Guide to the Pennington Family Papers

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Chronological.

Scope and Contents
The Pennington Family Papers consist of correspondence to Louis and Jane Pennington in San Diego from Louis’ mother in Oroville, California, and Jane's mother and sister in Charleston, South Carolina. The materials include letters, Christmas cards, a birthday card, and one photograph. There are a few undated letters at the back which are written to Jane from her mother. The majority of the letters are written from Louis’ mother and regard mostly family matters. Louis’ father was a butcher in Oroville who worked long hours and seven day weeks. He worked for “Upenshaw Meat Shop” on Montgomery Street. Louis’ parents moved from Oroville back to Oakland during the winter, but had a difficult time finding a job for her father. Louis’ mother had a strained relationship with her daughter-in-law, Jane, who she found to be rude and selfish - “the way she talked to me was a disgrace.” Louis’ mother shares information with Louis which she had heard about Jane, e.g. Jane was once married to a prize fighter at the age of 15 and was a fan dancer; also, Jane was looked
on unfavorably by many neighbors.

Jane’s sister, Irene, was proposed to by her boyfriend. They made plans to move into a new home, but complications with the renovations pushed back the move-in date. She sends Jane a letter with a photograph which appears to be herself and her boyfriend in front of their new home.

**Correspondence 1936-1937**

| Box 1, Folder 1         | Letter to Jane September 7, 1936 |
| Box 1, Folder 2         | Letter to Louis and Jane October 14, 1936 |
| Box 1, Folder 3         | Letter to Louis October 14, 1936 |
| Box 1, Folder 4         | Newspaper Clippings October 1936 |
| Box 1, Folder 5         | Letter to Jane October 18, 1936 |
| Box 1, Folder 6         | Letter to Jane November 8, 1936 |
| Box 1, Folder 7         | Letter to Louis November 22, 1936 |
| Box 1, Folder 8         | Letter to Jane December 8, 1936 |
| Box 1, Folder 9         | Letter to Louis December 27, 1936 |
| Box 1, Folder 10        | Letter to Jane January 8, 1937 |
| Box 1, Folder 11        | Letter to Louis January 11, 1937 |
| Box 1, Folder 12        | Letter to Louis February 12, 1937 |
| Box 1, Folder 13        | Happy Birthday Card to Louis February 15, 1937 |
| Box 1, Folder 14        | 3 Letters to Jane and Anonymous n.d. |