Guide to the Louis J. Avelino Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Louis J. Avelino papers

Dates: 1915-1974

Collection number: MS 33

Creator: Avelino, Louis J.

Collection Size: 1.25 linear feet (2 boxes)

Repository: African American Museum & Library at Oakland (Oakland, Calif.)
Oakland, CA 94612

Abstract: The Louis J. Avelino Papers consist of photographs, ephemera, military medals, and documents related to Avelino's participation in the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
No access restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

Access Restrictions
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Scope and Content of Collection

The Louis J. Avelino Papers consist of photographs, ephemera, military medals, and documents related to Avelino’s participation in the International Longshoremen’s & Warehousemen’s Union. The ephemera series include dinner menus, dining cards, and a navy safety broadsheet from the Pearl Harbor Navy Station, and also includes a scrapbook of newspaper clippings chiefly related to Pearl Harbor. The photographs are mostly of Avelino’s friends and family members, and also includes a few images related to his work with the International Longshoremen’s & Warehousemen’s Union a track meet at Berkeley High School in 1933. The International Longshoremen’s & Warehousemen’s Union file includes the constitution and by-laws of San Francisco Area Bay ILWU pensioners, a 1957 contract for dockworkers, and an untitled manuscript three-page documenting the experiences of longshoreman Len Greer and the San Francisco maritime strike of 1934.

Arrangement
Series I. Photographs Series II. Ephemera Series III. International Longshoremen’s & Warehousemen's Union Series IV. Medals

Indexing Terms

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The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Avelino, Louis J.
International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union. Local 6 (San Francisco, Calif.)

Photographs

Physical Description: 25 photographs
Series Scope and Content Summary
Includes photographs of family and friends of the Avelino family, union activities, and high school photographs of a track meet at Berkeley High School.
Arrangement
Arranged by photograph identification number.

Baby sitting in chair hung over car window, reverse: ‘Little Douglas,’ [001] undated
Clifford Weaver [002] 1957
Clifford Weaver and his wife, reverse: ‘my friend & buddy and his wife’ [003] 1957
Lillian and Louis Avelino in front of house at 86th ave. Oakland, California [004] 1940
Woman standing in backyard garden [005] 1934
Emma Avelino standing on walkway [006] undated
William Bill Davis and Mary Jane Davis standing in portrait gallery at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition [009] 1915
Table and chairs in tiled interior room [008] undated
Portrait of Louis Avelino as an infant [009-012] circa 1915
Man in suit, reverse: ‘Frank’s 74th birthday’ [013] 1952
Clifford Weaver and wife cutting cake in wedding day [014] 1957
Men standing on platform, one holding Brazilian flag, reverse: ‘trade union leaders representing 500,000 workers from Brazil’ [015] circa 1950s
Men and women seated on couch [016-017] undated
Tom Jones, Art Monell, Jim Haworth, and John McNally [021] undated
Luis Machado and two men standing next to rocking chairs [022] undated
Group photograph of men in tuxedos [023] undated
Group photograph of men and women in formal wear [024-025] undated
Track meet at Berkeley High School [3 photographs of long jump] 1933
Man throwing shot-put circa 1930s
Chico High School [4 photographs] circa 1930s

Ephemera

Physical Description: 1 folder
Series Scope and Content Summary
Includes menus from the USS Washington and USS Republic, Pearl Harbor Naval station dining cards, holiday cards, and a navy safety broadsheet for working on towers.
Arrangement
Arranged by format.

Commissary cards, Navy yard Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, 1942
| Box 1:2 | U.S. Naval Radio Station, Laulaulei, Oahu safety precautions to be observed while working on masts, towers, or structures of any kind 1939 |
| Box 1:2 | Dining room AFT first sitting card undated |
| Box 1:2 | U.S.S. Republic anniversary dinner card [2 copies] 1942 |
| Box 1:2 | United States Lines, S.S. Washington menus 1940 |
| Box 1:2 | Holiday cards undated |
| Box 1:2 | El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce map 1974 |

**International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

Includes constitution and by-laws of the San Francisco Area Bay ILWU pensioners, dedication program for the San Francisco Area Longshoremen’s Memorial Building, and an untitled manuscripts describing the experience of African American longshoreman Len Greer.

**Arrangement**

Arranged by format.

| Box 1:4 | Constitution and by-laws of S.F. Area Bay ILWU pensioners undated |
| Box 1:4 | San Francisco Area Longshoremen's Memorial Building dedication program and information 1959 |
| Box 1:4 | Miscellaneous dock workers agreement 1957 |
| Box 1:4 | Untitled manuscript, recollections of African American longshoreman Len Greer and the San Francisco maritime strike of 1934 undated |

**Medals**

**Physical Description:** 2 medals

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

Includes Purple Heart and Spanish American War medals.

| Box 1:3 | Purple Heart undated |
| Box 1:3 | Spanish American War medal undated |