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Paul Percy Parker was a newspaperman in California's Salinas Valley.
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The Parker Collection of Californiana contains official documents (many in Spanish), legal and financial papers, manuscripts of narratives and memoirs, printed material and clippings relative to California history. The major bulk of the papers are dated prior to 1900 and the total span is from 1782 to 1936. They deal primarily with the Monterey area, the Salinas Valley, Salinas, San Jose, and the lower Peninsula area.
The Spanish and Mexican California documents are of special interest and include the signatures of José de Zuñiga, José Figueroa, Simeon Castro, David Spence, Luis del Castillo Negrete and an unsigned letter by Manuel Micheltorena. The William S. Johnson material contains a number of papers concerning land grant property and there are some other title papers and transfers on this subject. There are a few documents by Walter Colton and a lot of material on the Salinas Lettuce Strike of 1936.
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Monterey County (Calif.) -- History.

box 1, folder 1  SPANISH & MEXICAN CALIFORNIA OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS 447709 1782-1848
1. Signed by José de Zuñiga, official under Gov. Felipe de Neve. re: supplies from San Blas. 2 pp. 447743 1782.
2. Signed by José de Zuñiga. 2 pp. 447741 1783.
4. Signed by José Figueroa. 2 pp. 447737 1833, Jul. 16.
5. Outline of sword. Evidence in murder trial. 447735 1833.

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6. re: David Espensa (Spence), Estevan Munras, Feodoro Gonzales, José Ramon Estrada, José Joaquín Gomez. Signed (docketed 1836) by Simeon Castro. 3 pp. 447733 1836, Dec. 28. Nov. 29, 1838
7. Signed Juan de Castro. 1 p. 447731 [1834 or 39], Feb. 28.
8. Signed (Tomas) Pacheco - Juan de Castro, official at San Jose. 1 p. 447729 1841.
9. Seal or initial unidentified. at San Juan. 1 p. 447727 1841, Jan. 8.
10. Seal or initial unidentified. Name of Manuel Larios appears. 1 p. 447725 1841, Jan. 8.
11. Seal or initial unidentified. at San Jose, name of [Juan Bautista] Alvarado appears. 1 p. 447723 1841, Apr. 23.
13. Signed Rafael Pinta. 1 p. 447719 1844, May 2.
17. John Townsend (Monterey Council) to Thomas Kittleman (Sheriff) - orders to summon grand jury. 2 pp. 447711 1846, Apr. 19.

box 1, folder 1A. DR. MANUEL QUIXANO IN MONTEREY 447707 1807-1825
Scope and Contents note
Recent, typed account by unknown author. Includes information on murder of Padre Andres Quintana. 2 pp.

box 1, folder 2 BOOK OF SOLARES OF MONTEREY COUNTY PUEBLOS 447705 1828
Scope and Contents note
Translation Ms by William S. Johnson in 1851, note by Parker.

box 1, folder 3 HARTNELL CENSUS OF CALIFORNIA RANCHOS 447703 1836
Container Summary: Photostats from Vallejo Documents at Bancroft Library.

box 1, folder 4 WILLIAM S. JOHNSON PAPERS [copy] 447677 1840-188_
Scope and Contents
Hartnell Census of California Ranchos (1836) is a photocopy; the original is in the Bancroft Library, University of California at Berkeley. See Bancroft, IV, 694.

5. Newspaper clippings, 447693 1864, Aug. 20.
9. [Soto], J. M. to Murphy, Grant & Co. Sight draft. 1 p. 447685 1869, Nov. 30.

MRS. W. S. JOHNSON (LOUISA CANO) - "HERBS AND HOW TO USE THEM" 447675

Scope and Contents note
Typed transcript of herb list by Parker.

JOHN D. ACKERMAN, SR. - "MY FIRST TRIP TO CALIFORNIA" 447673 1843-47

Scope and Contents note
Recent, typed copy of a letter or article and note by J. D. Ackerman, Jr. 3 pp.

YGNACIO PEDRO VILLEGAS 447667

Biographical/Historical note
"Wrote his Memoirs and other articles after he became station agent at Soledad in May, 1876, at that time the end of the Southern Pacific system. He was born in Mexico and came to California via 'carreta' before the discovery of gold. He was related to Don Francisco Pacheco and lived with them at the San Felipe rancho in San Benito County. A very bright boy, he soon spoke English and talked with miners and immigrants. He wrote about everything he saw and described life on the ranchos." -Parker

1. Memoirs from before 1849. Typed with Mss corrections. (May have been published). 30 pp. 447671
2. Fictional Romance. "containing information that could not be put in Memoirs". Typed with Mss corrections. 45 pp. Duplicates 4 pp. Parker notes 1 p. 447669

WALTER COLTON 447657 1846-1847

Container Summary: "in Colton's hand"


R. FREDERICK A. MacDOUGALL (McDOUGAL or MacDOUGAL) - ANZAR GUARDIANSHIP PAPERS 447655 1854-1871

Biographical/Historical note
"In 1853, Juan Miguel Anzar died. He held title to land grants "Aromas", 13,218 acres; "Quien Sabe", 17,636 acres; and "Real de Los Aquilas", 30,856 acres. Dr. MacDougal (sic) was appointed guardian of the three minor children. His guardianship papers give a very accurate account of running three large ranches up to 1869: the buying and selling of live stock, wages paid for all kinds of help, when the fence law went into effect, the surveying, pickets, nails, lumber, etc., here in detail; education of the boys, clothing them and the food they ate; medicines, taxes." -Parker

DANIEL R. MARTIN - PERSONAL REMINISCENCES 447653 [c.1855-1874]

Scope and Contents note
Incidents in and about Monterey for an article in Parker's Historical Column in the "Salinas Journal" or the "Salinas Post". 6 pp.

MONTEREY UNION LEAGUE AND HOME GUARD 447649 Apr. 21, 1863-Dec., 1864

Biographical/Historical note
"The Monterey Home Guards were organized to protect Monterey from the Confederates at the start of the Civil War. Constitution and By Laws, interesting meetings, roster of members which comprised the leading citizens of the city, including David Jacks." -Parker
Typed lists and outline, perhaps for a book or long article. 8 pp. 447647

**LAND GRANTS, TITLES, ETC. 447629 1868-1886**

5. City Lands of Monterey - Field Notes. 447635 Oct. 1868

Biographical/Historical note

"David Jacks bought 29,698 acres from the City of Monterey for $1,002 in 1856. In 1896 the City of Monterey brought suit to recover, claiming fraud but lost case. The lands extended from Cypress Point along Monterey Bay shore line to mouth of Salinas river, thence east up river to within a mile of the now Salinas River bridge, thence south to Laguna Seca and west to Monterey Presidio". -Parker


**SALINAS LETTUCE STRIKE 447593 1936**

1. Green, William, President of A. F. of L. "Communist Activities in the United States". Reprint from Congressional Record of a report to the President of the U.S. 447627 Jun. 27, 1934
3. The American Plan, Published by the Industrial Association of San Francisco. 447623 Jun., 1936.
4. Fruit & Vegetable Workers Union Bulletin, Salinas, 447621 Aug. 15, 1936
5. Special Bulletin 447619 Sept. 8, 1936
6. Monterey Peninsula Herald 447617 Sept. 16, 1936
7. Monterey Peninsula Herald 447615 Sept. 17, 1936
8. Pacific Weekly, Carmel 447613 Sept. 21, 1936
9. The American Citizen, San Francisco 447611 Sept. 26, 1936
10. Canete, Rufo C., President of Filipino Labor Union. Broadside 447609 Sept. 28, 1936
11. [Strike Official Bulletin], typed article dated 447607 Sept. 29, 1936
12. The Literary Digest, New York 447605 Oct. 10, 1936
13. The American Citizen, San Francisco 447603 Oct. 16, 1936
14. Monterey County Section - Communist Party of U.S.A. Broadside 447601
15. Fruit & Vegetable Workers Union of California Circular 447599
16. Industrial Association of San Francisco Bulletin "copy of circular by District Committee of Cannery and Agricultural Workers (a Communist Unit)" 447597

**CLIPPINGS - HISTORICAL ARTICLES 447591**

**MISCELLANEOUS 447583**

1. Republican State Ticket, California 447589 Sept, 6, 1872
3. "Feliz Navidad, Amigos" Poem (by Parker?) 447585

**SCRAPBOOK OF CLIPPINGS - articles on California history 447581**

**JOURNAL OF WAHLRICH & CORNETT, SALINAS, CALIFORNIA 447577**

Biographical/Historical note

First general merchandise store in Salinas opened 1872.
Daily sales record, etc. 447579 Jun. 8, 1872-May 9, 1873