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Scope and Contents
The collection consists of correspondence between members of the Martin family, including Jodie Martin, his sons Alvin and Winston Martin, and Alvin's wife Florence Bunk Martin. Though Alvin and Florence lived mostly in Portland, Oregon during the time of the letters, the family is centered in Texas around Ft. Worth and Cleburne.
Many letters mention the trials of living during the Great Depression; most family members are unable to find any sort of work and mention this fact repeatedly. Though Alvin is employed by the Citizens Conservation Corps in Pima, Arizona for some time, the family still struggles to support themselves. Several members are involved in farming or agricultural matters and mention the difficulties of farming in Texas within the Dust Bowl. Alvin and Florence seem to have better luck in Portland, sustained by the income from the beauty salon owned by Florence.