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## Venegas Family Papers

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Venegas Family papers.

**Dates:** 1899-2003

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**Creator:** Miguel Venegas

**Creator:** Dolores Dávalos de Venegas

**Collection Size:** 14 linear feet (20 archival document boxes, 6 oversize boxes, 2 map case folders)

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**Abstract:** The Venegas Family Papers document extensively the history of this family, headed by Dolores (1900-1991) and Miguel Venegas (1897-1994), in Los Angeles and the state of Jalisco, Mexico, through textual and photographic materials, DVDs, and Roman Catholic realia.

**Languages:** Languages represented in the collection: Spanish

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## Venegas Family Biography

This collection documents principally the lives of Miguel and Dolores ("Lola") Venegas, both originally residents of Zapotlanejo, of the state of Jalisco, Mexico, before immigrating to Los Angeles in 1927. Miguel was born to Juan Venegas (1872-1955) and Julia Cárdenas de Venegas (1881-1961) in 1897; Dolores to Silviano Dávalos (1870-1963) and Dolores Morales de Dávalos (1881-1919) in 1900. Miguel was the eldest of eight children, Dolores the second of four.

Miguel's original home was a ranch (Rancho San Roque, Jalisco, Mexico), owned by Miguel's grandfather, Donaciano Venegas. The family eventually moved to Zapotlanejo. Here Juan Venegas opened a bakery—later expanded to a grocery store—where Miguel would eventually work, after first working on the "Hacienda de Colimilla" (by 1914). Following this work for his father in Zapotlanejo, he then managed a general store there.

The family of Dolores Dávalos was prosperous, its financial wellbeing resting on the five haciendas (large landed estates) that her maternal grandfather José María Morales had accumulated. Dolores attended school through the third grade; her future husband, Miguel, made it through the fourth—and final—grade, although he pursued extensive reading on his own after his primary education ended. In 1918, the two became engaged; their marriage followed one year later (1919).

Four sons were born in the first seven years of the marriage: José Miguel (1920-2015); Ricardo (1922-); Guillermo (1924-), and Eduardo (1926-1999). Through ownership of a profitable general store and the inheritance of a ranch (El Ingenio) from Dolores' grandparents, and acquisition of another (El Cerro), the couple prospered.

The Cristero Rebellion (1926-1929), the revolt of Mexican Roman Catholics against the relentlessly anti-clerical policies of the government of president Plutarco Elías Calles, upended the lives of Dolores and Miguel Venegas, devout Roman Catholics. Miguel and brother Alfonso joined the Cristero forces, taking to the countryside with the Cristero armed forces. Alfonso would die in the service of the Cristeros, but Miguel survived, although the suppression of the Cristeros, resulting in their persecution in his home town of Zapotlanejo, would force his and his family's move to the United States for safety. He chose Los Angeles, partly because of the many Cristero refugees from Jalisco there, and arrived in June 1927. His family would join him later that year, in October.

The family settled in the Bunker Hill section of Los Angeles, where in the first three years in Los Angeles, Dolores bore two more children: Juan José (1928-1997) and María Teresa (1930-). In addition, four more children would be born to Dolores and Miguel: Alfonso (1933-1966); José María (1935-); Enrique (1939-); and Carlos (1941-).

To support himself and his family, Miguel first worked as a dishwasher, but using money that Dolores had made from the sale of their cattle in Zapotlanejo, he bought a small store at 805 California Street (the corner of Bunker Hill and California) that came with a house at 419 North Bunker Hill Street and attached garages that were rented out. The store, although hard and time-consuming work for both Dolores and Miguel (it was normally open six and one half days per week), provided for a comfortable living: Miguel could afford to buy a car, for example. Because of his forced move from Zapotlanejo, problems with creditors there over his business and lands still plagued Miguel and proved a consistent concern. The Depression would bring severe financial hardship to the family because business at the store suffered from the inability of clients to pay—a persistent problem throughout the 1930s.

Miguel returned to Mexico in 1932 for a ten day visit, to determine if conditions in Zapotlanejo were favorable for his family's return, which, he decided, were not. Consequently, he returned to Los Angeles that same year, but eight years later Miguel decided to return with his family to Mexico, while retaining his business in Los Angeles, which his sons José Miguel, Ricardo, and Guillermo managed for him. Miguel gave up his rented home at 808 California Street, to which the family had moved after leaving the smaller residence at 419 North Bunker Hill Street. The garages that were part of the store at 805 California were converted to living quarters for the three sons.

Miguel Venegas returned to Los Angeles in December 1941, and the entire family returned in 1942. The converted rooms at the store at 805 California Street provided the initial living quarters, but in 1946, the family moved to 1505 West Temple Street, where Miguel and Dolores would reside until their deaths. That same year Miguel relocated his store to the corner of Grand and Temple streets, which he ran until the late 1940s, when the City of Los Angeles bought the property in that area for the construction of the county and city court buildings.

The family maintained close contacts with relatives in Guadalajara and Zapotlanejo. The trip of José Miguel to Mexico to attend the 1938 meeting of the Asociación Católica de la Juventud Mexicana resulted in a lengthy stay in Guadalajara and Zapotlanejo, which foreshadowed extended family vacations to Mexico to visit family and friends beginning in the mid 1940s.

In the 1940s, Miguel expanded his Los Angeles business ventures by moving into the management and ownership of real estate. This first occurred, circa 1942, when Japanese neighbors asked him to manage their apartment complex (the Elite Apartments) in the Bunker Hill area because of their forced move to internment camps. In either 1943 or 1944 Miguel Venegas bought a Victorian home remodeled into apartments on Flower Street. He continued to acquire and manage property at least until the early 1960s, when it is known that he developed apartments on Court Street in Los Angeles in

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1962.

In World War II, three sons would serve in the armed forces: José Miguel, Ricardo, and Guillermo. Miguel served in the United States Army Air Corps in Europe, flying thirty-three missions as a radio operator on a B-17. Ricardo was a member of the United States Army, serving in Alaska, while Guillermo saw combat in the South Pacific with the United States Army. In the Korean War, Juan José Venegas would earn a Purple Heart.

The family, of course, was active in the Roman Catholic Church, attending mass, at least in the early years in Los Angeles, at "La Placita" (La Iglesia de Nuestra Señora la Reina de Los Angeles or Our Lady Queen of Angels), the Roman Catholic church on the plaza of old Los Angeles and a center for Mexican-American cultural life. Miguel Venegas became active in the Knights of Columbus, eventually reaching the fourth degree. Dolores Venegas' stature in the Mexican-American community was confirmed when she received the honor of "Mexican Mother of the Year" in 1969, the same year that she and Miguel celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with their extended family.

In 1973, Miguel and Dolores began splitting the year between Zapotlanejo and Los Angeles, after building a residence in the former. In Mexico, Miguel devoted his time to charity, funding the construction of a Red Cross hospital in Zapotlanejo and a school in nearby Jocotopec. In recognition of this, a street in Zapotlanejo is named after him.

Dolores Venegas passed away in 1991. Miguel Venegas died in 1994, but not before becoming a citizen of the United States in 1992.

All information in this biography comes from the Venegas Family Papers, Collection 099; or else from Venegas family members, principally Carlos Venegas and Dr. María Teresa Venegas, especially her family history (for which, see Series 1, Subseries A, Box 1, Folder 7).

Dr. María Teresa Venegas published a biography of her parents and study of their correspondence *cum* translation, entitled *Letters Home: Mexican Exile Correspondence from Los Angeles, 1927-1932*.

1897 Miguel Venegas born to Juan and Julia Venegas at Rancho San Roque, state of Jalisco, Mexico.

1900 Dolores Dávalos Morales born to Silviano and Dolores Dávalos in Zapotlanejo, state of Jalisco, Mexico.

1914 By this date, Miguel Venegas is working at Hacienda de Colimilla.

1918 Miguel Venegas moves to Zapotlanejo and works at bakery of father Juan.

1918 Miguel Venegas and Dolores Dávalos begin courtship.

1919 Miguel Venegas and Dolores Dávalos married in Zapotlanejo.

1919(?) - 1921 Miguel Venegas runs a general store and two ranches in Zapotlanejo

1920 José Miguel Venegas, first child of Miguel and Dolores Venegas, born.

1922-1926 Three more sons are born to Miguel and Dolores Venegas: Ricardo (1922-); Guillermo (1924-); and Eduardo (1926-1999).

1926 Cristero Rebellion in Mexico begins. Miguel Venegas and brother Alfonso join Cristeros.

1927 Miguel Venegas immigrates to the United States because of weakening of Cristero Rebellion, and subsequent persecution of Cristeros, choosing Los Angeles. The rest of the family joins him there, that same year, in October.

1927 Using money from sale of cattle by Dolores in Mexico, Miguel Venegas buys store at 805 California Street, with adjoining home, which forms the basis of the family's prosperity.

1928, 1930 The first two Venegas children are born in Los Angeles: Son Juan José born, followed by sister María Teresa two years later.

1932 Miguel Venegas returns to Mexico for the first time since move to Los Angeles.

1933 Son Alfonso born.

1935 Son José María ("Chema") born.

1939 Son Enrique born.

1941 Son Carlos born.

Circa 1942 Miguel Venegas begins managing property in Los Angeles, while retaining property and income from Mexico.

1942-1945 Sons José Miguel, Ricardo, and Guillermo serve in World War II.

1966 Son Alfonso dies.

1969 Miguel and Dolores Venegas celebrate fiftieth wedding anniversary.

1969 Dolores Venegas named Mexican Mother of the Year.

1973 Miguel and Dolores Venegas build home in Zapotlanejo, where they begin to reside for one half of the year.

1985 Red Cross hospital in Zapotlanejo, built with funding from Miguel Venegas, dedicated.

1991 Dolores Venegas dies.

1992 Miguel Venegas becomes a citizen of the United States.

1994 Miguel Venegas dies.

1997 Son Juan José dies.

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- 1999 Son Eduardo dies.
- 2011 Dr. María Teresa Venegas, with brother Carlos, donates Venegas Family Papers to Loyola Marymount University.
- 2012 Dr. María Teresa Venegas' biography of her parents and edition of their correspondence, *Letters Home: Mexican Exile Correspondence from Los Angeles, 1927-1932*, is published.
- 2015 José Miguel, eldest child of Dolores and Miguel Venegas, dies.

### Collection Description

The Venegas Family Papers document extensively the history of this family, headed by Dolores, "Lola" (1900-1991) and Miguel Venegas (1897-1994), in Los Angeles, and in Zapotlanejo and Guadalajara, of the state of Jalisco, Mexico, through textual and photographic materials, DVDs, and Roman Catholic realia. The dates of the material run from 1899 to 2003. Textual materials include newspaper clippings, government birth and immigration records, and anniversary and funeral registers and guest books. Most revealing of the textual materials for the family history and its broader significance is the extensive correspondence, especially that between Miguel and Dolores Venegas and relatives in Guadalajara and Zapotlanejo, in Jalisco, Mexico. The correspondence ranges from the late 1920s through the early 1990s, documenting well Venegas family affairs in both Los Angeles and in Mexico, since Miguel and Dolores and their children maintained extensive contacts with their homeland. Almost all the correspondence is in Spanish, and often colloquial, with irregular orthography, which in itself is noteworthy evidence for Spanish linguistics and levels of literacy in Mexico. Of special interest is the use of the word "chicano"; for example, Miguel Venegas calls his children that in a letter of 30 October 1928 (Series 1, Subseries A, Box 1, Folder 2). Such usages may stand as some of the earliest written instances of this word in the United States.

Especially valuable is the correspondence found in Series 1, Subseries A and Subseries D, which Dr. María Teresa Venegas (1930-), daughter of Dolores and Miguel Venegas, specifically arranged to document family history during its first five years in Los Angeles after moving there to avoid persecution during the Cristero Rebellion. Subseries A consists of a series of letters from Miguel, and occasionally Dolores, sent to Miguel's father and brother Francisco in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. In these letters from 1927 through 1932, Miguel and Dolores describe life for a Mexican immigrant family in Los Angeles, including conditions of work for the Mexican immigrant community, political freedoms in Los Angeles versus those in Mexico, the effects of the Depression, means of success for a Mexican immigrant in Los Angeles, and secular versus Roman Catholic education for their children in Los Angeles. In addition, Miguel Venegas also writes of the Cristero Rebellion, including, for example, his thoughts on persecution of Roman Catholics in Jalisco (Box 1, Folder 2) or the agreement between the government of President Emilio Portes Gil and the Mexican church, headed by Archbishop Leopoldo Ruiz y Flores, to end the rebellion. Responses to these letters from relatives in Guadalajara and Zapotlanejo are found in Subseries D, with notes from Dr. Venegas correlating these letters with those found in Subseries A.

Also valuable witness to Mexican immigrant life in Los Angeles are the letters that José Miguel Venegas (1920-1995), eldest child of Miguel and Dolores Venegas, wrote to relatives in Guadalajara and Zapotlanejo, Mexico, and also which he, while in Mexico, wrote to his family in Los Angeles (Series 1, Subseries E). José Miguel Venegas' letters cover aspects of daily life, including his work to support the family, fluency in English, the well-being of his father's store, Christmas gifts, and, at the request of his uncle Francisco Venegas, an outline of his daily routine. Rich in family sentiment, Miguel's letters also stand as a good source of social history for a Mexican family in Los Angeles.

Other textual materials (Series 2) concern records of the family's immigration, such as the head tax documents of Miguel and Dolores; newspaper clippings, especially concerning Dolores Venegas' award as Mexican Mother of the Year (1969); and a smattering of Miguel Venegas' business records.

The photographs of this collection are also rich for the social life of a Mexican family in Los Angeles. They consist of loose photographs (Series 3) and albums (Series 6). Loose photographs include elegant family group pictures or single portraits, from circa 1900 through the 1960s, of extended Venegas family members in both Mexico and the United States.

Albums document photographically Venegas family life in Los Angeles, including trips to the beach, the family store, school, and family milestones, such as the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Miguel and Dolores Venegas. Furthermore, their home of Zapotlanejo and Guadalajara are not neglected with photographic postcards and photographs dating from the 1930s. Also interesting is a photograph of the funeral in 1936 of Bishop José Francisco Orozco y Jiménez, supporter of Roman Catholic religious rights during the Cristero Rebellion. Whether loose photographs or in albums these photographs, especially those from 1900 to 1950, stand as cultural markers of dress, social status, religious life, and family relations.

The collection is also strong in religious realia associated with Roman Catholic religious practices. A devout Roman Catholic family, the Venegas family owned numerous holy cards, "spiritual bouquets," scalpulars, and religious images, which all document religious piety through their themes and emphases. The realia are found in Series 2 and Series 5. Those clearly associated with a Venegas family member, eg, Dolores Venegas' collection of holy cards, rosaries, crosses, etc. (Box 30v), were placed with the personal papers and possession of the Venegases, while those loose religious realia were placed in Series 5 designed to accommodate such items.

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A relative of Miguel Venegas was María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas ("Madre Nati"); she was also the first female Mexican saint. In Series 6, there is a run of materials related to her beatification (1992) and canonization (2000) collected principally by María Teresa Venegas during family trips to Rome for these occasions. These include photographs of the ceremonies, programs, biographical and religious booklets and pamphlets on the saint. There is also a DVD of the beatification ceremony in Rome for the Mexican martyrs of the Cristero Rebellion.

#### **Arrangement**

The Venegas Family Papers are arranged in the following series and subseries:

Series 1: Correspondence:

- Subseries A: Miguel Venegas and Dolores Venegas, 1927-1932
- Subseries B: General Family Correspondence
- Subseries C: Correspondence of Sor Gabriela de la Inmaculada Concepción and Sor Amada del Niño Jesús
- Subseries D: Correspondence of Juan Venegas and Francisco Venegas
- Subseries E: Correspondence of José Miguel Venegas

Series 2: Family Personal Papers and Realia

Series 3: Photographs

Series 4: María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas Beatification and Canonization Materials

Series 5: Roman Catholic Religious Literature and Realia

Series 6: Albums

#### **Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Venegas, Miguel (1897-1994)

Venegas, Dolores Dávalos de (1900-1991)

Mexican -- California -- History -- 20th century

Mexican Americans -- Social conditions -- 20th century

Mexican Americans -- California -- 20th century

Mexican American Catholics -- California -- Los Angeles -- History

Mexican American Catholics -- California -- Religious Life

Mexican American families -- California -- Los Angeles

Mexico -- Emigration and immigration -- History -- 20th century

California -- Emigration and immigration -- History -- 20th century

Jalisco (Mexico : State) -- Emigration and immigration

Cristero Rebellion, 1926-1929

Catholic Church -- Mexico -- Jalisco (State) -- History -- 20th century

Guadalajara (Mexico)

Zapotlanejo (Mexico)

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Series 1: **Correspondence. 1918-1993**

**Physical Description:** 4 archival document boxes

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**Series 1. Subseries A: Miguel Venegas and Dolores Venegas Correspondence, 1927-1932. 1927-1932**

**Subseries size:** 1 archival document box

**Scope and Content Note**

Dr. María Teresa Venegas, daughter of Dolores ("Lola") and Miguel Venegas, specifically arranged this family correspondence to document her family's history during its first five years in Los Angeles after the family's move here in 1927 to avoid persecution during the Cristero Rebellion in their home state of Jalisco, in Mexico. Subseries A consists of a series of letters from Miguel, and occasionally Dolores, sent to Miguel's father Juan and brother Francisco in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. In these letters from 1927 through 1932, Miguel and Dolores describe life for a Mexican immigrant family in Los Angeles, including the economic challenges and opportunities for the Mexican immigrant community, political freedoms in Los Angeles versus those in Mexico, the effects of the Depression, avenues of success for a Mexican immigrant in Los Angeles, and secular versus Roman Catholic education for their children in Los Angeles.

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Dr. Venegas used these letters to write a family history of her parents, entitled "Letters Home" (Box 1, Folder 7, Series 1, Subseries A). This rough draft contains translations of the letters as well as biographies of her parents.

- Box:Folder 1:1 **To father Juan Venegas re his ability, and that of other Mexicans, to find work in Los Angeles; and the conditions for bringing his family to Los Angeles. 1927 July 12**
- Box:Folder 1:1 **To sister María del Rosario Venegas; comments on refugees from the "reconcentración" in the Los Altos region of Jalisco ordered by the Mexican government. 1927 July 23**
- Box:Folder 1:1 **To father Juan Venegas re refugee from Jalisco discussing his brother Alfonso's fate with the Cristeros; also inquires about settling of accounts for his store. 1927 August 7**
- Box:Folder 1:1 **To mother Julia Cárdenas de Venegas re the coming of his family and father-in-law to Los Angeles. 1927 August 8**
- Box:Folder 1:1 **To father Juan Venegas re settling of business affairs and bankruptcy, and wife Dolores' power of attorney. 1927 August 26**
- Box:Folder 1:1 **To father Juan Venegas re disposition of property and business in Zapotlanejo. 1927 September 7**
- Box:Folder 1:1 **To father Juan Venegas re arrival of wife Dolores Venegas and his family and plan to buy grocery store. 1927 October 3**
- Box:Folder 1:1 **To father Juan Venegas re work and living conditions of his family in Los Angeles, plan for starting own business, and relatives. 1927 October 19**
- Box:Folder 1:1 **To father Juan Venegas re his illness and proposition to buy a grocery store, and the advantages of self-employment over working for a wage. 1927 November 4**
- Box:Folder 1:1 **To father Juan Venegas re proposal to buy a grocery store, possible return of children to Jalisco, and the boys' attendance at parochial school. 1927 November 25**
- Box:Folder 1:1 **To father Juan Venegas re purchase of grocery store at 805 California Street. 1927 November 30**
- Box:Folder 1:1 **To father Juan Venegas re disposition of property in Zapotlanejo, income from his grocery store, and advantages of nephew coming to Los Angeles. 1927 December 22**
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Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re health of family, accident of son José Miguel, and work at store. 1928 January 4</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To father Juan Venegas re prosperity of his store and health of children. 1928 January 19</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re disposition of Miguel's holdings left in Zapotlanejo, and question re Francisco's "meson". 1928 January 25</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re exchange of sewing machines to settle with creditors in Zapotlanejo. 1928 February 1</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re completed exchange of sewing machines, question re father Juan. 1928 February 22</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re lawyers and disposition of store goods in Zapotlanejo, and business conditions in Los Angeles. 1928 March 6</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re trip to San Diego, his fatigue from work at his store, disposition of goods in Zapotlanejo, contact with persons from Jalisco in Southern California, and his desire to return to Jalisco. 1928 March 19</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re their father, visit to open house at new Los Angeles City Hall, and Mrs. Treviño, wife of owner from whom he bought his store. 1928 April 29</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas: addendum information to previous letter. 1928 April 30</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re other letters concerning promissory note for, and disposition of, goods in Zapotlanejo. 1928 May 20</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re nostalgia for Mexico, and benefits of living in Los Angeles versus Mexico. 1928 June 12</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>Dolores Venegas to her mother- in-law Julia Cárdenas de Venegas re her failure to write because of fatigue from work with family and store; children's desire to return home to Jalisco to see their grandparents, and state of family members in Jalisco. 1928 June 25</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re promissory note to pay claims on his property in Zapotlanejo and disposition of goods there. 1928 July 2</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re creditors in Zapotlanejo and books for learning English. 1928 July 16</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To mother Julia Cárdenas de Venegas re birth of son Juan José. 1928 July 29</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re creditors in Zapotlanejo and disposition of his holdings there. 1928 July 31</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re Francisco's service in handling creditors, advice re moving to Los Angeles, including finding work, status of poverty in Mexico versus Los Angeles, prosperity of his Los Angeles store, and means to satisfy creditors in Zapotlanejo. 1928 August 23</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re prosperity of his store, chances of success in moving to Los Angeles, Miguel's purchase of a car and learning to drive, visit to beach at Long Beach, mass with compatriots from Guadalajara at Belvedere section of Los Angeles, and news about sister in San Francisco. 1928 September 7</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re money, roads to San Francisco, and reason for not visiting his sister Sor Gabriela de la Inmaculada Concepción there; and disposal of goods in Jalisco. 1928 October 30</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re disposition of one debt and ongoing problems with other creditors; religious persecution in Jalisco and lack of same in Los Angeles. 1928 November 20</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re disposition of goods (calf, sewing machines) to creditors and failure to receive money from sale of goods. 1928 November 30</b>
Box:Folder 1:2	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re creditors and disposition of goods in Zapotlanejo. 1928 December 30</b>
Box:Folder 1:3	<b>To brother Francisco Venegas re photograph of "Lupita"; reflections on leaving and on his compatriots still in Los Angeles; fate of Alfonso, his brother missing in the Cristero Rebellion; and collection of pesos to be converted into dollars for him. 1929 January 12</b>

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- Box:Folder 1:3 **To brother Francisco Venegas re transfer of money to "Don Macedonio" from his son in Los Angeles; education of his sons in Roman Catholic schools to maintain their faith, despite failure to teach English there. 1929 January 21**
- Box:Folder 1:3 **To brother Francisco Venegas re transfer of money, and arrival of mule trains in "pueblo" (Zapotlanejo?) and the quality of their goods. 1929 February 6**
- Box:Folder 1:3 **To brother Francisco Venegas re family news and health, failure of Anita to hand over to Francisco change from exchange of money between Miguel and "compadre" (godparent?) Federico; payments of Don Silviano Dávalos on land in Jalisco. 1929 April 1**
- Box:Folder 1:3 **To brother Francisco Venegas re possible news about Alfonso and the Cristeros, money that father-in-law Silviano Dávalos had paid, poor health of Dolores and children, and his need to look to God at this time. 1929 May 8**
- Box:Folder 1:3 **To brother Francisco Venegas re transfer of money from Don Silviano Dávalos to Francisco and payment of same to a José Sánchez, possible return to Mexico if Cristero rebellion ends, and improved health of Dolores. 1929 June 10**
- Box:Folder 1:3 **To brother Francisco Venegas re doubts and hopes for an agreement between the Cristeros and the government of Emilio Portes Gil, and concerns that brother Alfonso was executed with Miguel Gómez Losa. 1929 July 17**
- Box:Folder 1:3 **To brother Francisco Venegas re exchange of money between father-in-law Silviano Dávalos and Francisco, effect of immigration law of 1929 on Mexican population, and condition of Mexican community in Los Angeles: including religious freedom, treatment by police. 1929 July 23**
- Box:Folder 1:3 **To brother Francisco Venegas re houses, creditors, and land in Zapotlanejo, and situation of Cristeros there. 1929 August 13**
- Box:Folder 1:3 **To father Juan Venegas re national elections in Mexico; disposition of his lands in Jalisco and possible person to rent them. 1929 September 20**
- Box:Folder 1:3 **To father Juan Venegas re renting lands to an uncle, father's new house, move of niece (daughter of Alfonso) to his father's house, mercantile business and interaction with proxy. 1929 October 28**
- Box:Folder 1:3 **To brother Francisco Venegas re gift for Miguel on his feast day from his mother; payment to creditors by goods Anita left with Francisco; views on situation at home, including education and hatreds there; and possible return home to Jalisco. 1929 October 31**
- Box:Folder 1:3 **To father Juan Venegas re avoidance of Venegas family of disease in Jalisco, lack of justice from the National Revolutionary Party there and its influence on expatriates' return to Jalisco, work and social charity in Los Angeles, education of children in Roman Catholic schools in Los Angeles, his moral status as the eldest child. 1929 November 20**
- Box:Folder 1:3 **Partial letter from Miguel re financial matters in Jalisco. Perhaps 1929**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To father Juan Venegas re three years spent in Los Angeles, reasons for leaving Jalisco still there, children's desire to return to Jalisco, and his desire to see his father. 1930 January 1**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To brother Francisco Venegas re his and Dolores' failure to write because of business and family matters, fear of Mexican government that prevents return home, sale of houses to pay debts, failure to write priest or creditors, differences in elections between Mexico and the United States, business opportunities in Guadalajara, especially buses and cars. 1930 January 2**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To brother Francisco Venegas re recovery and sale of houses in Zapotlanejo to satisfy creditors (Mercantil Company), stability of Zapotlanejo under new president (Pascual Ortiz Rubio?), Francisco's business, Francisco's purchase of land and Miguel's ability to do the same in Los Angeles, and questions re family acquaintances in Guadalajara. 1930 January 30**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To brother Francisco Venegas re photographs sent to relatives in Mexico; sale of goods to pay "Bacilio" and terms for paying interest; regrets that Lucita is no longer with the family; and advice that Don Nacho should come to the United States. 1930 February 25**
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- Box:Folder 1:4 **To father Juan Venegas re conditions of depression, advantages of knowing English before coming to Los Angeles, political oppression in Mexico versus political freedom in Los Angeles, possible return to Jalisco in two years, dilemma posed by debts. 1930 March 6**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To brother Francisco Venegas re good fortune of his family and Francisco's. 1930 April 11**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **Dolores Venegas to mother-in-law Julia Cárdenas de Venegas re remembrance on her feast day, death of Doña María and communion for same, personalities of her boys, and desire for her father to come to Los Angeles. 1930 April 13**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To father Juan Venegas re economic conditions in Jalisco, possible harassment because of immigrant status. 1930 April 24**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To father Juan Venegas re rental of land in Zapotlanejo, acknowledgement of sale of goods, and passing on message to one Trinio Alvarez. 1930 May 21**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To father Juan Venegas re desire to return to Jalisco, his sons' lack of exposure to a "Mexican education," possible purchase of a lot, economic plight of Mexican workers in Los Angeles. 1930 June 21**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To father Juan Venegas re rental of ranch lands at Zapotlanejo and market value of seeds. 1930 July 1**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To sister María del Rosario Venegas re his yearning for his family in Jalisco and the suffering of his parents. 1930 July 11**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To father Juan Venegas re rental of lands and renter's pasturing of livestock on them and impressions of fairness of President Pascual Ortiz Rubio. 1930 August 10**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To father Juan Venegas re desire to know about political situation in Mexico and sale of houses in Zapotlanejo(?). 1930 August 28**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To father Juan Venegas re rental of lands in Zapotlanejo and subsequent problems with persons there, the state of his business in Los Angeles and stable condition of his and his family's life, and family ties now the major reason for a return to Mexico. 1930 September 11**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To brother Francisco Venegas re gift for his feast day and birthday, the feast day and birthday of his brother, and sadness about being absent from relatives. 1930 October 4**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To father Juan Venegas re continued pressure from debtors; dismissal of idea of returning to Zapotlanejo because of need for politics to change there, correspondence with family in Mexico City, Guadalajara, and Zapotlanejo; and monetary requirements for immigrating to the United States and hard working conditions for laborers here; and poor business at his store. 1930 October 21**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To brother Francisco Venegas re exchange of mail and remembrance of brother (Alfonso?) during the month of November (which is liturgically dedicated to those in Purgatory). 1930 November 3**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To parents Juan and Julia Venegas re birth of daughter María Teresa, problems with person renting ranch lands, and their failure to write. 1930 November 11**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To father Juan Venegas re his failure to write. 1930 November 18**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To father Juan Venegas re money from land and his willingness to follow his father's instructions about this, news about political and economic conditions in Jalisco. 1930 December 1**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **To brother Francisco Venegas re birth of daughter María Teresa, his and his brother Francisco's illness, delivery of document, and Francisco's possible trip to Los Angeles. 1930 December 1**
- Box:Folder 1:4 **Letter from Felipe R. Jiménez of Zapotlanejo, Jalisco, Mexico to Miguel Venegas re sowing of land and disposition of money from pastureland. 1930 October 19**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **To brother Francisco Venegas re high unemployment, poor business at his store because of departure and unemployment of Mexican customers, purchase on credit of appliances and car, deterioration of his property in, and possible return to, Mexico. 1931 January 29**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **To father Juan Venegas re business advice, worsening economic conditions, fear of Mexican residents of deportation, bad checks passed at store, and possibility of return to Mexico. 1931 February 17**
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- Box:Folder 1:5 **To brother Francisco Venegas re problems with collecting debts from customers, family diet and subsequent improved health, economic conditions in Mexico versus Los Angeles. 1931 March 14**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **To brother Francisco Venegas re smallness of size of letters in this letter because of need to economize on paper, family news, sons' lagging ability in Spanish, and Francisco's salary in Mexico. 1931 March 21**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **To father Juan Venegas re his (Miguel's) illness and that of two of his sons, possible visit to Baja California to investigate agricultural project there, and slow business. 1931 April 10**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **To brother Francisco Venegas re poor health of himself and his son Guillermo (possible tuberculosis), sister Soledad, Miguel's houses in Zapotlanjo(?), and establishment of Francisco's business. 1931 April 14**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **To father Juan Venegas re debts to "Favier gentlemen," health of Juan and Julia Venegas, health of Guillermo. 1931 April 22**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **To father Juan Venegas re establishment of a business with Francisco, problems with creditors in Los Angeles and Mexico. 1931 May 20**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **To brother Francisco Venegas re sale of houses in Zapotlanejo(?), opinion on planned business of father Juan and Francisco, and the latter's possible marriage. 1931 May 23**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **To brother Francisco Venegas re tangled problems with creditors. 1931 June 1**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **To father Juan Venegas re family's congratulations to Juan on his feast day, inquiry about economic conditions in Mexico in light of possible return, possible worth of exchange of houses in Los Angeles for ranch in Jalisco, failure to receive rent from tenant on ranch in Jalisco. 1931 June 24**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **Dolores Venegas to father-in-law Juan Venegas re family matters and lack of correspondence. 1931 July 27**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **To father Juan Venegas re value of dollar in Jalisco, money sent to father from Dolores Venegas for return home. 1931 August 11**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **To father Juan Venegas re operation of son Eduardo from bean stuck in his throat. 1931 August 12**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **To father Juan Venegas re recovery of son Eduardo from operation for bean stuck in his throat. 1931 August 14**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **To father Juan Venegas re son Eduardo's recovery, lack of communication with sister Soledad Venegas (Chole), lack of income from store, failure to exchange houses for ranch, questions about political conditions in Jalisco, and Dolores Venegas' loss of weight from worries and lack of contact with her father. 1931 September 21**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **To brother Francisco Venegas re congratulations on feast day. 1931 October 4**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **To brother Francisco Venegas re mother's health, possible visit to Zapotlanejo, success of Francisco's business, Silviano Dávalos' purchase of Miguel's houses in Zapotlanejo. 1931 October 10**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **To father Juan Venegas re sister María del Rosario's (Chayo) decision to join a religious order, issue with the "Cambero's ladies". 1931 December 8**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **To father Juan Venegas re the return and needs of a "Mr. Venegas" (Miguel Venegas?) to Guadalajara, value of the dollar, poor health of his family, "Americans" begging on the streets of Los Angeles and use of relief at Our Lady Church of Los Angeles. 1931 December 11**
- Box:Folder 1:5 **Dolores Venegas to father-in-law Juan Venegas re operation of family store, success of Juan's business, her children, and thoughts on Soledad, her children. 1931 December 22**
- Box:Folder 1:6 **To brother Francisco Venegas re "project" (business?) and health. 1932 January 10**
- Box:Folder 1:6 **To father Juan Venegas re health of family in Guadalajara. 1932 February**
- Box:Folder 1:6 **Dolores to her father-in-law Juan Venegas re her poor letter writing, possible scenarios for return of her family to Mexico, family health, her severe toothache, robbery of family store. 1932 February 11**
- Box:Folder 1:6 **To brother Francisco Venegas re family health in Mexico and Los Angeles, and cash reserve of Miguel. 1932 March 9**
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Box:Folder 1:6	<b>To father Juan Venegas re arrival of sister María del Rosario (Chayo) Venegas in Los Angeles and continued journey to San Francisco. 1932 April 9</b>
Box:Folder 1:6	<b>To father Juan Venegas re family health, success of Juan's business, and political climate in Guadalajara. 1932 April 22</b>
Box:Folder 1:7	<b>"Letters Home." Translation of Miguel and Dolores Venegas letters in this series and their biography by daughter, Dr. María Teresa Venegas. 2012</b>

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Series 1. Subseries B: **General Correspondence. 1916-1993**

**Physical Description:** 3 archival document boxes

**Scope and Content Note**

Series 1, Subseries B, consists of incoming and outgoing correspondence from Venegas family members to Miguel (1897- 1994) and Dolores Venegas (1900-1991). This correspondence in general was loose or in bundles, most likely arranged that way either by Dolores or Miguel Venegas. In contrast, for example, Dr. María Teresa Venegas, daughter of Miguel and Dolores, gathered and organized the correspondence now found in Subseries A of this series (" Miguel Venegas and Dolores Venegas Correspondence, 1927-1932") specifically for her family history.

Almost all the correspondence is in Spanish and is arranged in chronological order. There are strong runs of incoming correspondence from Juan (d. 1955; father of Miguel) and Francisco Venegas (brother of Miguel; dates unknown) from the 1930s through the 1950s. This correspondence principally documents family business concerns in Guadalajara and Zapotlanejo, Jalisco, Mexico, such as development and rental of a ranch/farm and exchanges of money, as well as other matters such as family health. Dolores ("Lola") Venegas received numerous letters from her sister Ana María Dávalos de Martínez and sister-in-law Mercedes Gutierrez de Dávalos, which touch on family concerns and issues of importance in Guadalajara, eg, killings at a protest in Guadalajara against socialist education (Box 2, Folder 2; 3 March 1935). There are incoming letters from Venegas children to their parents, Dolores and Miguel, when the former were staying with relatives in Guadalajara and Zapotlanejo. One letter, from father Silvano Dávalos (dates unknown) to daughter Dolores, touches on the "reconcentración," the forced relocation of residents of Jalisco by the Mexican government during the Cristero Rebellion (Box 2, Folder 1; January 1928).

For Miguel Venegas, Box 4, Folder 4, contains files with his business and personal correspondence. There are also numerous cards for the christenings, graduations, and weddings of friends and family members of Miguel and Dolores Venegas (Box 3, *passim*). In general, this subseries, as is true of most of the Venegas family correspondence, contains rich information on the social, religious, and economic lives of the Mexican community in Los Angeles and also, in this subseries, life in Jalisco.

Box:Folder 2:1	<b>Letters of condolence to Dolores Dávalos (Venegas) re the death of her mother. Letters of courtship from Miguel Venegas to Dolores Dávalos (Venegas). 1918, undated</b>
Box:Folder 2:1	<b>Silviano Dávalos (father) to Dolores Venegas re "reconcentración" in Guadalajara area, health of her son José Miguel, receipt of money mailed to her, payment for firewood. 1928 January</b>
Box:Folder 2:1	<b>Ana María Dávalos de Martínez (sister) to Dolores Venegas re her health and medical care, Vicente's arrest while serenading, health of nephew Miguel. 1928 March 3</b>
Box:Folder 2:2	<b>Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re his and Francisco's poor health, marriage of brother Agustín, persecution of "Cristeros," distribution of money sent to him. 1935 February 3</b>
Box:Folder 2:2	<b>Agustín Venegas (brother) to Francisco Venegas ("Pancho," in Los Angeles) re visit of President Lázaro Cárdenas del Río and other dignitaries to Guadalajara and speeches re conflict in Jalisco, discussion of relatives in employment of store. 1935 July 29</b>

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- Box:Folder 2:2 **Agustín Venegas (brother) to Francisco Venegas ("Pancho," in Los Angeles) re sending of medicine charged to brother Miguel's account, salutations from friends. 1935 July 22**
- Box:Folder 2:2 **Mercedes Gutierrez de Dávalos (sister-in-law) to Dolores Venegas re health of relatives, killings in Guadalajara at a protest related to socialist education. 1935 March 3**
- Box:Folder 2:2 **Ana María Dávalos de Martínez (sister) to Dolores Venegas re family health. 1935 April 1**
- Box:Folder 2:2 **Guadalupe Ruiz de Venegas (sister?) to Miguel Venegas re family and promise to build a church to the Virgin if local affairs (politics?) are resolved. 1935 April 12**
- Box:Folder 2:2 **Mercedes Gutierrez de Dávalos (sister) to Dolores Venegas re family and upcoming visit of Dolores. 1935 April 28**
- Box:Folder 2:3 **Guadalupe Ruiz de Venegas (sister-in-law?) to Dolores Venegas re her move, family illness, cooking of food, asthma of mother. 1936 January 21**
- Box:Folder 2:3 **Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re improved health of mother, state of a loan, agreement with Miguel's return to Jalisco, delivery of medicine via persons in Los Angeles returning to Jalisco. 1936 January 22**
- Box:Folder 2:3 **Guadalupe Ruiz de Venegas (sister-in-law?) to Dolores Venegas re trip to Jalisco, family visits, meals, purchase of medicine, mass; letter to nephew Juan. 1936 June 24**
- Box:Folder 2:3 **Guadalupe Ruiz de Venegas (sister-in-law?) to Dolores Venegas re their relationship, meals, sales at Francisco's store, and general family matters. 1936 December 21**
- Box:Folder 2:4 **Guadalupe Ruiz de Venegas (sister-in-law?) to Dolores Venegas re her illness and others, strike in Guadalajara, sadness over death of acquaintance, visitors or tenants at a house. 1937 February**
- Box:Folder 2:4 **María Guadalupe Venegas (sister) to Miguel Venegas re poor health of mother, desire to visit Miguel to see children. 1937 March 17**
- Box:Folder 2:4 **Julia Cárdenas de Venegas (mother-in-law) to Dolores Venegas re accident, roles as godparents, and description of grandchildren. 1937 March 17**
- Box:Folder 2:4 **Miguel Venegas (father), writing from Jalisco, to Juan Venegas (son) re tax on store under his name, salutations to family. 1937 October 22**
- Box:Folder 2:5 **José Miguel Venegas to Richard Venegas (brother, in Los Angeles) re family affairs and family store. 1938 September 30(?)**
- Box:Folder 2:5 **Agustín Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re family health, Eucharistic congress in Guadalajara unopposed by authorities, state of his business. 1938 June 22**
- Box:Folder 2:5 **Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re store sales, radio advertising, cousin's payments of debt, Miguel's account with Francisco, business of brother Agustín, health of mother. 1938 February 20**
- Box:Folder 2:5 **Guadalupe Ruiz de Venegas (sister-in-law?) to Dolores Venegas re poor family health. 1938 February 2**
- Box:Folder 2:5 **Guadalupe Ruiz de Venegas (sister-in-law) to Dolores Venegas re nanny, meals, news about acquaintances, family health. 1938 February 3**
- Box:Folder 2:5 **Guadalupe Ruiz de Venegas (sister-in-law) to Dolores Venegas re nephew José Miguel's visit, family's health and medical treatments, business with store, and family baptisms. 1938 August 16**
- Box:Folder 2:5 **Agustín Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re family news and health, possibility of new world war. 1938 September 14**
- Box:Folder 2:5 **José Miguel Venegas (son, in Guadalajara) to father Miguel re salutations on his father's feast day, including mass and communion. 1938 September 28**
- Box:Folder 2:5 **Silviano Dávalos (father) to Dolores Venegas re family news, death of Uncle Felipe, and offering of salutations to person from Guadalajara in Los Angeles. 1938 December 6**
- Box:Folder 2:5 **Mercedes Gutierrez de Dávalos (sister-in-law) to Dolores Venegas re son José Miguel in Zapotlanejo, death of Uncle Felipe and other family news. 1938 December 7**
- Box:Folder 2:6 **Estela Cervantes (cousin) to Miguel Venegas: general salutations. 1939 January 23**
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- Box:Folder 2:6 **Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re sales at store, family news, birth of Agustín Venegas' daughter, building of church in Guadalajara. 1939 February 5**
- Box:Folder 2:6 **Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel re Miguel's business affairs in Guadalajara, local politics, state of commerce, truck transportation lines, and rental houses. 1939 August 29**
- Box:Folder 2:6 **Miguel and Dolores Venegas to their sons in Los Angeles re their trip to Mazatlan and business in Los Angeles 1940 February 17**
- Box:Folder 2:6 **Juan Venegas (son of Dolores and Miguel Venegas), in Guadalajara to family members; Dolores Venegas postscript. Miguel Venegas, in Guadalajara, to son José Miguel, in Los Angeles. 1940 October 4. 1940 September 24**
- Box:Folder 2:7 **Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re receipt of check, illness of Enrique, contact with other sons. 1943 June 2**
- Box:Folder 2:7 **Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re receipt of check, status of Enrique, other correspondence. 1943 July 12**
- Box:Folder 2:7 **Guadalupe Ruiz de Venegas (sister-in-law) to Dolores Venegas re recent marriage, status of "el gordo," coat from Dolores, possible visit or return. 1943 September 17**
- Box:Folder 2:7 **Ricardo Venegas (son) to Dolores Venegas re receipt of recent letter, weather at new military post. 1943 December 9**
- Box:Folder 2:7 **Guadalupe Ruiz de Venegas (sister-in-law) to Dolores Venegas re pleasure over receipt of recent letters, her diet, concerns over nephews in military service, general family news, news about local people, including departures for the United States. 1943 December 16; 1944 January 13. Letter begun 16 December, finished 13 January**
- Box:Folder 2:8 **Guadalupe Ruiz de Venegas (sister-in-law) to Dolores Venegas re trip, Miguel's failure to arrive, general family matters, coal shortages. 1944 February 8, 14. NOTE: Letter begun on 8 February, finished on 14 February**
- Box:Folder 2:8 **Guadalupe Ruiz de Venegas (sister-in-law) to Dolores Venegas re gasoline shortage, arrival of Dolores' son, gifts. 1944 May 11**
- Box:Folder 2:8 **Guadalupe Ruiz de Venegas (sister-in-law) to Dolores Venegas and Miguel re silver anniversary, parish feasts for Lino Aguirre (bishop of Sinaloa), furniture shopping, telephone employees strike. 1944 March 13**
- Box:Folder 2:8 **Miguel Venegas (husband) to Dolores Venegas (in Guadalajara) re his activities (including description of meals), salutations from friends. 1944 November 7**
- Box:Folder 2:8 **Dolores Venegas (in Zacatecas) to Miguel Venegas (husband) re her weight gain, lament over sons' lack of communication, activities, including a trip to the movies. 1944 December 6**
- Box:Folder 2:9 **Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re prospective buyer for farmland. 1947 December**
- Box:Folder 2:9 **Guadalupe Venegas (sister-in-law) to Dolores Venegas re family news, request for Dolores to bring her clothing. 1946 August 24**
- Box:Folder 2:9 **Francisco Venegas (brother-in-law) to Dolores Venegas re salutations on her feast day, Miguel's possible trip to Guadalajara, Alicia's operation for appendicitis. 1945 March 20**
- Box:Folder 2:9 **Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re poor health of parents and brother, rental payment for land from Uncle Jesús Venegas, Miguel's possible trip. 1947 December 27**
- Box:Folder 2:9 **Francisco Venegas (brother and brother-in-law) to Dolores and Miguel Venegas re feast day parade in Zapotlanejo, visit with friends. 1947 October 17**
- Box:Folder 2:9 **Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re purchase of new car, poor health of parents, trip to Acapulco. 1947 September 25**
- Box:Folder 2:10 **Receipt for check from Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel. 1948 May 25**
- Box:Folder 2:10 **Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re move to new housing and need for money from Miguel, news about farmland. 1948 July**
- Box:Folder 2:10 **Juan Venegas (father) to Sor Amada Del Niño Jesus (María Del Rosario Venegas) re family matters, including baptism of grandchild and visit of Dolores and Miguel Venegas. Poems of Juan Venegas (photocopies). 1948 April 23**
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Box:Folder 2:10	<b>Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re payment of Jesús Venegas for plot of land (terreno). 1948 January or February</b>
Box:Folder 2:10	<b>Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re mother's poor health, brother Agustín's move, father's move, money in bank, trip to mass and football match. 1948 October 17</b>
Box:Folder 2:10	<b>Agustín Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re loan for conversion of a plot of land (lote). 1948 December 28</b>
Box:Folder 2:10	<b>Guadalupe Ruiz de Venegas (sister-in-law) to Dolores Venegas re happiness over upcoming visit, health of Dolores' son, general family news. 1948 January 16</b>
Box:Folder 2:10	<b>Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re difficulties of money transfers to Miguel because of lack of a fixed exchange rate at local bank. 1948 July 31</b>
Box:Folder 2:10	<b>Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re Jesús Venegas and construction of house and seed and livestock for Jesús. 1948 September 3</b>
Box:Folder 2:10	<b>Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re Uncle Jesús Venegas and payment regarding land and use of land. 1948 (?) February 26</b>
Box:Folder 2:10	<b>Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re Jesús Venegas and development of land, crop yields, and Miguel Venegas possible purchase of land. 1948 July 10</b>
Box:Folder 2:10	<b>Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re new tax law on imports, possible trip for marriage of "Lalo". 1948 February 11</b>
Box:Folder 2:10	<b>Efran and Josefina (no last name) to Dolores and Miguel Venegas re invitation to Eduardo's wedding, invitation to stay with this couple. 1948 May 4</b>
Box:Folder 2:10	<b>Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re Jesús Venegas and ownership and management of rancho and Eduardo's sale of a house. 1948 February 19</b>
Box:Folder 2:10	<b>Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re money and bank, and payment on house. 1948 August 30</b>
Box:Folder 2:10	<b>Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re need for harvest and transfer of money to Eduardo, work related projects. 1948 November 18</b>
Box:Folder 2:11	<b>Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re sale and rental of property and Miguel's request for money for his new house. 1949 January 19</b>
Box:Folder 2:11	<b>Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re the ranch and lack of money for same, arrangement with Jesús Venegas re seed, ideas on developing property, including using a tractor. 1949 November 8</b>
Box:Folder 2:11	<b>Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re clearing of land for farming, Jesús Venegas crop payment. 1949 July 2</b>
Box:Folder 2:11	<b>Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re rental agreement with shoe store and sale of property. 1949 January 29</b>
Box:Folder 2:11	<b>Eduardo Venegas (son) to Miguel Venegas re trip to Ensenada, teaching classes in English, family greetings. 1949 August 11</b>
Box:Folder 2:11	<b>Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re upcoming trip to Mexico, planting fields with corn, possible purchase of two oxen, future plans for fields. 1949 August</b>
Box:Folder 2:11	<b>Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re check. 1949 February 22</b>
Box:Folder 2:11	<b>Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re family health, check deposited for upcoming visit, loss of employees at store. 1949 February 22</b>
Box:Folder 2:12	<b>Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re health of mother, harvest, enclosure of lands, planting of fields, sale of lands. 1950?</b>
Box:Folder 2:12	<b>Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re his and mother's poor health, yield of recent harvest, work on rancho, including construction of a small house and a garden. 1950 January 8</b>
Box:Folder 2:12	<b>Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re arrangements with tenants on farmland, corn harvest, harvest yields, problems with water, possible purchase of oxen, birth of Miguel's sister's child. 1950 January 31</b>
Box:Folder 2:12	<b>Guadalupe Ruiz de Venegas (sister-in-law) to Dolores Venegas re health, family news, possible vacation to the sea. 1950 March 29</b>
Box:Folder 2:12	<b>Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re family health, rental of farmland, lack of money from Miguel for farm, raising money for farmland improvements. 1950 April 3</b>

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Box:Folder 2:12	<b>Eduardo Venegas (son, in Guadalajara) to Miguel Venegas re mother's poor health, shortage of shoes because of export of hides, English classes. 1950 February 6</b>
Box:Folder 2:13	<b>Incoming correspondence from relatives and immediate family members of Miguel and Dolores Venegas. 1939, 1952-1969</b>
Box:Folder 2:13	<b>Silviano Dávalos (father) to Dolores Venegas re inheritance. 1957 February 6</b>
Box:Folder 2:13	<b>Silviano Dávalos (father) to Dolores Venegas re inheritance. 1957 April 16</b>
Box:Folder 2:14	<b>Letters of sons of Miguel Venegas to relatives (photocopies); with translations. From folder entitled "Letters from The Boys 1931- 1928-1931". 1928-1931 (dates of originals)</b>
Box:Folder 2:15	<b>Incoming correspondence from friends and relatives to Miguel and Dolores Venegas; includes Dolores Venegas stay in Guadalajara. 1960-1976 (dates broken)</b>
Box:Folder 2:16	<b>Incoming correspondence to Miguel and Dolores Venegas during stay in Zapotlanejo. 1980-1982</b>
Box:Folder 2:17	<b>Incoming correspondence to Miguel and Dolores Venegas from Guadalajara, including work with Cruz Roja (Red Cross). 1986-1987</b>
Box:Folder 2:18	<b>Incoming correspondence from friends and relatives to Miguel and Dolores Venegas. 1956-1972, 1988-1993</b>
Box:Folder 2:19	<b>Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re health and money. From envelope entitled "Ultimas cartas de mi padre el Sr. Juan Venegas" (Last letters of my father, Mr. Juan Venegas). 1955</b>
Box:Folder 2:19	<b>Incoming correspondence from Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re poor health and business matters. From envelope entitled "Ultimas cartas de mi padre el Sr. Juan Venegas Nov 20-1955". 1955</b>
Box:Folder 2:20	<b>Incoming correspondence, with receipts re Miguel Venegas donations to Roja Cruz (Red Cross) of Zapotlanejo, Fundación Manuel Ascensio, Hospital Sagrado Corazón. 1970-1993 (dates broken)</b>
Box:Folder 2:21	<b>Incoming correspondence and receipts re Miguel Venegas donations to Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Fundación Manuel Ascensio, Roja Cruz (Red Cross) of Zapotlanejo (includes building diagram and promotional flyer). 1956-1990 (dates broken)</b>
Box:Folder 3:1	<b>Holiday, saints' days, and birthday cards for Dolores and Miguel Venegas. 1949-1984 (dates broken)</b>
Box:Folder 3:2	<b>Graduation announcements to Dolores and Miguel Venegas; invitations to ordinations and consecrations of churches in Mexico. 1948-1987 (dates broken)</b>
Box:Folder 3:3	<b>Wedding invitations, both from Mexico and the United States, to and by Dolores and Miguel Venegas. 1932-1985 (dates broken)</b>
Box:Folder 3:4	<b>Birth and christening announcements, from Mexico and the United States, to Dolores and Miguel Venegas. 1943-1986 (dates broken)</b>
Box:Folder 3:5	<b>Invitations and congratulatory cards re anniversaries of Dolores and Miguel Venegas, and others. 1969-1986 (dates broken)</b>
Box:Folder 3:6	<b>Postcards from family members and friends to Dolores and Miguel Venegas. 1916-1984 (dates broken)</b>
Box:Folder 4:1	<b>Statements re payment of rent for Miguel Venegas property in Zapotlanejo. Correspondence and report re school funded by Miguel Venegas. Thank you letter to Miguel Venegas re donation to home for girls. List of letters from Mexico (by date and number). 1987-1989</b>
Box:Folder 4:2	<b>Get-well cards and notes to Dolores Venegas re hospitalization. 1973</b>
Box:Folder 4:3	<b>Incoming correspondence to Dolores Venegas from Miguel Venegas re his trip to Europe. 1970</b>
Box:Folder 4:4	<b>"Lincoln File" container with business and personal correspondence of Miguel Venegas and invoices and receipts. 1958-1978 (dates broken)</b>

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Series 1. Subseries C: **Correspondence of Sor Gabriela de la Inmaculada Concepción and Sor Amada del Niño Jesús. 1923-1948**

**Physical Description:** 8 folders

**Scope and Content Note**

Subseries C contains the letters (in Spanish) of Sor Gabriela de la Inmaculada Concepción (Soledad Venegas, "Chole"; dates unknown) and Sor Amada del Niño Jesús (María del Rosario Venegas, "Chayo"; d. 2012), sisters of Miguel Venegas. Copies of the originals are employed for research use because of the fragility of the originals, except for Box 4, Folder 12, which contains original photocopies.

The majority of the letters were to their parents Juan and Julia Venegas, and treat the trip of the two sisters to, and then their state of life in, the convent of the Monastery of Perpetual Adoration in San Francisco, California, where their order (Sisters of Perpetual Adoration) took up residence because of the Cristero Rebellion. This subseries also holds two letters of Sor Amada as María del Rosario Venegas before she took religious vows (Box 4, Folder 7); one treats her trip to the convent in San Francisco, where she took up the religious life. The letters provide striking examples of the religious sentiments of these two Mexican religious before and after the assumption of the religious state.

Also present in this subseries are original photocopies of letters in Box 4, Folder 12, from their brother Francisco (dates unknown) to Miguel Venegas (1897-1994), which concern family matters and business. These photocopies are difficult to read. There is also one letter from a female religious to Juan Venegas (Box 4, Folder 5). These were all included in this subseries to maintain original order.

All correspondence in this subseries, except for the photocopies in folder 12, is arranged by year, and come from a notebook entitled "Letters from Aunts and Bros. 1927-1948." Based on the style of handwriting, the niece of these two religious (Dr. María Teresa Venegas) probably assembled the notebook; the order has been maintained. The dates found on the title of the notebook do not correspond to those of the letters themselves.

Box:Folder 4:5

**Letter to Juan Venegas from female religious re donation of foodstuffs. 1923**

Box:Folder 4:5

**Sor Gabriela de la Inmaculada Concepción correspondence with parents Juan and Julia Venegas re persecution of Roman Catholics in Mexico and her condition. 1926, 1927**

Box:Folder 4:6

**Sor Gabriela de la Inmaculada Concepción (in San Diego, California, convent) correspondence with parents Juan and Julia Venegas re visit of Dolores and Miguel Venegas, fate of brother Alfonso, and general religious sentiments. 1928**

Box:Folder 4:7

**Sor Gabriela de la Inmaculada Concepción (from San Francisco, California, convent) correspondence with parents Juan and Julia Venegas, and brother Francisco re fate of brother Alfonso, and her taking of perpetual vows. 1928, 1929**

Box:Folder 4:7

**María del Rosario Venegas correspondence to Juan and Julia Venegas re trip to San Francisco to join convent of her sister Sor Gabriela, including visit with brother Miguel Venegas. probably 1929**

Box:Folder 4:8

**Sor Gabriela de la Inmaculada Concepción (from San Francisco, California, convent) correspondence with parents Juan and Julia Venegas re religious sentiments, influence of life in United States on Roman Catholic faith of Miguel Venegas and children, and sister-in-law, María Refugio, wife of Alfonso Venegas, and her daughter. 1930**

Box:Folder 4:9

**Sor Gabriela de la Inmaculada Concepción (from San Francisco, California, convent) correspondence with parents Juan and Julia Venegas and sister Guadalupe re religious freedom in the United States, lifting of persecution of Roman Catholics in Mexico, and possible return of Miguel Venegas to Mexico. 1931**

Box:Folder 4:10

**Sor Gabriela de la Inmaculada Concepción (from San Francisco, California, convent) correspondence with parents Juan and Julia Venegas re religious freedom in United States and arrival of sister Rosario at convent. 1932**

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| Box:Folder 4:11 | <b>Sor Amada del Niño Jesús, Sor Gabriela de la Inmaculada Concepción (from San Francisco, California, convent) correspondence with parents Juan and Julia Venegas re religious sentiments, news about family, and their convent. 1940-1941, 1948</b>                             |
| Box:Folder 4:12 | <b>Francisco Venegas correspondence with Miguel Venegas and son José Miguel in Los Angeles, California, and Sor Gabriela de la Inmaculada Concepción, from San Francisco, California, re family matters, Miguel's business concerns. Photocopies (poor legibility). 1931-1932</b> |
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Series 1. Subseries D: **Correspondence of Juan Venegas and Francisco Venegas. 1931-1932**

**Subseries size:** 15 folders

**Scope and Content Note**

This subseries consists of letters that Juan Venegas (d. 1955), father of Miguel, and Francisco (dates unknown), brother of Miguel, wrote to Miguel and Dolores Venegas. There is one letter from Francisco to his sister, Sor Gabriela de la Inmaculada Concepción (Soledad Venegas, "Chole"; dates unknown).

Dr. María Teresa Venegas, daughter of Miguel and Dolores, grouped these letters together, since they are responses to the letters of Miguel in Series 1, Subseries A. The notes of Dr. Venegas indicating the letters to which they are a response have been retained in the copies of the letters, which were substituted for the originals because of their fragility. These letters are all in Spanish and arranged chronologically by year. The correspondence concerns family business and personal concerns, and religious and health practices. Most are carbon copies of the originals; persons writing letters in such places as Guadalajara had professionals type them on carbon, with the carbons preserved as records of the originals. For research purposes, copies of these carbon copies are used, because of their fragility.

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| Box:Folder 1:8  | <b>Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re disposition of houses in Zapotlanejo, Jalisco, Mexico with "Señores Martínez". 1931 May 20</b>   |
| Box:Folder 1:9  | <b>Francisco Venegas (uncle) to José Miguel Venegas re moral and religious counsel on moral character and family life. 1931 June 4</b>   |
| Box:Folder 1:10 | <b>Francisco Venegas (son) to Pedro Martínez Rivas re purchase of supplies for store of Juan Venegas (father). Letter damaged. 1931 June 23</b>  |
| Box:Folder 1:11 | <b>Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re latter's return to Mexico, business and family matters. Response to Miguel's letter of 23 May. Letter damaged. 1931 June 6</b>         |
| Box:Folder 1:12 | <b>Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re money for plot of land, other accounts. 1931 June 30</b>   |
| Box:Folder 1:13 | <b>Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re resumption of Hacienda Publica (tax collection agency) in Zapotlanejo; business of Juan Venegas (father) and himself. 1931 July 18</b> |
| Box:Folder 1:14 | <b>Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re houses in Zapotlanejo, foundation of Chamber of Commerce, exchange rate. See Miguel's letter of 11 August. 1931 August 4</b>           |
| Box:Folder 1:15 | <b>Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re Hacienda Federal (tax collection agency) and urban properties. 1931 August 7</b>   |
| Box:Folder 1:16 | <b>Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re operation, bank draft sent from family savings of Dolores Venegas, exchange rate. Response to letter of 12 August. 1931 August 17</b>        |
| Box:Folder 1:17 | <b>Juan Venegas (father) to Miguel Venegas re poor health of Miguel's children, exchange rate. Response to letter of 11 December. 1931 December 19</b>                                     |
| Box:Folder 1:18 | <b>Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re state election and his health and that of Miguel Venegas family. Response to letter of 14 December (missing). 1931 December 20</b>     |
| Box:Folder 1:19 | <b>Juan Venegas to Trinidad Alvarez re receipt of money, probably 1931 December 20</b>   |
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Box:Folder 1:20	<b>Francisco Venegas (brother) to Miguel Venegas re work and sales income at store, use of homeopathic medicine. Response to letter of 10 January 1932. 1932 January 27</b>
Box:Folder 1:21	<b>Juan Venegas (father-in-law) to Dolores Venegas re income of store and closing on Sunday, transfer of money from the United States. Dolores Venegas responds 11 February 1932. 1932 January 28</b>
Box:Folder 1:22	<b>Francisco Venegas (brother) to Sor Gabriela de la Inmaculada Concepción re his fiancée, the successful harvest of their father, and determination to participate more in the sacraments at her urging. Either 1931 or 1932 July 18</b>

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Series 1. Subseries E: **Correspondence of José Miguel Venegas. 1928-1938**

**Subseries size:** 3 folders

**Scope and Content Note**

Born in Zapotlanejo, Jalisco, Mexico in 1920, José Miguel Venegas was the first child of Miguel and Dolores Venegas. With his family he immigrated to Los Angeles, California, in 1927, where he attended Roman Catholic schools. From 1940 to 1942 he helped run the family store, when most of his family had returned to Mexico. In 1942, he married María Alicia Martínez, with whom he had eight children. That same year he entered the United States Army, and during World War II served in the United States Army Air Corps, reaching the rank of staff sergeant and serving as the chief radio operator on a B-17 of the 94th Bombardment Group, 410th Squadron. His distinguished military career saw him fly on thirty-three missions over Europe, including missions over Normandy on D-Day.

After his discharge from the service in September 1945, José Miguel Venegas returned to Los Angeles, and helped his in-laws run their grocery store at the corner of Pico and Union Streets. In 1965, he opened Omega Precision, a machine tool company in Santa Fe Springs, California, which grew in size over the years to become a sixteen thousand feet facility. José Miguel Venegas resided in Chino Hills, California. He passed away in 2015.

This subseries consists of a run of letters, all in Spanish, that José Miguel Venegas had kept from his youth, and then donated them to Loyola Marymount University through his brother Carlos and sister Dr. María Teresa Venegas. (Series 1, Subseries B, contains his other correspondence, which he had not maintained.) José Miguel wrote the letters in this subseries as a youth, from 1928 to 1931, and in 1935 and 1938. Venegas wrote the former group of letters from Los Angeles to relatives in Mexico, principally to his Uncle Francisco (Pancho), the brother of José Miguel's father, Miguel. The correspondence provides insights into the life of a Mexican immigrant youth in Los Angeles, touching on such matters as fluency in English, his daily routine, family finances, and work. The letter from 1935 provides the lyrics of "La Cucaracha," which Venegas learned while picking fruit in northern California. The letters, all outgoing, are arranged chronologically by year. Copies made from PDFs have been substituted for the original copies because of their fragility. Translations of the letters by Dr. María Teresa Venegas are found in Box 1, Folder 7, of Series 1, Subseries A.

Box:Folder 1:23	<b>José Miguel Venegas to Uncle Francisco Venegas re ability in English, accident, family health, Christmas presents. 1928-1929</b>
Box:Folder 1:24	<b>José Miguel Venegas to Uncle Francisco Venegas re saving money, struggles of family store, routine on Sunday, desire to enter seminary, work to support family, family health; with comment by Miguel (father) on boys' education in English only. One letter to Aunt Guadalupe (Lupita) Venegas. 1930-1931</b>
Box:Folder 1:25	<b>José Miguel Venegas (in Mexico) to Venegas family in Los Angeles re family health, travels, death of a relative, the condition of the store, his girlfriend, lack of desire to return to Los Angeles. 1935, 1938</b>

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Series 2: **Family Personal Papers and Realia. 1912-1994****Physical Description:** 4 archival document boxes. 4 oversize boxes**Scope and Content Note**

Series 2 contains business papers, religious documents, funeral and anniversary registers, programs for fiestas, newspaper clippings, some correspondence, certificates and plaques, copies of governmental records, and religious realia of Juan (1897-1994) and Dolores (1900-1991) Venegas and their children. Of special interest is the material (newspaper clippings and correspondence) related to the awards "Mexican Mother of the Year" that Dolores Venegas won in 1969; see Box 5, Folder 2, for example.

Materials on the business activities of Miguel Venegas in Zapotlanejo, Jalisco, Mexico, are found in Box 5, Folder 13. Box 30v holds religious realia such as crucifixes, scalpulars, holy cards, and rosaries that Dolores Venegas collected for her personal use and that testify to lay Roman Catholic piety. Of special interest is the DVD of the 1979 television program "La Familia" on the family of Miguel and Dolores Venegas.

- Box:Folder 5:1 **Dolores Venegas: bank liquidation statement, Acción Católica Mexicana membership card, United States Custom receipt for baggage. Franciscan Missionary Sister guild membership list and meeting notices. 1941-1981 (dates broken)**
- Box:Folder 5:2 **Mexican Mother of the Year Award: invitations, program, congratulatory telegrams and letters to Dolores Venegas, tickets. 1969-1977 (dates broken)**
- Box:Folder 5:3 **Miguel Venegas: letters of reference, correspondence, employees' statements re employment under Miguel Venegas, business cards of Mexican and Los Angeles businesses, voter registration document (Mexico), Knights of Columbus certificate of rank. 1942-1979 (dates broken)**
- Box:Folder 5:4 **Miguel and Dolores Venegas funeral cards; handwritten notes re details of funeral. Newspaper and other notices re deaths of Venegas relatives. Condolence card. Mass cards for the dead (Venegas relatives). 1970-1994 (dates broken)**
- Box:Folder 5:5-6 **Guest lists, anniversary cards, invitations, receipts re anniversary celebrations of Miguel and Dolores Venegas. Guest lists for Christmas parties. 1969, 1976, 1978, 1981, 1982, 1984**
- Box:Folder 5:7 **Newspaper clippings from newspapers in Los Angeles, California, and Guadalajara, Mexico, re family affairs, politics. 1962, 1981, 1982**
- Box:Folder 5:8 **Silviano Dávalos (father of Dolores Venegas): business credential, provisional passport, business card, condolence letter re death of daughter, judgment granted Isaura Dávalos re intestate death of María Dolores Morales de Dávalos. 1920, 1921, 1941, 1950**
- Box:Folder 5:9 **Miguel and Dolores Venegas notarized statements re disposition of property in Mexico, including to the Cruz Roja (Red Cross); receipts from same re donations. 1982, 1990**
- Box:Folder 5:10 **Newspaper death notices re Juan Venegas, Julia Cárdenas de Venegas, and Salvador Dávalos Morales. Juan Venegas poetry. Registration certificates re births of Guillermo and Eduardo Venegas. List of relatives for Sor Gabriela de la Inmaculada Concepción (Soledad Venegas; "Chole"). 1924, 1926, 1955, 1961**
- Box:Folder 5:11 **Programs for fiestas in Zapotlanejo, Mexico. Program for mass at La Iglesia de Nuestra Señora la Reina de Los Angeles (Our Lady Queen of Angels; "Old Plaza Church"). 1963-1981**
- Box:Folder 5:12 **Miguel Venegas address books, with family history and poems of Eduardo Venegas. Bank books. undated**
- Box:Folder 5:13 **Miguel Venegas receipts, list of payments received, inventory of materials of Zapotlanejo farmers' cooperative. Juan Venegas renunciation of balance owed him on ranch. From envelope entitled "Documentos Varios Zapotlanejo, año (sic) de 1922 a 1926." 1922-1926**
- Box:Folder 5:14 **Congratulatory and thank you letters (copies and originals) re Dolores Venegas award as Mexican Mother of the Year. Family correspondence (copies) From folder "Newspaper--Fam Events Mother of the Year--Letters". 1927, 1969 (dates of originals)**

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- Box:Folder 5:15 **Newspaper clippings re Dolores Venegas Mexican Mother of the Year award. Prayer for Miguel and Dolores Venegas on wedding anniversaries. Brochure, flyer re "La Familia," documentary re Venegas family. From folder "Mexican Mother Year '69". 1969-1991 (dates broken)**
- Box:Folder 5:16 **Condolence cards and telegrams, notices of perpetual enrollment re death of Dolores Venegas. Notes on life of same. 1991**
- Box:Folder 6:1 **Materials re naturalization and United State of America citizenship of Miguel Venegas. 1991-1992**
- Box:Folder 6:2 **Miguel and Dolores Venegas certificates of enrollment in Roman Catholic perpetual mass organizations. Indulgence for Alfonso Venegas. 1959-1967 (dates broken)**
- Box:Folder 6:3 **Invitation to mass for Dolores Venegas, Mexican Mother of the Year; newspaper clippings re same. Miscellaneous newspaper articles. 1969-1993 (dates broken)**
- Box:Folder 6:4 **Newspaper clippings re Mexican Mother of the Year award for Dolores Venegas. 1969**
- Box:Folder 6:5 **Dolores Venegas: Holy cards. "Liga de Auxilios Espirituales y Materiales" member rules. Receipts re work of same. Membership card "Archbishop Fund for Charity." Postcards. 1912-1964 (dates broken)**
- Box:Folder 6:6 **María Teresa Venegas: prayer cards for brothers, letter to Miguel Venegas (father). "Corrido" re move to Loyola Marymount. 1963, 1980**
- Box:Folder 6:7 **Postcards of Holy Cross Cemetery, burial place of Alfonso Venegas. Funeral register re same. Postcard from María Teresa Venegas to Alfonso Venegas (brother). "Spiritual bouquet" for Alfonso Venegas. 1964, 1966**
- Box:Folder 6:8 **Dolores Venegas holy cards re anniversaries of religious vows, first communions, diamond jubilees, enrollments in spiritual benefit. Holy card from Miguel Venegas to his mother. 1926-1959 (dates broken)**
- Box:Folder 6:9 **Holy cards, spiritual bouquet from María Teresa Venegas (daughter) to Dolores and Miguel Venegas. Holy cards re enrollment in spiritual benefits, anniversaries of vows. 1943-1953 (dates broken)**
- Box:Folder 6:10 **Letters, sermon, prayer from Monastery of Perpetual Adoration re fiftieth wedding anniversary of Miguel and Dolores Venegas. 1969**
- Box:Folder 6:11 **Head tax documents for Miguel and Dolores Venegas. Identity cards of Dolores and Miguel Venegas; issued by government of Mexico. Voter identification card Democratic Union Party, Miguel Venegas. 1927, 1941, 1979**
- Box:Folder 6:12 **Copies of affidavits from Miguel Venegas re support for immigrants from Mexico working for him. Incoming personal correspondence from Mexico to Miguel Venegas re immigrants working for him. 1956, 1959**
- Box:Folder 6:13 **Personal notes, business card, receipt, airline tickets for Miguel and Dolores Venegas, flyer for film "Greater Glory." 1982, 1985**
- Box:Folder 6:14 **"La Familia": CBS Channel 2 program on Miguel and Dolores Venegas and family on their 60th anniversary (copy on DVD). TV Guide with listing. 1979**
- Box:Folder 6:15 **Funeral register of Dolores Venegas. 1991**
- Box 7 **Cards from friends and family re fiftieth wedding anniversary of Miguel and Dolores Venegas. 1969**
- Box 8-9 **Lace made by Dolores Venegas. undated**
- Box:Folder 20:5 **Guest books for sixty-fourth and sixty-fifth wedding anniversaries of Dolores and Miguel Venegas. 1969, 1984**
- Box:Folder 10v:1 **Plenary indulgence from Pius XII for Venegas family. probably 1950**
- Box:Folder 10v:2 **Certificate of baptism for Alfonso Venegas. 1933**
- Box:Folder 10v:3 **Copies of register of births of Miguel and Dolores Venegas. 1970, 1977**
- Box:Folder 10v:4 **Cruz Roja (Red Cross) of Zapotlanejo, Mexico, certificate honoring Miguel Venegas. Cf. Box 10v, folder 7, this series. 1985**
- Box:Folder 10v:5 **Bronze plaque from city government of Zapotlanejo, Mexico, honoring Miguel Venegas. 1991**
- Box:Folder 10v:6 **National Cruz Roja (Red Cross) certificate and golden cross honoring Miguel Venegas. 1987**
- Box:Folder 10v:7 **Color photograph: Miguel Venegas with brothers, sister, and other relatives at dedication of Cruz Roja (Red Cross) facility, Zapotlanejo, Mexico. Cf. Box 10v, folder 4, this series. circa 1985**
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Box 20v	<b>Dolores Venegas: Rosary "A Queen for a Day" program. Pía Unión de Madres Cristianas. Sacred Heart of Jesus medal. Club de Madres y Esposas de la Guerra ribbon. Mexican Mother of the Year plaque. Adoración Nocturna Mexicana medal (2). Miguel Venegas: Knights of Columbus sash and clip. Plaza Church Sociedad de Santo Nombre ribbon and medal. Boy Scout scarf of Miguel Venegas son. 1969</b>
Box 30v	<b>Crucifix. Scapulars, including Sacred Heart of Jesus. Rosary from maternal grandfather of Dolores Dávalos de Venegas. Holy cards. Religious pins. Collected by Dolores Venegas. 1949, 1966</b>
Box 60v	<b>Via Crucis manual of Dolores Venegas; gift from sister-in law Guadalupe Ruiz de Venegas. Roman missal of Miguel Venegas; with holy cards and prayer list(?) of personages and relatives. 1933</b>
Map Case Oversize folder	<b>Schedule and announcement re pilgrimage for Virgin Mary at Zapotlanejo. Archbishop José Salazar López message from newspaper. 1978, 1980</b>

Series 3: **Photographs. 1899-2000**

**Physical Description:** 1 archival document box. 3 folders. 1 oversize box

**Scope and Content Note**

This series contains photographs of at least three generations of the family of Miguel and Dolores Venegas. The earliest dates from 1899 and is that of the grandmother of Dolores Venegas: Ignacia González de Morales (dates unknown). There are also polaroid color photographs from the early 1990s of picnics of extended Venegas family outings, which probably include shots of the fourth generation of the family. As just indicated the type of photographs in the series varies, from card photographs of different sizes, to polaroids, photographic postcards and even duplication of originals.

Noteworthy are the loose photographs of Venegas family outings to Lincoln Park and the beach in the late 1920s (Box 10, Folder 15), which provide photographic documentation of Mexican immigrant life in Los Angeles at that time. Also of value is the run of photographs of the "boda de oro" (golden wedding anniversary) of the parents of Miguel Venegas, Juan Venegas (d. 1955) and Julia Cárdenas de Venegas (d. 1961) in either 1946 or 1947 (Box 40v). These photographs richly document aspects of domestic and religious life in Guadalajara.

The majority of photographs are in black and white; if not noted as color in the contents field of the box and folder list, then a photograph is in black and white. Some photographs bear notations with information about the persons in the photograph, often provided by Dr. María Teresa Venegas, daughter of Dolores and Miguel Venegas, while others came with stick-it notes that provided information. The latter have been photocopied on acid-free paper and stored with the original photograph.

Box:Folder 10:1	<b>Ignacia González de Morales, grandmother of Dolores Venegas. 2 photographs on cards. 1899</b>
Box:Folder 10:2	<b>Wedding portrait of Salvador Dávalos (brother of Dolores Venegas) and María Mercedes Gutiérrez de Davalos. undated</b>
Box:Folder 10:3	<b>José(?) María(?) Morales Rubio, grandfather of Dolores Venegas. 1909</b>
Box:Folder 10:4	<b>Miguel Venegas. 2 photographs. 1937</b>
Box:Folder 10:5	<b>Transparencies of photographs from Venegas family albums and loose photographs. From binder titled by and assembled by María Teresa Venegas: "Slides made from Photos selected for Project". undated</b>
Box:Folder 10:6	<b>Knights of Columbus function: Photograph 1: Venegas family at table. From left to right: Genevieve Venegas (José María's wife), Susana Venegas (Enrique's wife), José Miguel Venegas, Beatrice Venegas (Juan José's wife), María Alicia Venegas (José Miguel's wife), Miguel Venegas, Dolores Venegas, Juan José Venegas, José María Venegas, Enrique Venegas, Guillermo Venegas, and Irma Venegas (Guillermo's wife). Photograph 2: Miguel Venegas and sons. Top row, from left to right: José María Venegas, José Miguel Venegas, Juan José Venegas. Bottom row, left to right: Alfonso Venegas, Miguel Venegas, Bill Ortiz (family friend and Knights of Columbus member), and Guillermo Venegas. 1963</b>
Box:Folder 10:7	<b>Miguel and Dolores Venegas, in Tijuana, Mexico. 1962</b>

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Box:Folder 10:8	<b>Miguel and Dolores Venegas family portrait, Los Angeles, California. 1930</b>
Box:Folder 10:9	<b>Morales Rubio brothers, including José(?) María(?) Morales Rubio, grandfather of Dolores Venegas. 1910</b>
Box:Folder 10:10	<b>Dolores Venegas with six of her children. post 1930</b>
Box:Folder 10:11	<b>Knights of Columbus group photographs, including mass and visit to Knights of Columbus brothers at Ensenada, Mexico; with Miguel Venegas. 5 photographs. 1962</b>
Box:Folder 10:12	<b>Group photographs of Catholic lay retreat at Serra Retreat Center, Malibu, California; with Miguel Venegas. 3 photographs. 1953, 1958</b>
Box:Folder 10:13	<b>Postcards of buildings of Zapotlanejo and Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. Church altar. Other postcards of Mexico. 1934, 1950</b>
Box:Folder 10:14	<b>Photographs of buildings of Zapotlanejo, Jalisco, Mexico. circa 1920s, circa 1940s</b>
Box:Folder 10:15	<b>Venegas family photographs of outings to park (Lincoln Park?), at the beach, friends or relatives. Recently married Miguel Venegas. 1919, 1927-1929</b>
Box:Folder 10:16	<b>"Lupe," great-aunt of Dolores Venegas. On card. undated</b>
Box:Folder 10:17	<b>Ana María Dávalos de Martínez, sister of Dolores Venegas. Guadalupe Morales de Ríos, sister of Dolores Morales de Dávalos (mother of Dolores Venegas). Photographs on card. undated</b>
Box:Folder 10:18	<b>Alfonso Morales, brother of Dolores Morales de Dávalos (mother of Dolores Venegas). 2 photographs on card. 1912, 1913</b>
Box:Folder 10:19	<b>Dolores Morales Dávalos (Venegas) with mother (Dolores), sister Ana María, and Aunt Cleotilde Dávalos, sister of her father; photograph on card. Cut-out from same photograph of Dolores and sister Ana María. undated</b>
Box:Folder 10:20	<b>Dolores Dávalos Morales (Venegas), at age 14, with cousins Nacha Morales and Zenaida Contreras. Photograph on card. undated</b>
Box:Folder 10:21	<b>"Tíos José Anita" (Uncle José, Aunt Anita; family surname unknown), wedding picture. Photographic postcard. undated</b>
Box:Folder 10:22	<b>One unidentified woman. Unidentified man; photographic postcard. Donaciano Venegas and Teodora de la Torre, grandparents of Miguel Venegas; photograph on card. Unidentified man; photographic postcard (from Zapotlanejo, Mexico). undated</b>
Box:Folder 10:23	<b>Dolores Morales de Dávalos (mother), with daughters Dolores (Venegas), Anita (Ana María), Isaura and a niece of Dolores. Photographic postcard of Dolores Morales de Dávalos (mother); cut out from photograph. circa 1910</b>
Box:Folder 10:24	<b>Miguel Venegas on tour boat. María Teresa Venegas on tour boat. Miguel and Dolores Venegas at La Perla Nightclub, Acapulco, Mexico. María Teresa Venegas and unidentified person at La Perla Nightclub, Acapulco, Mexico. Group photograph of foursome at La Perla Nightclub. undated</b>
Box:Folder 10:25	<b>Photographs of Miguel and Dolores Venegas children, in Los Angeles, California; or Guadalajara or Zapotlanejo, Mexico. 1930s-1950s</b>
Box:Folder 10:26	<b>Invitations to sixtieth wedding anniversary party of Miguel and Dolores Venegas. 4x5 inch color photographs of Miguel and Dolores Venegas from envelope "60th wedding anniversary." Photographs bear date "1984." 1979, 1984</b>
Box:Folder 10:27	<b>Miguel and Dolores Venegas seventieth wedding anniversary party; from envelope titled "70th Wedding anniv." 4x5 inch color photographs. 1989</b>
Box:Folder 10:28	<b>Miguel and Dolores Venegas seventy-first wedding anniversary; from envelope titled "Fotos del aniversario 3/4/90 71 años de casados." Polaroid and 5x7 color photographs. 1990</b>
Box:Folder 10:29	<b>Miguel and Dolores Venegas family gathering; from envelope titled "Anniversary?." 4x5 inch color photographs. undated</b>
Box:Folder 10:30	<b>Miguel and Dolores Venegas family gathering; from envelope titled "Mom and Dad at Mike's Home 1987." 4x5 inch color photographs. 1987</b>
Box:Folder 10:32	<b>Miguel and Dolores Venegas family gathering; from photograph envelope titled "Dad's Birthday." 5x7 inch color photographs. 1990</b>
Box:Folder 10:32	<b>Miguel and Dolores Venegas family gathering; perhaps sixty-ninth wedding anniversary. 4x5 inch color photographs. possibly 1988</b>
Box:Folder 10:33	<b>Miguel Venegas family (including grandchildren and great-grandchildren) gathering at park. Miguel Venegas at home. 4x5 inch color photographs. 1991-1992</b>
Box:Folder 10:34	<b>Venegas family children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Color photographs. 1982-2000 (dates broken)</b>

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Box:Folder 10:35	<b>Negatives: Venegas family members and relatives, including three sons in United States Army uniforms. Negative: Dolores Venegas, with inscription to Miguel Venegas. 1919</b>
Box:Folder 10:36	<b>Negatives: Miguel and Dolores Venegas family gathering. 1960</b>
Box:Folder 10:37	<b>Miguel and Dolores on vacation at Lago de Chapala Mexico(?); 4 color photographs. Procession and celebration re Virgin Mary; 2 color photographs. Dolores and Miguel Venegas granddaughters; 2 color photographs. Dr. María Teresa Venegas audience with John Paul II; 2 color photographs. Miguel and Dolores Venegas with family members in Zapotlanejo, Jalisco, Mexico. Miguel Venegas Court Street apartments in Los Angeles; 4 color photographs. 1962, 1981, 1983, 2000</b>
Box:Folder 10:38	<b>Negatives: "Fotos Richard's Market." Negatives: unidentified child. undated</b>
Box:Folder 20:1	<b>Miguel, Ricardo, Guillermo, Juan José, María Teresa, and Eduardo Venegas as children, at home and elementary school pictures. Miguel, Ricardo, and Guillermo group picture in United States Army uniforms. Anonymous baby photographic postcard. 1927, 1933</b>
Box:Folder 20:2	<b>Miguel Venegas working at Hacienda de Colmilla; 3 photographs. Miguel and Dolores Venegas; 1 photograph. Miguel Venegas, before marriage; 1 photograph. 1914</b>
Box:Folder 20:3	<b>Miguel Venegas promotion to Fourth Grade of Knights of Columbus; 2 color photographs. Miguel and Dolores Venegas fifty-eighth wedding anniversary; 2 color photographs. 1974, 1977</b>
Box:Folder 20:4	<b>Miguel and Dolores Venegas family group picture in parlor of Immaculate Heart of Mary convent; 2 photographs. 1963</b>
Box:Folder 4ov:1	<b>Juan and Julia Venegas golden anniversary. Family group photograph in front of altar, including Miguel and Dolores Venegas 1947 (Dated by hand of unknown person)</b>
Box:Folder 4ov:2	<b>Juan and Julia Venegas golden anniversary (seated). 1946 (Note: photographer's stamp with date)</b>
Box:Folder 4ov:3	<b>Juan and Julia Venegas, kneeling before altar at mass for golden anniversary. 1946 or 1947</b>
Box:Folder 4ov:4	<b>Juan and Julia Venegas golden anniversary. Family group photograph in front of altar, including Miguel and Dolores Venegas (reduction of photograph in Folder 1). Family group photograph in front of church. Banquet. 1946 or 1947</b>
Box:Folder 4ov:5	<b>Unidentified couple at mass, celebrating wedding anniversary. undated</b>
Box:Folder 4ov:6	<b>Photograph 1: Julia Cárdenas de Venegas, with adult children (standing left-right) Agustín, Guadalupe, Miguel, Francisco, Ignacio; (seated, left-right) Sor Amada del Niño Jesús (María del Rosario; "Chayo"), Sor Gabriela de la Inmaculada Concepción (Soledad; "Chole").</b> <b>Photograph 2: Julia Cárdenas de Venegas with daughters (left) Sor Amada del Niño Jesús (María del Rosario; "Chayo"), (right) Sor Gabriela de la Inmaculada Concepción (Soledad; "Chole"). probably 1940s</b>
Box:Folder 4ov:7	<b>Silviano Dávalos family: (left-right) Salvador Dávalos, Dolores Venegas, Ana María Dávalos de Martínez, Silviano Dávalos. 1947</b>
Box:Folder 4ov:8	<b>Dolores Rubio de Morales, mother of Dolores Venegas, at fifteen years of age. Photograph of drawing. undated</b>

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**Series 4: María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas Beatification and Canonization Materials. 1989-2000**

**Series size:** 2 archival document boxes

**Scope and Content Note**

This series contains materials that Dr. María Teresa Venegas collected concerning the beatification (1992) and canonization (2000) of María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas (Natividad Venegas de la Torre; 1868-1959), a relative of Miguel Venegas, the father of Dr. Venegas. The canonization of María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas was of great significance, for this member of the Venegas family, known as "Madre Nati," was the first female Mexican saint, one noted for her devotion and service to the poor and sick in the state of Jalisco, Mexico, as superior general of the Daughters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A sign of her vigorous faith, she was an active religious during the troubles of the Cristero Rebellion of the 1920s that saw persecution of practicing Roman Catholics.

Materials in this series include holy cards; biographical, liturgical, and inspirational booklets and pamphlets; order of ceremony and tickets to the canonization; newspaper articles; and photographs of the saint and also Venegas family members during their trips to Rome for their relative's ceremonies of beatification and canonization. There is also a DVD of her beatification ceremony in 1992. Of special interest is the relic of this saint found in folder 13 of Box 11.

- Box:Folder 11:1 **Incoming correspondence from Sor María Goretty Cervantes to Miguel Venegas re "Decree of Heroic Virtues" and chapel of María de Jesús Sacramentado. Mass program re same. Photograph of chapel. 1989, 1991**
- Box:Folder 11:2 **María de Jesús Sacramentado holy card. Receipt re Miguel Venegas donation in name of María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas. 1993**
- Box:Folder 11:3 **Biographical pamphlets of María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas. Booklets (2) on life, virtues, and beatification re same. Liturgical hours and Eucharist for feast day. Booklet on canonization of Mexican saints. 1990-2000 (dates broken)**
- Box:Folder 11:4 **Booklets prepared for canonization of Mexican saints, including María de Jesús Sacramentado: biographies and order of ceremony. In Italian, Spanish, and English. Ticket to canonization ceremony. 2000**
- Box:Folder 11:5 **María de Jesús Sacramentado: Color and black and white photographs, holy cards. Chapel of María de Jesús Sacramentado; 1 photograph. Tapestry of María de Jesús Sacramentado at Los Angeles, California, cathedral; 1 photograph. 1989.**
- Box:Folder 11:6 **Maps of Rome. Holy cards of María Inés Teresa Arias, María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas. Newspaper articles re beatification of María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas. 1993**
- Box:Folder 11:6 **Invitation from the Congregation of the Daughters of Sacred Heart of Jesus, in Guadalajara, Mexico, to celebration of María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas. Photographs re same and beatification ceremony in Rome. Notes and itinerary of Dr. María Teresa Venegas. 1993**
- Box:Folder 11:7 **Article in Tidings re beatification of María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas and Dr. María Teresa Venegas. Copies of photographs in article; from Loyola Marymount University public relations. 1993**
- Box:Folder 11:8 **María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas holy cards. Dr. María Teresa Venegas receipts re trip to Rome. Biographical pamphlets of María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas. 1992.**
- Box:Folder 11:9 **Vatican and United States Roman Catholic newspapers re beatification of María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas. Holy card and photograph re same. 1992.**
- Box:Folder 11:10 **Correspondence (copies) and newspaper articles re request for information on María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas. 1992-1993**
- Box:Folder 11:11 **Newspaper articles (photocopies) re beatification of María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas. Biographical sketches, genealogies (by Dr. María Teresa Venegas?), and pamphlets re same. Decree (copy) re "Heroic Virtues" of María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas. Loyola Marymount University letters of congratulation to Dr. María Teresa Venegas re beatification. Holy cards. From folder "Madre Natividad Venegas." 1989, 1992**
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Box:Folder 11:12	<b>"Beatificaciones mexicanas en Roma": Recording of ceremony of beatification of Mexicans, including María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas (3 DVDs). 1992(?)</b>
Box:Folder 11:13	<b>Relic of María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas. undated</b>
Box 12	<b>Photograph album re Venegas family trip to Vatican City for beatification of Mexican saints, including María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas. 1992</b>
	Series 5: <b>Roman Catholic Devotional Literature and Realia. 1921-1984</b>
	<b>Physical Description:</b> 1 archival document box. 1 oversize box
	<b>Scope and Content Note</b>
	Found in this series are holy cards, including novenas; scapulars; crucifixes; and booklets and pamphlets with specific liturgies and prayers for religious orders or ceremonies; and magazine publications of the Roman Catholic Church. Noteworthy for the documentation of Cristero ideology are the Cristero "corridos" (ballads) and songs, and biographies of Cristero martyrs found in Box 13, Folder 9. Also of interest in this folder is an undated injunction, probably by Church officials, against Mexican Roman Catholics joining a protest for socialist education.
	Dolores and Miguel Venegas were probably responsible for the collection of most of these materials.
Box:Folder 13:1	<b>Novenas; holy cards, some for, or with sentiments by, Venegas family members; "via crucis" booklets; scapulars. 1929-1971 (dates broken)</b>
Box:Folder 13:2	<b>Holy cards of churches, missions and religious houses, including La Iglesia de Nuestra Señora la Reina de Los Angeles, of Los Angeles (Our Lady Queen of Angels; "Old Plaza Church"); handwritten indulgence prayer. 1942-1953 (dates broken)</b>
Box:Folder 13:3	<b>Franciscan Missionary Sisters guild of Los Angeles statutes in (in Spanish). Prayers and offices for mass at the Mariana Congregations, Guadalajara, Mexico. Issue of "Pentecostes". "Doctrina de la iglesia contra los errores del comunismo". Pamphlets re "Sagrado Corazón de Jesús". Issues of "Cofradía del Sacratísimo Rosario". Prayer-ritual of penance and prayer for receiving sacraments. "Catholic Near East." "El Católico", with article on Miguel Gómez Losa. 1941-1982 (dates broken)</b>
Box:Folder 13:4	<b>Scapular and cross; holy cards without prayers; holiday decorations. undated</b>
Box:Folder 13:5	<b>Mass holy cards for the dead, including Venegas family members and relatives; funeral mass cards. 1936-1976 (dates broken)</b>
Box:Folder 13:6	<b>"Spiritual Bouquet" cards with list of divine offices for specific persons and prayer cards from the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, convent of the sisters of Miguel Venegas: Sor Gabriela de la Inmaculada Concepción (Soledad Venegas) and Sor Amada Del Niño Jesús (María del Rosario Venegas). 1948-1984 (dates broken)</b>
Box:Folder 13:7	<b>Images of the Virgin Mary, and Virgin Mary and Child. Pius XII. Photograph: Unidentified priest with Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. 1946</b>
Box:Folder 13:8	<b>First communion holy cards. Holy cards for anniversary of religious vows. 1921-1969 (dates broken)</b>
Box:Folder 13:9	<b>"Corridos" and songs of Cristeros. Article on Cristero leaders. Cristero literature on Cristero martyrs. Open letter on the state of Roman Catholic Church under the Mexican government to Catholic Mexicans from Archbishop Leopoldo Ruiz y Flóres. Injunction against Roman Catholics joining protest for socialist education. 1920s-1930s</b>
Box 20v	<b>Our Virgin of the Guadalupe banner (6.75 inches x 5 inches). "Self Denial Bank". Relic of unknown saint: "S Teresiae a J. In." undated</b>

Series 6: **Albums. 1916-2003**

**Physical Description:** 7 archival document boxes. 1 oversize box

**Scope and Content Note**

Thirteen albums make up this series, including loose leaves from an album (Box 19, Folder 1). The albums include those that Dolores Venegas probably assembled of her family, eg, that in Boxes 15 and 16; and those that Dr. María Teresa Venegas, daughter of Dolores and Miguel Venegas, assembled (in this regard, see especially Box 14, which contains the album specifically prepared to document her parent's history). Photographs or other items such as newspaper articles were separated from albums with damaging leaves of acidic or sticky paper. The original leaves were photocopied and numbered in order, with the designation "verso" or "recto" for each photocopy. The numbering of the leaves is noted in the box and folder list. The original photographs are stored in acid-free sleeves that accompany the photocopies of the original leaf. All photographs are in black and white, unless otherwise noted.

As with all of this collection the albums document extensively Mexican-American life in Los Angeles and life in Jalisco, Mexico. The former, in albums in Boxes 14, 15, and 16, yields photographs of the Venegas family at work and play and at school. This includes such charity work as the Red Cross hospital in Zapotlanejo that Miguel Venegas funded (Box 17, Folder 5) or else Venegas family excursions (Box 17, Folders 1-2). The album in Box 18 contains such historically important photographs as that of the funeral procession in 1936 in Guadalajara of Bishop José Francisco Orozco, a staunch leader of Roman Catholics in Jalisco during their troubles with the Mexican government. Box 14 constitutes the album that Dr. María Teresa Venegas assembled to accompany her family history (Series 1, Subseries A, Box 1, Folder 7).

- Box:Folder 14:1 **Family history album (separated). 1recto: Photographic postcards of Zapotlanejo, Guadalajara, Mexico, hometown of Miguel and Dolores Venegas. 1934, 1950**
- Box:Folder 14:2 **Family history album (separated). 1v: Alien head-tax receipt of Miguel Venegas. Issued by United States Department of Labor. 1927**
- Box:Folder 14:3 **Family history album (separated). 2recto, 2verso: "Tarjeta de Identificación. Servicios de Migración". Identity card for Miguel and Dolores Venegas issued by the government of Mexico. 1927**
- Box:Folder 14:4 **Family history album (separated). 3recto: Photographic postcards: (1) Dolores Venegas, with inscription to Miguel Venegas; (2) Miguel Venegas. 1916, 1919**
- Box:Folder 14:5 **Family history album (separated). 4verso: Miguel, Ricardo, Guillermo, and Eduardo Venegas; photographic postcard. Individual photographs re same. Silvano Dávalos. Dolores Venegas. 1927**
- Box:Folder 14:6 **Family history album (separated). 4recto: Miguel Venegas with Silvano Dávalos and family of Trino Ruiz; 1 photograph. Miguel Venegas family at Lincoln or Echo Park; 2 photographs. 1928**
- Box:Folder 14:7 **Family history album (separated). 4verso: Dolores Venegas at beach; 1 photograph. Miguel Venegas family at park; 3 photographs. Inscriptions on verso by Dolores Venegas. 1929**
- Box:Folder 14:8 **Family history album (separated). 5recto: María Teresa Venegas, age six months; 1 photograph. Venegas family with car; 1 photograph. 1928, 1931**
- Box:Folder 14:9 **Family history album (separated). 5verso: Ricardo, José Miguel, and Guillermo Venegas; school pictures (3 photographs). Miguel Venegas with sons Ricardo and Guillermo at park; 1 photograph. Juan Venegas and sister María Teresa in park; 1 photograph. 1931-1932**
- Box:Folder 14:10 **Family history album (separated). 6recto: Miguel and Dolores Venegas family in park; 4 photographs. 1932**
- Box:Folder 14:11 **Family history album (separated). 6verso: Teresa Venegas at Claretian Seminary, Compton, California; 1 photograph. Dolores Venegas, in front of home, with children; 1 photograph. Dolores Venegas with children at park; 1 photograph. 1932**
- Box:Folder 14:12 **Family history album (separated). 7recto: Dolores Venegas; 2 photographic postcards, 1 photograph. 1920s**

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Box:Folder 14:13	<b>7verso: Miguel, Julia, María Guadalupe Venegas; 1 photograph. Juan and Julia Venegas, with daughter María Guadalupe, 1 photograph. Julia Venegas, with daughter María Guadalupe and "Luz"; 1 photograph. Julia Venegas, with daughter María Guadalupe and unidentified girl; 1 photographic postcard. possibly 1920s</b>
Box:Folder 14:14	<b>Family history album (separated). 8recto: Miguel and Dolores Venegas family portrait. probably 1935</b>
Box:Folder 14:15	<b>Blank sheets with notes. Undated</b>
Box:Folder 14:16	<b>Family history album (separated). Interior of "El Rincón Market," with owner Miguel Venegas and son José Miguel; and Jessie Treviño and Daniel; 1 photograph on card. Jessie Treviño; 1 photograph. 1930s</b>
Box:Folder 14:17	<b>Family history album (separated). 11recto-12recto: Interior of "El Rincón Market" (owner Miguel Venegas); 3 photographs. 1930s</b>
Box:Folder 14:18	<b>Family history album (separated). 12verso-13recto: Exterior of "El Rincón Market" (owner Miguel Venegas), with son José Miguel and three other persons including Jesse Treviño; 2 duplicate photographs. 1930s</b>
Box:Folder 14:19	<b>Family history album (separated). 15recto: Miguel and Dolores Venegas family photograph. 1963</b>
Box:Folder 14:20	<b>Family history album (separated). 16recto: Miguel and Dolores Venegas sixtieth wedding anniversary celebration; 1 color photograph. 1979</b>
Box:Folder 14:21	<b>Family history album (separated). 16verso: Miguel and Dolores Venegas, and daughter María Teresa Venegas at sixtieth wedding anniversary celebration; 1 color photograph. 1979</b>
Box:Folder 14:22	<b>Family history album (separated). 17recto: Miguel and Dolores Venegas sixtieth wedding anniversary celebration; 1 color photograph. Note: Incorrectly labelled as fiftieth anniversary. 1979</b>
Box:Folder 14:23	<b>Family history album (separated). 18recto: Miguel and Dolores Venegas, with speaker (son José Miguel?), at sixtieth wedding anniversary celebration; 1 color photograph. 1979</b>
Box:Folder 14:24	<b>Family history album (separated).18verso: Miguel (speaking with microphone) and Dolores Venegas at sixtieth wedding anniversary celebration. 1979</b>
Box:Folder 14:25	<b>Miguel and Dolores Venegas sixtieth wedding anniversary celebration; 1 color photograph. 19recto. 1979</b>
Box:Folder 14:25	<b>Family history album (separated). 20recto-verso: Venegas family tree and tombstone of Miguel and Dolores Venegas. undated</b>
Box:Folder 14:26	<b>Family history album (separated). Miguel and Dolores Venegas; photocopy of color photograph (loose). Venegas family tree (updated by José Miguel Venegas). 2001</b>
Box:Folder 15:1	<b>Family photograph album (separated). 1recto-8verso: Miguel Venegas with family members and wife, and at work and on vacation, including Mexico. 1938,1944, 1950, 1960, 1962, 1967</b>
Box:Folder 15:2	<b>Family photograph album (separated). 9recto-14verso: Miguel Venegas with family members and wife, and at work and on vacation, including Mexico. 1959, 1963</b>
Box:Folder 15:3	<b>Family photograph album (separated). 15recto-20verso: Daughter María Teresa Venegas, with family members, portraits as youth, in religious habit. 1946, 1962</b>
Box:Folder 15:4	<b>Family photograph album (separated). 21recto-21 verso: Miguel and Dolores Venegas (portraits). 1946</b>
Box:Folder 15:5	<b>Family photograph album (separated). 22recto-29recto: Son José Miguel Venegas, as youth, with wife and children, in military service. 1921-1966 (dates broken)</b>
Box:Folder 15:6	<b>Family photograph album (separated). 30recto-33verso: Son Ricardo Venegas, as youth, with wife and children, in military service. 1940, 1942, 1943</b>
Box:Folder 15:7	<b>Family photograph album (separated). 34recto-35verso: Son Guillermo Venegas, as youth, with wife and children, in military service. 1944</b>
Box:Folder 15:8	<b>Family photograph album (separated). 35recto-36verso: Daughter Teresa Venegas, with other children of Miguel and Dolores Venegas. 1939</b>
Box:Folder 15:9	<b>Family photograph album (separated). 37recto-39verso: Son Eduardo Venegas, as youth, with wife and children and grandchildren. 1945, 1950, 1970, 1978</b>
Box:Folder 15:10	<b>Family photograph album (separated). 40recto-41verso: Son Juan José Venegas, as youth, in military service. 1952</b>

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Box:Folder 15:10	<b>Family photograph album (separated). 42recto: Son Alfonso Venegas, as youth. undated</b>
Box:Folder 15:10	<b>Family photograph album (separated). 42verso: Son José María Venegas, as youth. undated</b>
Box:Folder 15:10	<b>Family photograph album (separated). 43recto: Grandchildren of Miguel and Dolores Venegas. 1977</b>
Box:Folder 16:1	<b>Family photograph album (separated). 44recto-44verso: Son José María Venegas, as youth; 50th wedding anniversary of Miguel and Dolores Venegas. 1969</b>
Box:Folder 16:1	<b>Family photograph album (separated). 45recto-45verso: Son José María Venegas, as youth; grandchildren of Miguel and Dolores Venegas. 1958</b>
Box:Folder 16:1	<b>Family photograph album (separated). 46recto-47verso: Son Enrique Venegas, as youth. 1943</b>
Box:Folder 16:1	<b>Family photograph album (separated). 47recto-50verso: Son Carlos Venegas, as youth, with wife Juliann and children. 1963, 1967</b>
Box:Folder 16:2	<b>Family photograph album (separated). 47recto-52verso: Grandchildren of Miguel and Dolores Venegas (children of Carlos Venegas). 1967, 1970, 1975</b>
Box:Folder 16:3	<b>Family photograph album. Loose photographs: Dolores Morales de Dávalos, mother of Dolores Venegas; 2 photographs. Silviano Dávalos, father of Dolores Venegas, Salvador Dávalos, brother of Dolores Venegas; 1 photograph. undated</b>
Box:Folder 16:3	<b>Family photograph album. Loose photographs: Dolores Morales de Dávalos, with daughters Dolores, Isaura, and Anita. undated</b>
Box:Folder 16:4	<b>Family photograph album. Receipt for Miguel Venegas sale of house in Zapotlanejo. Ricardo Venegas letter to unnamed brother. María Teresa Venegas letter to Ricardo Venegas. 1923, 1933, 1940</b>
Box:Folder 16:5	<b>Family photograph album. Newspaper clippings re Dolores Venegas award of Mexican Mother of the Year, wedding anniversaries of Miguel and Dolores Venegas. 1969, 1972, 1979</b>
Box:Folder 16:6	<b>Family photograph album. Telegrams, letters of congratulation re Dolores Venegas award of Mexican Mother of the Year (photostatic copies). 1969</b>
Box:Folder 17:1-2	<b>Photograph album (separated; 29 leaves; color photographs): "Album of Cousins uncles etc." Miguel and Dolores Venegas relatives in Mexico. Includes certificate of verification of marriage of Miguel and Dolores Venegas. 1929-1968</b>
Box:Folder 17:3	<b>Photograph album (separated; color photographs): Venegas family gatherings. Dr. María Teresa Venegas visit to convent and hospital of María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas. 1993</b>
Box:Folder 17:4	<b>Photograph album (separated; color photographs): Mass on María de Jesús Sacramentado Venegas feast day, hospital chapel, Guadalajara, Mexico. María Teresa Venegas vacation at Melaque, Jalisco, Mexico. 1995</b>
Box:Folder 17:5	<b>Photograph album (separated; 23 leaves; color photographs): "Mexico school in Dad's name." School and Red Cross facility built in Jocotepec and Zapotlanejo, Jalisco, Mexico, with financial support of Miguel Venegas. Certificate re naming of street in Zapotlanejo in honor of Miguel Venegas. 1987, 1990</b>
Box:Folder 17:6	<b>Photograph album (color photographs; separated): María Teresa Venegas audience with John Paul II. 2000</b>
Box:Folder 17:7	<b>Album (separated): photographs, newspaper articles, letters of congratulation, invitations re Dolores Venegas Mexican Mother of the Year award, and fiftieth wedding anniversary of Dolores and Miguel Venegas. 1969</b>
Box 18	<b>Photograph Album: "Photos on Venegas Fam (sic) given by Tía Lupe Venegas to Teresa 2003." Some photographs removed by unknown person. Annotations by María Teresa Venegas. 2003</b>
Box:Folder 19:1	<b>Loose album leaves: Cruz Roja ( Red Cross) hospital in Zapotlanejo, Jalisco, Mexico, financed and dedicated to Miguel Venegas; newspaper articles re same. Miguel Venegas trip to Europe. Knights of Columbus function(?). 1970, 1985</b>
Box:Folder 19:2	<b>Photograph album (separated; 7 leaves, color photographs): Miguel Venegas trips to Europe and to Melaque, Mexico. 1970, 1991</b>
Box:Folder 19:3-4	<b>Photograph album (separated; 8 leaves; color photographs and architectural drawings): Cruz Roja (Red Cross) hospital in Zapotlanejo, Jalisco, Mexico; financed and dedicated to Miguel Venegas. 1985</b>

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Box 50v

**Photograph Album: Color photographs of fiftieth wedding anniversary of Dolores and Miguel Venegas. 1969**

Map Case

**Architectural plans for Cruz Roja (Red Cross) hospital in Zapotlanejo, Jalisco, Mexico.**

Oversize folder

**Separated from materials in Box 19, Folders 3-4, this series. 1985**