Descriptive Summary
Title: Alvarado family letters
Inclusive Dates: 1920-1954
Collection Number: mssAlvarado
Extent: 41 letters in 1 box (0.21 linear feet)
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Abstract: This collection consists of 41 letters primarily from Ysidro Alvarado, living in Mexico, to his family in California, dating from 1926-1954.

Language of Material: The material is in Spanish.

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A summary of the letters was provided by Clay Stalls in August 2019.

Biography
Antonio and Clara Alvarado were both born in Mexico in the late 1800s. The couple had at least two sons: Ysidro and José. The couple later moved to Southern California with their son José, who was born on June 13, 1905 in León, Mexico. He was an agricultural employee for Grether Ranch in the Las Posas Valley for 45 years. La Sandia was a hacienda outside of the city of León (Guanajuato) Mexico, and is now a part of León.

Scope and Content
This collection consists of 41 letters primarily from Ysidro Alvarado, living in Mexico, to his family in California, dating from 1926-1954. The letters touch on the route and difficulties of going to the United States border from Guanajuato, Mexico; turning away of persons at the U.S. border in 1928; remittances from persons in the U.S. to relatives in Mexico; motivations for migration; the emotional and financial ties between relatives across the U.S. and Mexico border; and other aspects of life. Most of the letters include envelopes; some of the letters were accompanied with receipts and printed ephemera.

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.

Family Name
Alvarado family

Alternate Authors
Alvarado, Antonio -- addressee
Alvarado, José -- addressee
Alvarado, Ysidro
Carpio, Leonor

Subjects
Agricultural laborers
Cristero Rebellion, 1926-1929
Migrant remittances
Immigrants -- California -- Correspondence
Mexican Americans -- California -- History -- 20th century -- Sources
Mexican Americans -- California -- Social aspects -- Correspondence
Mexicans -- California -- History -- 20th century -- Sources
Transnationalism -- History

**Geographic Areas**
Guanajuato (Mexico) -- Economic conditions
Guanajuato (Mexico) -- Emigration and immigration
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**Genre**
Letters (correspondence) -- California -- 20th century
Letters (correspondence) -- Mexico -- 20th century

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1928 August 8 Encarnación Lira (Brawley, California) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)
   Includes: Cards of spiritualist, a receipt from Lorano's Market in Oxnard, California, and envelope.

1928 August 10 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)
   With envelope.

1928 August 20 Pascual Carpio (Hacienda de La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California?)

1928 August 22 Leonor Carpio (Brawley, California) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)

1928 August 31 Leonor Carpio (Brawley, California) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)

1928 September 2 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)
   With envelope.

1928 September 5 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to José Alvarado (Reseda, California)
   With envelope.

1928 September 14 Leonor Carpio (Brawley, California) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)

1928 November 13 Ylaria Jacobo (San Miguel de León, Guanajuato, Mexico) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)
   With envelope.

1929 January 13 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)
   With envelope.

1929 February 24 Francisco Torres (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)
   Includes: Discount card for pearls at Win's Rexall Drug Store in Reseda, California and envelope.

1929 February 26 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)
   With envelope.

1929 March 26 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)
   Includes: Undated letter from Alberta Alvarez to Juanita Lira and envelope.

1929 April 18 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)
   With envelope.

1929 May 26 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)
   With envelope.

1929 June 13 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)
   With envelope.

1929 June 17 Leonor Carpio (Brawley, California) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)
   With envelope.
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1929 June 27 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)  
With envelope.

Box 1, Folder 27  
1928 July 9 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)  
With envelope.

Box 1, Folder 28  
1929 July 14 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)  
With envelope.

Box 1, Folder 29  
1929 August 23 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado (Reseda, California)  
Includes: Envelope and card.

Box 1, Folder 30  
1930 January 28 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to José Alvarado (Reseda, California)

Box 1, Folder 31  
1937 May 28 Ysidro Alvarado, Soledad Alvarado (Antonio's granddaughter), and a third person (?) (La Sandia), to Antonio Alvarado (Oxnard, California)  
With envelope.

Box 1, Folder 32  
1937 October 4 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado (Oxnard, California)  
With envelope.

Box 1, Folder 33  
1940 December 14 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado (Oxnard, California)  
With envelope.

Box 1, Folder 34  
1942 January 26 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado (Oxnard, California)  
With envelope.

Box 1, Folder 35  
1942 February 28 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado

Box 1, Folder 36  
1948 March 18 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado (Oxnard, California)  
With envelope.

Box 1, Folder 37  
1949 January 15 Augustina Torez (sic for Torres; León) to Clara Torez (sic for Torres; Oxnard)  
With envelope.

Box 1, Folder 38  
1951 August 9 Ysidro and Alberta Alvarado (La Sandia) to Antonio Alvarado

Box 1, Folder 39  
1954 July 27 Ysidro Alvarado (La Sandia) to Clara Torres de Alvarado (El Río, California)  
Includes: 1950 Clara Torres de Alvarado's medical receipts, 1947 grocery bills, and envelope.

Box 1, Folder 40  
Postcard.  
Blank.