Finding aid of the Jose F. Castro C057751

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Title: Castro, Jose F. Papers  
Identifier/Call Number: C057751  
Contributing Institution: Society of California Pioneers  
Language of Material: Spanish; Castilian  
Physical Description: 1.0 folder(7 pages, handwritten and typed)  
Date (inclusive): 1851-1914  
Abstract: Two letters (in Spanish): One from Jose Ramon Castro in San Pablo on March 18, 1851 to his sister. One from Pablo Muragas to Antonio Galindo dated 1862. Two newspaper clippings (in English) are obituaries for Jose C. Castro. One clipping reviews a dinner in Monterey hosted by Mrs. Anita Castro. One clipping announces that Casa de Castro, the former home of General Jose Castro, will be opened for adobe house tour. The last clipping is a full page spread from the San Francisco Chronicle, May 20, 1900 about Don Victor Castro called "The Last of the Spanish Grandees". (From PastPerfect database)  
Conditions Governing Access note  
Collection open for research.  
Conditions Governing Use note  
There are no restrictions on access.  
Preferred Citation note  
Donor  
Donor and date of acquisition unknown.  
Biographical note  
Jose F. Castro was born in Monterey in 1808. In 1828 he was secretary at City Hall. In 1831 he served on the city council, and from 1835-6 he served as acting governor of California before Nicolás Gutierrez, then helped lead a revolt by Juan Bautista Alvarado as lieutenant-colonel of the militia. In 1842 he was made lieutenant-colonel of the Mexican army. In 1845 he was made commander-general of California and remained in that position until his retirement in 1846, after which he settled in Mexico. He moved back to California in 1848 and lived there until 1853, when he returned to Mexico and was appointed military commander of the Lower California frontier. He was assassinated in 1860. (Source: Bio files: Castro Family)  
Scope and Contents note  
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Existence and Location of Originals note  
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