Overview of the Collection
Title: Sonoma Valley Union High School commencement announcements  
Date (inclusive): 1915 and 1918  
Identification: SPC.00001  
Creator: Sonoma Valley Union High School (Sonoma, Calif.)  
Physical Description: 0.1 linear feet1 document folder (31 x 25 cm)  
Language of Material: Materials are in English.  
Repository: Sonoma County History and Genealogy Library, Sonoma County Library  
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Santa Rosa, CA,  
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Abstract: The collection contains commencement exercise announcements for the 1915 and 1918 Sonoma Valley Union High School graduating classes. The 1918 announcement includes a card for E. Lester Hawkins and an envelope addressed to Miss Esther Hawkins of Oakland, Calif.  
Biography/Organization History  
In the 1891 Sonoma's first high school used the three-story Cumberland College building located on Broadway. During the eight years of its existence, the college flourished and had at one time as many as 400 students, mostly from other parts of California and nearby states. It was closed when the State University of California campus opened in Berkeley. Sonoma Valley Union High School had its first commencement in 1894, graduating two students. The Principal from 1897 to 1901 was Benjamin Weed. San Francisco's 1906 earthquake tumbled buildings in Sonoma, among them the high school. Students attended classes in a church basement and the upstairs of Clewe's store on the corner of Broadway and Napa Street, until a new school was built on the foundation of the old Cumberland College. Classes, varying in size from three to more than a dozen continued in this building. Over time, the campus was transformed through a number of building projects. The high school is still in existence and remains the only high school in Sonoma. In 2018, the school served over 1300 students.  
Scope and Contents  
Commencement exercise announcements for the 1915 and 1918 Sonoma Valley Union High School graduating classes.  
Arrangement  
Arranged in chronological order.  
Access Terms  
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection.  
Personal Names  
Hawkins, E. Lester.  
Hawkins, Esther.  
Topical Terms  
Commencement ceremonies--California--Sonoma  
Genre and Format Terms  
Announcements  
Archival materials  
Access Information