San Nicolas Island (her Indian name is unknown), was a Native American woman who was the last surviving member of her tribe, the Nicoleño. She lived alone on San Nicolas Island from 1835 until her discovery in 1853. Scott O’Dell’s award-winning children's novel Island of the Blue Dolphins (1960) was inspired by her story.
Access
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Juana Marie, d. 1853
Booklets
Channel Islands (Calif.)
Clippings
Indians of North America -- California
Nicoleño Indians
Photographs
San Nicolas Island (Calif.) -- History