Guide to the Paul Percy Parker Collection, 1782-1936

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BIOGRAPHY
Paul Percy Parker was a newspaperman in California's Salinas Valley.

SCOPE AND CONTENT
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 1782-1936. 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.

**SEPARATED MATERIALS**
Books were placed in Special Collections and Stanfordiana was placed in the Stanford Collection.

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**Box 1, Folder 1.**

**SPANISH & MEXICAN CALIFORNIA OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS 1782-1848**

1. 1782. Signed by José de Zuñiga, official under Gov. Felipe de Neve. re: supplies from San Blas. 2 pp.
2. 1783. Signed by José de Zuñiga. 2 pp.
3. 1832, Dec. Signers: Salvador Espinosa, José Estrada, Santiago Moreno, José Castro, José Antonio [Gaxiola], José Joaquin Gomez, Bonifacio de Madriaga. Certified Feb. 23, 1835 by [Luis] del Castillo Negrete, and Dav[id] Spence. 3 PP,
5. 1833. Outline of sword. Evidence in murder trial.
7. [1834 or 39], Feb. 28. Signed Juan de Castro. 1 P.
8. 1841. Signed (Tomas] Pacheco - Juan de Castro, official at San Jose. 1 p.
9. 1841, Jan. 8. Seal or initial unidentified. at San Juan. 1 p.
11. 1841, Apr. 23. Seal or initial unidentified. at San Jose, name of [Juan Bautista] Alvarado appears. 1 p.
13. 1844, May 2. Signed Rafael Pinta. 1 p.
15. 1846, Jan 24. Signed J. S. Escamilla, Manuel Dias Y Garcia. 2 ppe
17. 1846, Apr. 19. John Townsend (Monterey Council) to Thomas Kittleman (Sheriff) - orders to summon grand jury. 2 pp.

**Box 1, Folder 1A.**

**DR. MANUEL QUIXANO IN MONTEREY. 1807-1825**

Scope and Content 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. 1828**

Scope and Content Note
Translation Ms by William S. Johnson in 1851, note by Parker.

**Box 1, Folder 3.**

**HARTNELL CENSUS OF CALIFORNIA RANCHOS. 1836**

Physical Description: Photostats from Vallejo Documents at Bancroft Library.

**Box 1, Folder 4.**

**WILLIAM S. JOHNSON PAPERS. 1840-1888.** (See Bancroft, IV, 694.)

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

Box 1, Folder 5.

MRS. W. S. JOHNSON (LOUISA CANO). - "HERBS AND HOW TO USE THEM"
Scope and Content Note
Typed transcript of herb list by Parker.

Box 1, Folder 5A.

JOHN D. ACKERMAN, SR. - "MY FIRST TRIP TO CALIFORNIA" 1843-47
Scope and Content Note
Recent, typed copy of a letter or article and note by J. D. Ackerman, Jr. 3 pp.

Box 1, Folder 6.

YGNACIO PEDRO VILLEGAS.
Biography/Organization History
"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.

Box 1, Folder 7.

WALTER COLTON. 1846-1847
Physical Description: "in Colton's hand"

Box 1, Folder 8. **R. FREDERICK A. MacDOUGALL (McDOUGAL or MacDOUGAL) - ANZAR GUARDIANSHIP PAPERS. 1854-1871**

**Biography/Organization History**

'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

Box 1, Folder 8A. **DANIEL R. MARTIN - PERSONAL REMINISCENCES. [?1855-1874]**

**Scope and Content Note**

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

Box 1, Folder 9. **MONTEREY UNION LEAGUE AND HOME GUARD. Apr. 21, 1863-Dec., 1864**

**Biography/Organization History**

"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

1. Minute book and notes by Parker.

Box 1, Folder 9A. **FEDERICO PONCIANO FELIZ - MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA SINCE 1868**

Typed lists and outline, perhaps for a book or long article. 8 pp.

Box 1, Folder 10. **LAND GRANTS, TITLES, ETC. 1868-1886**

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

**Biography/Organization History**

"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


Box 1, Folder 11. **SALINAS LETTUCE STRIKE. 1936**

1. Green, William, President of A. F. of L. "Communist Activities in the United States". Reprint from Congressional Record of Jun. 27, 1934 of a report to the President of the U.S.
11. [Strike Official Bulletin], typed article dated Sept. 29, 1936.  
16. *Industrial Association of San Francisco Bulletin*. "copy of circular by District Committee of Cannery and Agricultural Workers (a Communist Unit)". n.d.  

Box 1, Folder 11A. CLIPPINGS - HISTORICAL ARTICLES.  
Box 1, Folder 12. MISCELLANEOUS.  
1. Republican State Ticket, California, Sept, 6, 1872.  
3. "Feliz Navidad, Amigos". Poem (?by Parker), n.d.  

Box 2, Folder 13. SCRAPBOOK OF CLIPPINGS - articles on California history.  
Box 3, Folder 14. JOURNAL OF WAHRlich & CORNETT, SALINAS, CALIFORNIA.  
Biography/Organization History  
First general merchandise store in Salinas opened 1872.  

Daily sales record, etc. Jun. 8, 1872-May 9, 1873.