Descriptive Summary

Title: Modini Ranch Journals collection

Dates: 1935-2005

Collection Number: Consult repository

Creator/Collector:

Extent: 3 linear feet

Online items available: http://northbaydigital.sonoma.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/modini

Repository: Sonoma State University Library

Rohnert Park, California 94928

Abstract: The Modini Ranch Journals collection showcases journals and ledgers handwritten by James (Jim) Lawrence and Shirley Nye Modini, gifted to Sonoma State University Library by Audubon Canyon Ranch in 2013. Jim and Shirley Modini were Sonoma County natives who lived at Pine Flat Road Ranch from World War II until their deaths, his in 2011 and hers in 2012. The Modinis documented life on their northern California ranch for almost 70 years, from 1935 until 2005. The journal entries encompass a wide range of subjects including weather, prices, wildlife sightings, events, sketches, and musings. In 2000, the Modinis worked with the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to designate their land as “forever wild”. In 2009, they donated the property to Audubon Canyon Ranch, a land conservation group that manages preserves in Sonoma and Marin counties.

Language of Material: English

Access

Collection is open for research by appointment.

Publication Rights

The library can only claim physical ownership of the collection. Users are responsible for satisfying any claimants of literary property.

Preferred Citation

Modini Ranch Journals collection. Sonoma State University Library

Scope and Content of Collection

The Modini Ranch Journals collection showcases forty-six journals and ledgers handwritten by James (Jim) Lawrence and Shirley Nye Modini, gifted to Sonoma State University Library by Audubon Canyon Ranch.

Indexing Terms

Ranch life -- California -- Sonoma County.
Healdsburg (Calif) -- History -- 20th century.
Alexander Valley (Calif) -- History -- 20th century.
Modini, James Lawrence, 1917-2011.
Modini, Shirley Nye, 1923-2012.