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Abstract: The collection comprises a research paper by Anita E. Tapia documenting the life and family recollections of Lorenita Forster Weisenberg, a direct descendant of two prominent early Californio families, the Forsters and Del Valles. The two families owned numerous estates ranging from San Juan Capistrano to Rancho Camulos (from Orange to Ventura County). The research paper in this collection includes a family history of the two families, including family trees and a bibliography; a transcript of an interview conducted in 2002 by Anita Tapia with Ms. Lorenita Forster Weisenberg at her home in Nevada City, California; and photocopied family photographs and correspondence (mostly between John Fernando Forster and his siblings) along with English translations of the correspondence by Tapia.
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Biography
Anita E. Tapia utilized the Forster-Del Valle Correspondence (MS-R48) in Special Collections and Archives at UCI as her inspiration for her senior research project, which led her to Ms. Forster Weisenberg, the donor of the collection of correspondence and ephemera. Her course, an independent study in Chicano Studies, was supervised by Professor Vicki
Ruiz of the UCI History Department.

Lorenita Madeline Forster Weisenberg, born in 1925, is a direct descendant of John “Don Juan” Forster, (1815-1882) and Antonio Serafin Del Valle (1788-1841) two of the most well-known early California landowners. The families were joined through the marriage of Josefa (“Mama Vieja”) Del Valle (1861-1943) and John Fernando Forster (1845-1901), who were the grandparents of Lorenita Weisenberg.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

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**Related Material**

Related materials can be found in the Forster-Del Valle correspondence, MS-R48, Special Collections and Archives.

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**Research paper, 2002.**

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