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## Guide to the Walter Jerome La Novia Ranch Collection

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**Contributing Institution:** Special Collections & Archives

**Title:** Walter Jerome La Novia Ranch Collection

**Creator:** Jerome, Walter

**Identifier/Call Number:** SC.WJN

**Extent:** 1.30 linear feet

**Date (inclusive):** 1927-1930

**Abstract:** Walter Jerome lived on a ranch in Zelzah, California (now Northridge) with his wife Helen and his children in the late 1920s and early 1930s. He kept a diary from November 27, 1927 to January 15, 1930, in which he chronicled daily life on the ranch.

**Language of Material:** English

**Biographical Information:**

Walter Jerome and his wife Helen owned and operated the La Novia Ranch in Zelzah, CA (now Northridge) in the late 1920s and early 1930s.

**Scope and Contents**

The *Walter Jerome La Novia Ranch Collection* consists of his daily diary, a piece of correspondence from a man looking for work, and a few pieces of ephemera. In his diary, which he kept from November 27, 1927 to January 15, 1930, Jerome chronicled daily life on the ranch. In diary entries he noted the weather, including temperature and wind direction, as well as ranch events relevant to their chickens, hogs, apricot trees, peach trees, orange trees, and other crops. Other ongoing ranch business, including irrigation practices, equipment acquisition and repair, frequent flooding, and the employment of Mexican-American farm laborers, is also discussed. Jerome occasionally mentions neighboring ranchers, including Perry Mulholland, and community events, like the opening of a new City Hall building, sale of land on a neighboring ranch for construction of new roads in the San Fernando Valley, American Legion receptions, and membership in the Orange Association. Family events including a trip to Hollywood for haircuts, and a vacation spent camping in Yosemite National Park, are also described. The last few pages are filled with lists of humorous statements made by family and friends. There are a few pieces of ephemera, including a poem, and clippings about Charles Lindburg and the Spirit of St. Louis, pasted into some entries.

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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

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**Ephemera**

Box 1, Folder 2

**Letter from Vicente C. Martinez, 1928 June 6**

Box 1, Folder 3

**Diary of Walter Jerome, La Novia Ranch, Zelzah, California, 1927-1930**