Documents for the History of the Machado Family and the Rancho la Ballona

1868-1991
Descriptive Summary

Title: Documents for the History of the Machado Family and the Rancho la Ballona
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Creator/Collector: Forsyth, Betty
Extent: 1 oversize archival document box
Repository: Loyola Marymount University, Department of Archives and Special Collections, William H. Hannon Library
Abstract: CSLA-32 consists of materials that Mrs. David S. (Betty) Forsyth collected on the Machado family, whose history in Los Angeles dates to the late 18th century, and on its Rancho La Ballona, which the Mexican government officially granted to the Machados and the Talamantes in 1839.
Language of Material: English

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Biography/Administrative History
The Machado family has a distinguished history in Los Angeles, with a history in that city dating to 1797. In the 1820s, Augustín and Ygnacio Machado settled the Rancho La Ballona area, which served as a cattle ranch. The Mexican government confirmed the Machado ownership of the area through a grant to the family in 1839.

Scope and Content of Collection
CSLA-32 consists of materials related to the family history of the Machados and their possessions, especially the Rancho La Ballona. Betty Forsyth collected them. Genealogical information on the family comes from a report on the family from the San Diego Genealogical Society. Valuable is the photostatic copy of the U. S. government's decision on Machado ownership of the rancho, along with a plat map. There are also records of the suit that John Young brought against Ygnacio Machado over the ownership of the rancho in the 1860s Most of these materials are copies; thus, in the box and folder list, the date given is that for the original source from which the copies were made.

Indexing Terms
Land grants -- California -- Los Angeles County
Ranches -- California -- Los Angeles County
Rancho La Ballona
Machado, Ygnacio (1797-1878)
Machado family
Manuscript maps

Related Collections
Rancho La Ballona Map, CSLA-11
| Box 1ov, Folder 1 | "Machado Family Genealogy. Interim Report by San Diego Genealogical Society" (photocopy). Records and notes re Machado family by Betty Forsyth. Separated from notebook. 1969 |
| Box 1ov, Folder 2 | Photograph, newspaper and journal articles, baptismal records re Machado family genealogy. 1991 |
| Box 1ov, Folder 3 | Presidential confirmation of Machado petition for land grant; plat map re same (photostatic copies made by recorder of County of Los Angeles, 1970). (1 of 3) 1873 |
| Box 1ov, Folder 4 | George Hansen invoice for surveying expenses in case of John D. Young et al. versus Ygnacio Machado; transcription in cursive of settlement of suit between John D. Young et al. versus Ygnacio Machado; reply of lawyers Grey and Britton of Rancho la Ballona re survey of said Rancho (photocopy). (2 of 3) 1868 |
| Box 1ov, Folder 5 | Map of Rancho la Ballona recording division of land among the heirs of Augustín Machado; part of plat map of Rancho Sausal Redondo (photocopy). (3 of 3) 1874, 1876 |