Title: James F. Welch collection
Identifier/Call Number: MVC036
Contributing Institution: Museum of Ventura County
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 2.0 linear ft. (2 boxes)
Date: 1973-1979
creator: Welch, James F.

Acquisition Information
This collection was donated by James F. Welch, former Lifeguard Supervisor at San Buenaventura State Beach, on November 8, 1996.

Scope and Contents Note
The collection consists of four boxes of historical materials covering events in Ventura County, gathered by Mr. James F. Welch during his research from 1973 to 1979.

Boxes 1 and 2 contain materials on History of Lifesaving (local, regional and world). Boxes 3 and 4 contain materials on the History of San Buenaventura State Beach. A detailed inventory of contents appears inside each box.

Related Materials
In addition to this collection, the Museum Library has a copy of Mr. Welch's history of San Buenaventura State Beach:

James F. Welch collection

Box 1
- Box containing Color slides: San Buenaventura History
- Booklet: "Union Oil in Ventura County," January 1978
- Ventura County Historical Society Quarterlies:
  - Vol. XXII, No. 4, Summer 1977: The McGrath Story
  - Vol. XXIII, No. 2, Winter 1978: Traffic on Ventura Avenue: Horses and Buggies to Rollerskates, and All Swimmers Welcome to the Reservoir
  - Vol. XXIII, No. 1, Fall 1977: Reminiscences of Early Ojai
  - Vol. XXIII, No. 3, Spring 1978: The Anacapa Lighthouse; Coast Survey No. 2; Anacapa Island; Wrecked on Anacapa; Steamer Winfield Scott; Anacapa Island; The Winfield Scott; The Websters on Anacapa; Frenchie
  - Vol. XII, No. 3, May 1968: History of Ventura County
  - Vol. XXIII, No. 4, Summer 1978: Oxnard Diamond Jubilee, 1903-1978
  - Vol. XXIV, No. 1, Fall 1978: The Wind Sycamore: Some J. P. Harrington Notes on a Venturaño Chumash Shrine; Chumash Indian Basketry at San Buenaventura
  - Vol. XVIII, No. 3, Spring 1973: San Buenaventura County Seat, 1873-1973
  - Vol. XXIV, No. 3, Spring 1979: The Santa Ana Land Grant and Mountain Valley; Subdivisions to Estates
  - Vol. XXV, No. 1, Fall 1979: Terrible Disaster, Miraculous Escape; The Last Days of Steam
- Brochure: Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Box 1, Folder 1
Miscellaneous materials relating to Ventura County and California State Parks collected by James Welch

General Physical Description note: (66 pieces)

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Handwritten notes on History of Ventura County, Part I
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<td>Booklet: The Story of Ventura County by W. W. Robinson. Title Insurance and Trust Company, copyright 1956</td>
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| Box 2 | "Lifesaving World, Vol. I, No. 5"  
| Box 2 | Newsletter: "U.S. Lifesaving News," Vol. 1, No. 1, Spring 1979  
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| Box 2 | Book: Swimming and Life-Saving, by Capt. W. D. Andrews, G.C.V. Toronto: William Briggs, 78 & 80 King Street East, 1889  
General Physical Description note: (Xerox copy, bound) |
General Physical Description note: (Xerox copy, bound in two sections with green covers) |
| Box 2 | Booklet: World Life Saving Congress '78, Newport Beach, California. National Surf Life Saving Association of America, Huntington Beach, CA 92648  
| Box 2 | Book: The History of the Water Safety Program of the American National Red Cross, by Margaret Annie Mays, May 1973  
General Physical Description note: (Xerox copy, bound) |
| Box 2 | Book: Shark Attack: A Program of Data Reduction and Analysis, by H. David Baldridge. Sarasota, FL: Contributions from the Mote Marine Laboratory, Volume 1, Number 2, 1974 |
| Box 2, Folder 1 | "Swimming"  
General Physical Description note: (8 reprints) |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | "Lifeguard Course"  
Scope and Contents note  
[Contains seven documents outlining the course plus a brochure describing the Ventura County Regional Occupational Program.] |
| Box 2, Folder 3 | "Surfing"  
Scope and Contents note  
[Contains four articles on surfing, plus one brochure on tide pools.] |
| Box 2, Folder 4 | "Swimming Pools"  
General Physical Description note: (2 articles) |
Box 2, Folder 5  
"Resuscitation"  
General Physical Description note: (10 pieces)

Box 2, Folder 6  
"Buoy, Misc Equipment"  
General Physical Description note: (10 pieces)

Box 2, Folder 7  
"Royal Lifesaving Societies-Canada"  
General Physical Description note: (1 article)

Box 2, Folder 8  
"International"  
General Physical Description note: (3 pieces)

Box 2, Folder 9  
Lifeguard Job Descriptions and Statistics

Box 2, Folder 10  
"NSLSA":  
News clipping from L.A. Times, March 15, 1977
Recurrent Committee Report from National Surf Life Saving Association (NSLSA) dated May 13, 1976

Box 2, Folder 11  
"Red Cross"  
Scope and Contents note  
[History and brochures on American Red Cross Water Safety Program.]

Box 2, Folder 12  
"Y. M. C. A. "  
Scope and Contents note  
[Articles and information on the Y. M. C. A. National Swimming and Life Saving Program.]

Box 2, Folder 13  
"Other L G. Dept. "  
Scope and Contents note  
[Articles and information on surfing, water recreation and safety in California from 1889 forward.]

Box 2, Folder 14  
"U. S. L. G. Service"  
General Physical Description note: (13 documents)  
Scope and Contents note  
[History and reports on the U. S. Life-Guard Service.]

Box 2, Folder 15  
"Lifesaving Class, Fall 1977-Spring 1978"  
Scope and Contents note  
[Course outline and description.]

Box 2, Folder 16  
"Correspondence"  
Scope and Contents note  
[Correspondence during 1976 to and from James F Welch regarding various aspects of life-saving and life-saving equipment.]

Box 2, Envelope 1  
News Articles:  
"Injuries a major concern on beach outing" from Ventura County Star-Free Press, Sunday, July 1, 1979
"Ventura man drowns trying to aid woman" from Ventura County Star-Free Press, Sunday, Aug. 5, 1979

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Misc L. G. "  
Scope and Contents note  
[Miscellaneous information on duties, training and job description of life guard.]
Box 2, Folder 18
"Manuscript"
Scope and Contents note
[Notes for text a book on history of life guards, surfing, etc.]

Box 2, Envelope 2
[Information on sharks from Mote Marine Laboratory, 9501 Blind Pass Road, Sarasota, FL 33581]