Guide to the Kuchel Family Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Kuchel family papers,
Date (inclusive): 1860-1940
Collection number: MS-R029
Creator: Kuchel family
Extent: 1.1 linear feet (2 boxes and 1 oversize folder)
Repository: University of California, Irvine. Library. Special Collections and Archives.
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Abstract: This collection comprises Anaheim-related printed ephemera, photographs, and clippings gathered by the Kuchel family, owners and publishers of the Anaheim Gazette, and documenting the family’s publishing activities and other local commercial publishing. Other materials in this collection record the meetings of the Anaheim City Trustees and the Anaheim Water Company Board of Trustees. The majority of materials in this collection are printed ephemera from the late 19th- and early 20th-centuries, primarily printed for Anaheim companies and citizens. These include stationery, business and calling cards, corporate and public notices, flyers, broadsides, advertisements, tickets, and labels for wine, liquor, and other products. Some of these items were printed by the Kuchels’ Anaheim Gazette press.

Language: English.

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Preferred Citation

For the benefit of current and future researchers, please cite any additional information about sources consulted in this collection, including permanent URLs, item or folder descriptions, and box/folder locations.

Acquisition Information

Processing History
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Biography
The Kuchel family of Anaheim published Orange County's first newspaper, the Anaheim Gazette, for 90 consecutive years. Henry Kuchel, editor of the Gazette, was born in 1859 and arrived in Anaheim in 1860 with his German immigrant family. His father, Conrad Kuchel, was one of the original fifty colonists of Anaheim in 1857. He owned several vineyards in the area, as well as the first meat market in Anaheim. With his brother Charles, Henry purchased the Gazette in 1887 after working extensively in the newspaper publishing business in both Los Angeles and San Francisco. Henry married Lutetia Kuchel of Texas in 1894. She assisted Henry in running the Gazette and continued to write for the newspaper after Henry's death in 1935.

Their youngest son, Thomas H. Kuchel, practiced as a lawyer in Anaheim before he was elected as a Republican to the California state Assembly. He was elected to the California State Senate in 1940 and served until 1945. Beginning in 1953, he served in the United States Senate and was elected again in 1956 and 1962. He died in 1994.

Collection Scope and Content Summary
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The collection also contains photograph portraits of Henry Kuchel and an assortment of newspaper clippings concerning the Kuchel family and the Gazette. A scrapbook of Gazette clippings records the meetings of the Anaheim City Trustees from 1894 to 1898, and a bound volume of holograph minutes records the meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Anaheim Water Company from 1872 to 1882. The minutes were published in the Gazette.

The printed ephemera provide a record of early Orange County business and cultural history. Among the business-related printed ephemera are illustrated business cards for the city livery and stables, banks, grocery stores, vineyards, and hotels. Announcements range from family wedding invitations and city concerts to grand balls hosted by the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Printed ephemera are arranged by material format (e.g., business cards, stationery, tickets). Within this arrangement, material is grouped topically by function or purpose.

Separation Note
The principal Kuchel gift included a complete run of original copies of the Anaheim Gazette from October 29, 1870 through February 19, 1960, totaling 4,426 issues of the newspaper, which was microfilmed by the UC Irvine Libraries following the donation. The Kuchels also donated issues of the Anaheim Daily Herald.

Extensive coverage of the Gazette is represented in UCI holdings. For locations of microfilm holdings (1870-1871, 1874-1964), consult the UC Irvine Libraries' online catalog. Scattered coverage of the original issues from 1880-1971 can be found in a related collection stored in UC Irvine Special Collections and Archives, the California Newspapers Collection (Collection number MS-R70).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Kuchel family--Archives.
Kuchel, Henry, 1859-1935--Archives.
Anaheim gazette--Archival resources.
Orange County (Calif.)--Archival resources.
Anaheim (Calif.)--Archival resources.
### Genres and Forms of Materials
- Advertisements--California--Anaheim.
- Broadside--California--Anaheim.
- Business cards--California--Anaheim.
- Ephemera--California--Anaheim.
- Photographic prints--California--Anaheim.
- Wine labels--California--Anaheim.
- Stationery--California--Anaheim.

### Occupations
- Publishers.

### Other Index Terms Related to this Collection
- Anaheim Gazette Printers.
- Kuchel, Henry, 1859-1935.
- Kuchel, Lutetia, former owner.
- Kuchel, Thomas H., former owner.

| Box 1 : 1-2 | Correspondence and notes |
| Box 1 : 1 | Historical and genealogical, ca. 1920-1930. |
| Box 1 : 2 | Miscellaneous, 1896-1935 and undated |
| Box FB-16 : 2 | Oversize material, undated. |

| Box 1 : 3 | Los Angeles Vineyard Society deed, with seals and signature of Conrad Kuchel, 1860. |
| Box 1 : 4 | Minutes of the Anaheim City Trustees, 1894-1898. |

| Box FB-16 : 1 | Minutes of the Anaheim Water Company Board of Trustees, 1872-1882. |

| Box 1 : 5-6 | Newspaper and magazine clippings |
| Box 1 : 5 | Anaheim Gazette, facsimiles, 1870 October 29. |
| Box FB-16 : 2 | Anaheim Gazette, supplement, 1880 January 31 |
| Box 1 : 5 | Caricatures and illustrations, undated |
| Box 1 : 6 | Events and family-related news, ca. 1895-1961 and undated |
| Box 1 : 7 | Photographs, including portraits of Henry Kuchel, 1912 and undated. |

| Box 1 : 8-16 | Printed ephemera |
| Box 1 : 8 | Anaheim Gazette ad file forms, undated |
| Box 1 : 9 | Business cards and calling cards, undated |
| Box 1 : 10 | Business card scrapbook, 1877 and undated |
| Box 1 : 11 | Wine and liquor labels, undated |
| Box 1 : 12-15 | Stationery, notices, flyers, broadsides, advertisements, and announcements |
| Box 1 : 12 | Business, ca. 1860-1930 and undated |
| Box FB-16 : 2 | Oversize material, 1877 and undated. |

| Box 1 : 13 | City, school, and public services, 1877-1940 and undated |
| Box FB-16 : 2 and FB-17 : 1 | **Oversize material, 1880-ca. 1930 and undated.** |
| Box 1 : 14 | **Private clubs and social organizations, 1882-1933 and undated** |
| Box 1 : 15 | **Weddings and private gatherings, 1883 and undated** |
| Box 1 : 16 | **Tickets, 1878-1932** |

| Physical Description: | 4 items. |