Guide to the Richard Brock Oral Histories on San Juan Capistrano MS.R.187

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**Title:** Richard Brock oral histories on San Juan Capistrano  
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**Abstract:** Richard Brock, an Orange County folklorist, conducted the oral histories included in this collection in San Juan Capistrano as part of his Master's degree in folklore and mythology at UCLA in 1975. The collection contains oral histories from Delfina Manriquez de Olivares, Buenaventura Nieblas, and Paul Arbiso (Nicknamed "Mocho" for a finger he lost in WWI. "Mocho" is reputed to be local Acjachemen dialect for "missing"). The collection also includes audio recordings of the oral histories, photographs, clippings, and other related material.  
**Language of Material:** English.  
**Access**  
The collection has not been processed but is open for research. Access to original audio recordings is restricted; researchers may request listening copies. Please contact the Department of Special Collections and Archives in advance to request access.  
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**Acquisition Information**  
**Biography**  
Richard Brock is an Attorney and Educator. He received a Bachelor's degree at UCI in Classical Civilization focused on Greco-Roman History, Literature, Art, and Myth. He then earned a Master's degree in Folklore and Mythology from UCLA and was focused on the folklore of San Juan Capistrano where he did field work recording local folktale and history. In addition, he studied law at Western State University of Law and became a practicing attorney. He is currently teaching law in an ABA program for Paralegals at the University of California at Riverside, and also teaches enrichment classes on Folklore and Mythology through the Osher Program.  
**Collection Scope and Content Summary**  
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**Collection-Level Inventory**  
The collection includes: 3 cds of oral history audio recordings [original media is restricted]; loose photographs; 4 mylar album sleeves of photographs and clippings; loose clippings; 2 copies of Old Mission San Juan Capistrano map and guide brochures; and 1 copy of Brock's master's paper titled "Folk Grave Markers in the San Juan Capistrano Mission Cemetery."  
**Subjects and Indexing Terms**  
Oral histories  
San Juan Capistrano (Calif.)