Inventory of the Spanish American Institute Photograph Collection

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Abstract: This collection contains photographs taken of students and teachers engaged in classwork and other activities at the Spanish American Institute. Other photographs include images of various locations on campus such as the farm; church; classrooms; and dormitories; as well as images of campus sporting events and celebrations.
Scope and Contents
The Spanish American Institute Photograph Collection (1920-1964, 1989; undated) contains approximately 133 photographs, postcards, and clippings taken of students and teachers engaged in classwork and other activities at the Spanish American Institute, which was located in Gardena, California. Other photographs include images of various locations on campus such as the farm; church; classrooms; and dormitories; as well as images of campus sporting events and celebrations. Also included in this collection is an annual report from January 1923 which provides information regarding the history up until that point; as well as the mission of the institute and small blurbs about different departments within the Institute.
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Biographical / Historical
The Southern California Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church established the Spanish American Institute in 1909. The institute, which opened in 1913 in Gardena, California served as a boarding school for Mexican boys aged 12-18 and held classes in English and other subjects; as well as various vocational trades including agricultural programs. At the time that it opened, John P. Howe was the first Superintendent for the twenty-five boys that attended. The Institute closed its boarding school in 1971, but continues to operate providing college and vocational scholarships to the Hispanic community in Southern California.
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