Descriptive Summary
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Abstract: A compilation of primary source accounts of mob violence (lynchings and murder) of “Whites” and “Blacks” in the United States from the 1840s to 1890s. Intended as the basis of a manuscript, the material was researched and compiled by Glen Schwendemann.

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Acquisition Information
The materials were donated to the California State University Archives at California State University, Dominguez Hills, by Glenn Schwendemann in 2008.

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History
Intended as the basis of a manuscript on U.S. mob violence from the 1840s to 1890s but unpublished, the material was researched, collected, and edited by Glen Schwendemann over four decades (ca. 1960-2000). The data was collected from newspapers, dating from the mid to late nineteenth century, in the form of microfilm and then transcribed by Schwendemann. The intended title of the manuscript was: Mob Violence in America, 1839 – 1892. Schwendemann’s interest in and committed research on the subject was inspired by his Master’s thesis (University of Oklahoma, 1957) on nineteenth century African-American migration from the South.

Scope and Content
The manuscript consists of primary source accounts of mob violence in the United States from 1840 to 1899. “Lynching” is understood as an event in which a person alleged to have committed a crime or offense is arrested and murdered (typically, hanged) by a mob; when the person is not arrested, but hanged or executed in some other manner by a mob, it is considered “murder.” Mob violence of the latter sort is often associated with the western part of the United States in the post-Civil War period. The events of mob violence documented largely took place in the mid-West and the South, and to less degree, in the West and Southwest. The material is divided into two main categories of persons (primarily men) lynched or murdered: “Blacks” and “Whites.” Latino, Native American, and Asian men are included in the sections on Whites lynched or murdered. There are also several accounts of the lynching of women in the two main categories. Notes indicate that two sections on mob violence - titled “Lynching of Black People” and “Murder of Black People” - were meant to be part of the material; these are not included in the collection, although an index of names titled “Blacks not Arrested but Killed by Mobs” is. The bulk of the material therefore is centered on “lynching” and “murder” of “Whites.”
The manuscript material comprises three series. Series I consists of the Introduction where the terms and methodology employed in the research and collection of data are laid out. It also contains the primary and secondary sources of the data and the numbers of persons lynched and murdered by mob actions by race and by year, intended as appendices of the manuscript. Series II includes documented accounts of the lynchings of and the murder of Whites (1840-1892). Series III consists of three indices: Whites murdered by mob violence (1840-1892), Blacks murdered by mob violence (1840-1892), and names of the dead (1866-1965).

**Arrangement**
Arranged in three series:
Series I. Introduction, Sources, and Persons Lynched/Killed by Mobs by Race and Number.
Series II. Lynchings of Whites, and Whites not Arrested but Killed by Mobs.
Series III. Indices.

**Subjects**
Hangings--Arizona--1880-1890.
Lynching--California—History.
Lynching--Georgia.
Lynching--Kentucky--History.
Lynching--Louisiana--New Orleans.
Lynching--Mississippi.
Lynching--Missouri--History.
Lynching--Montana--History--19th century.
Lynching--North Carolina.
Lynching--Oklahoma.
Lynching--South Carolina--History--19th century.
Lynching Southern States.
Lynching--Southern States--History.
Lynching--Tennessee.
Lynching--Texas--History--19th century.
Lynching--United States.
Lynching--Virginia--History.
Lynchings--1850-1860.
Hangings--1860-1870.
Alabama--History--19th century.
Arkansas History 19th century.
Colorado--History--19th century.
Delaware--History.
Florida--History--19th century.
Idaho--History.
Indiana--History--19th century.
Illinois--History--19th century.
Kansas--History--19th century.
Maine--History--19th century.
Maryland--History.
Michigan--History--19th century.
Minnesota--History--19th century.
Nebraska--History--19th century.
Nevada--History.
New Mexico--History--19th century.
Ohio--History--19th century.
Introduction

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Scope and Content Note

Box 1, Folder 1  Manuscript Terms and Methodology
Box 1, Folder 2  Sources - primary and secondary
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Box 1, Folder 4  Additional Lynchings and Instances of Mob Actions 1891

Lynchings

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Scope and Content Note

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Box 1, Folder 8  White Lynchings 1866
Box 1, Folder 9  White Lynchings 1867
Box 1, Folder 10  White Lynchings 1868
Box 1, Folder 11  White Lynchings 1869
Box 1, Folder 12  White Lynchings 1870
Box 1, Folder 13  White Lynchings 1871
Box 1, Folder 14  White Lynchings 1872
Box 1, Folder 15  White Lynchings 1873
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Box 1, Folder 17  White Lynchings 1875
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Box 2, Folder 29  White Lynchings 1887
Box 2, Folder 30  White Lynchings 1888
Box 2, Folder 31  White Lynchings 1889
Box 2, Folder 32  White Lynchings 1890
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Box 2, Folder 37  Whites not Arrested but Killed by Mobs 1860-1865
Box 2, Folder 38  Whites not Arrested but Killed by Mobs 1866, 1867
Box 2, Folder 39  Whites not Arrested but Killed by Mobs 1868
Box 2, Folder 40  Whites not Arrested but Killed by Mobs 1869, 1870
Box 2, Folder 41  Whites not Arrested but Killed by Mobs 1871, 1872
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Box 3, Folder 43  Whites not Arrested but Killed by Mobs 1875, 1876
Box 3, Folder 44  Whites not Arrested but Killed by Mobs 1877, 1878
Box 3, Folder 45  Whites not Arrested but Killed by Mobs 1879, 1880
Box 3, Folder 46  Whites not Arrested but Killed by Mobs 1881, 1882
Box 3, Folder 47  Whites not Arrested but Killed by Mobs 1883, 1884
Box 3, Folder 48  Whites not Arrested but Killed by Mobs 1885, 1886
Box 3, Folder 49  Whites not Arrested but Killed by Mobs 1887, 1888
Box 3, Folder 50  Whites not Arrested but Killed by Mobs 1889, 1890
Box 3, Folder 51  Whites not Arrested but Killed by Mobs 1891, 1892

Indices

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Box 3, Folder 52  Index of Whites not Arrested but Killed by Mobs 1840-1880
Box 3, Folder 53  Index of Whites not Arrested but Killed by Mobs 1881-1892
Box 3, Folder 54  Index of Blacks not Arrested but Killed by Mobs 1840-1883
Box 3, Folder 55  Index of Blacks not Arrested but Killed by Mobs 1884-1892
Box 3, Folder 56  Names of the Dead 1866-1899
Box 3, Folder 57  Names of the Dead 1900-1939
Box 3, Folder 58  Names of the Dead 1940-1965