
Guide to the Amador, Yorba, López, and Cota families correspondence MS.R.032

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Language of Material: Spanish; Castilian .

Access

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Acquisition Information

Acquired, 1974.

Processing History

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Historical Background

The Amador, Cota, Yorba, and López families were four prominent Californio families who received land grants and settled in California in the nineteenth century. Bernardo Yorba was granted Rancho Yorba, Jose Antonio Yorba and Juan Pablo Peralta were granted Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana, Francisco Cota inherited Rancho de Ballona in present-day Los Angeles, José María Amador was granted Rancho San Ramón, and Cornelio López and Bernardo Higuera were granted Rancho Rincón de los Bueyes.

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Collection Arrangement

This collection is arranged first by format, then chronologically.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Letters -- California -- 19th century.
Letters -- Mexico -- Baja California (Peninsula) -- 19th century.
Mexican American families -- California, Southern -- Correspondence.
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Baja California (Mexico : Peninsula) -- Correspondence
Amador family -- Correspondence
Yorba family -- Correspondence
López family -- Correspondence
Cota family -- Correspondence

box 1, folder 1	Letters 1853-1860
box 1, folder 2	Letters 1861
box 1, folder 3	Letters 1862
box 1, folder 4	Letters 1863
box 1, folder 5	Letters 1864
box 1, folder 6	Letters 1865-1866
box 1, folder 7	Letters 1869
box 1, folder 8	Letters 1871
box 1, folder 9	Letters 1872
box 1, folder 10	Letters 1873-1874
box 1, folder 11	Letters 1875-1879
box 1, folder 12	Transcripts of letters without originals 1860-1864
box 1, folder 13	Unidentified undated
box 1, folder 14	Unidentified fragments undated