The finding aid for the Dulce Bolado Ashe Davis Memoir C057895

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Language of Material: English
Contributing Institution: Society of California Pioneers
Title: Dulce Bolado Ashe Davis Memoir
creator: Davis, Dulce Balado Ashe, ca. 1870 - ?
Identifier/Call Number: C057895
Physical Description: 1 folder1 Folder (2 copies of typed memoirs, 22 pages)
Date (inclusive): 1923
Abstract: This file contains two copies of a typed reminiscence of Dulce Bolado Ashe Davis, who was of Spanish decent. The 22 page manuscript is dated 1923 and states that it was "copied from a typed ms in possession of Mr. Newman". The vast majority of the reminiscence covers the very earliest years in California, particularly in Monterrey and San Francisco. Most of the tales are what the author can recount from stories passed on to her by her Grandmother.

Scope and Contents
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Immediate Source of Acquisition
Source and date of acquisition not known, other than the note typed at the head of the second copy that says: "Copied from a typed mss. in the possession of Mr. Newman." Mr. Newman is most likely either Thomas E. or David Alan Newman, both descendants of Joaquin Bolado.

Existence and Location of Copies
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Biographical / Historical
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Subjects and Indexing Terms