Guide to the Orange County Californio Families Portrait Photograph Album

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Abstract: This collection comprises an album of 66 studio photographs, carte de visites, and tintypes of early and prominent Californio family members. The families are predominantly from the Orange County area and include the prolific and prominent Yorbas, Peraltas, and Sepulvedas, the first three land grant families that received titles for areas which include the present day UC Irvine campus from King Ferdinand VII of Spain in the early 19th century. Also included are portraits of members from the Avilas, Burruel, Dryden, Giess, Landell, Lugos, Pryor, and Rios families. Individual and group portraits of adults predominate, although there are a number of child and infant portraits. Also of interest are photographs of wedding party; Soledad Pryor Landell and Peregrina Yorba bridal portraits, and an unidentified priest. Several of the 17 tintypes are hand-colored.
Language: English.

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**Acquisition Information**

Acquired, 1999.

**Custodial History**

The collection arrived in two batches which were apparently part of the same album. No information exists as to the creator of the album.

**Processing Information**


**Scope and Content of Collection**

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36 of the individuals are identified, including 12 of which are identified in contemporary hands on the verso of the prints; other identification is derived from research done by Gregory H. Bock. Most of these photo mounts are printed with the name of the predominantly Santa Ana and Los Angeles-based photographers. The photographs have been removed from the contemporary album and are stored separately for preservation purposes.

**Arrangement**

The original order of the photographs in the album was maintained.

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**Box 1 : 1**

**Color photocopies and research materials, 1999**

**Box 2**

**Photograph album, circa 1905**

**Box 1 : 2-8**

**Photographs**

1. **Unidentified adult male, circa 1880**

2. **John, Luisa Maria and Maria Magdalena Wilhardt, circa 1890.**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   The Wilhardt family came to Southern California in the early 19th century and married into the Peralta family.

3. **Unidentified adult male, circa 1885**

4. **Unidentified infant, gender unknown, circa 1890**

5. **Amelia Burruel with children Rosita, Ernest and Paul, circa 1905.**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   The Burruel family came to the Santa Ana area in the early 19th century. The area of settlement became known as Burruel Point (later Olive) where also the Burruel Point Milling Co. was located.

6. **Ramon Burruel, 1888.**  
   **Scope and Content Note**  
   He was the son of Maria Yorba and Desiderio Burruel and godfather of Maria Antonia Burruel.
| Box 1 : 3 | 7. Miguel and Rosa Sepulveda Pryor, circa 1890. |
| Box 1 : 3 | Scope and Content Note |
| Box 1 : 3 | Miguel was son of Nathaniel (Miguel) Pryor. The Pryor family purchased the San Clemente and the San Juan Capistrano area from the Vejar family in the 1850s. |
| Box 1 : 3 | 8. Unidentified adult male and two adult females, circa 1875. |
| Box 1 : 3 | Physical Description: 1 tintype. |
| Box 1 : 3 | 9. Damien Rios, 1884-1886. |
| Box 1 : 3 | Scope and Content Note |
| Box 1 : 3 | Damien Rios was the son of Gregorio Rios and Maria Gutierrez. The Rios family received a land grant from Mexican governor Micheltorena in 1843. |
| Box 1 : 3 | 10. Unidentified four men, four women, and three adolescent girls in a wedding setting, circa 1885 |
| Box 1 : 3 | 11. Maria Rios, wife of Damien Rios, 1892 |
| Box 1 : 3 | 12. Unidentified male priest, 1890 |
| Box 1 : 4 | 13. Soledad Pryor Landell, 1895. |
| Box 1 : 4 | Scope and Content Note |
| Box 1 : 4 | She was the wife of Judge John Landell, mother of Charles Thadeus Landell. |
| Box 1 : 4 | 14. Maria Antonia Peralta with young girl, 1885. |
| Box 1 : 4 | Scope and Content Note |
| Box 1 : 4 | She was the daughter of Juan Pablo Peralta II, and Josepha Verdugo. Juan Pablo Peralta I, received one of the first grants awarded by the King of Spain. |
| Box 1 : 4 | 15. Simon Gless, 1878-1880. |
| Box 1 : 4 | Scope and Content Note |
| Box 1 : 4 | He was the son of Juan Gless and godfather to Feliciano Gaston Ovarat and Jose Simon Lopera Yorba. Gless was one of El Toro’s pioneer settlers. |
| Box 1 : 4 | 16. Unidentified young boy, circa 1900 |
| Box 1 : 4 | 17. Unidentified young girl, 1902 |
| Box 1 : 4 | 18. Unidentified adult male, female and two female children, 1890 |
| Box 1 : 4 | 19. Theresa Pryor Yorba, 1885. |
| Box 1 : 4 | Scope and Content Note |
| Box 1 : 4 | She was born in 1866, daughter of Pablo Pryor and Rosa Avila, in San Juan Capistrano. She married Miguel Yorba whose family was among the first families to receive land grants from the King of Spain in California. |
| Box 1 : 4 | Scope and Content Note |
| Box 1 : 4 | He was the son of Pablo and Rosa Avila Pryor, born in 1872. |
| Box 1 : 5 | 21. Infant, gender unknown, 1885 |
| Box 1 : 5 | 22. Clodomiro Sepulveda and Peregrina Yorba, wedding photo, 1885. |
| Box 1 : 5 | Scope and Content Note |
| Box 1 : 5 | The Sepulvedas were among the first families to receive land grants from the King of Spain in California. |
| Box 1 : 5 | 23. Paul Pryor, 1895. |
| Box 1 : 5 | Scope and Content Note |
| Box 1 : 5 | He was the son of Albert and Natalia Pryor, born in 1896. |
Box 1 : 5
Scope and Content Note  
He was the son of Judge John Landell, born in 1900.

Box 1 : 5
25. Unidentified adult male and female, 1895  
Scope and Content Note  
She was the daughter of Antonio and Ignacia Murillo Rios, born in 1896.

Box 1 : 5
27. Teofilo Juan Evangelista and Jose Ramon Avila, 1895.  
Scope and Content Note  
The Avilas of Rancho Boca de la Playa were early 19th century landowners.

Box 1 : 6
Physical Description: 1 tintype.

Box 1 : 6
29. Felipe Yorba and unidentified young girl, 1870.  
Scope and Content Note  
Felipe Yorba was the son of Bernardo Yorba, born in 1851, later he married Felicidad Peralta.

Box 1 : 6
Scope and Content Note  
She married Trinidad Burrue, and was mother of Rosita, Ernest, and Raul Burrue.

Box 1 : 6
31. Unidentified adult male, circa 1875.  
Physical Description: 1 tintype.

Box 1 : 6
32. Unidentified adult male, 1875  
33. Sebastiano and Ramon Yorba, circa 1865.  
Scope and Content Note  
They were sons of Teodocio Yorba and Maria Antonia Lugo.

Box 1 : 6
34. Unidentified adult male, circa 1875.  
Physical Description: 1 tintype.

Box 1 : 6
35. Two unidentified adult males, circa 1875.  
Physical Description: 1 tintype.

Box 1 : 6
36. Maria Anastasia, 1880.  
Scope and Content Note  
She was the daughter of Maria Anastasia and Jose Antonio Juliana.

Box 1 : 6
37. Two unidentified adult males, circa 1875.  
Physical Description: 1 tintype.

Box 1 : 6
38. Unidentified adult male, circa 1875.  
Physical Description: 1 tintype.

Box 1 : 6
Physical Description: 1 tintype.  
Scope and Content Note  
They were daughters of Jose Isidro Reyes and Maria Antonia Villa de Reyes.
Box 1 : 6
40. Unidentified adult male and female, circa 1875.
    Physical Description: 1 tintype.

Box 1 : 6
41. Julia Dryden with daughter Margarita, 1880.
    Scope and Content Note
    Dryden was the wife of Bernardo Yorba II.

Box 1 : 6
42. Bernardo Yorba II, 1880.
    Scope and Content Note
    Bernardo was the son of Bernardo Yorba I, patriarch of the Yorba dynasty.

Box 1 : 6
43. Sr. Don Juan Pablo Peralto III, 1870

Box 1 : 7
44. Maria Yorba de Burruel, 1865.
    Scope and Content Note
    She was the daughter of Maria Yorba and Desiderio Burruel.

Box 1 : 7
45. Don Pelon Chino, 1878-1880

Box 1 : 7
46. Francisca Burruel, 1865

Box 1 : 7
47. Carlos Lugo, 1870.
    Scope and Content Note
    The Lugo family came to California in 1790 and settled in the Santa Ana area. He was married to Rita Burruel.

Box 1 : 7
48. Two unidentified adult males, circa 1875

Box 1 : 7
49. Sebastiano Burruel, circa 1875.
    Scope and Content Note
    He was the son of Maria Lugo and Desiderio Burruel.

Box 1 : 7
50. Unidentified adult male, circa 1875

Box 1 : 7
51. Rosalina Burruel, circa 1875.
    Scope and Content Note
    She was the daughter of Maria Lugo and Desiderio Burruel.

Box 1 : 7
52. Jose Antonio Burruel, circa 1875.
    Scope and Content Note
    He was the son of Maria Lugo and Desiderio Burruel.

Box 1 : 7
53. Adult male priest, 1881-1884

Box 1 : 7
54. Unidentified adult male, circa 1875

Box 1 : 7
55. Maria Antonia Burruel, circa 1875

Box 1 : 7
56. Unidentified adult male, 1881-1886

Box 1 : 7
57. Maclovia Peralta, circa 1875.
    Scope and Content Note
    She was born in 1860.

Box 1 : 7
58. Unidentified adult male, 1885

Box 1 : 7
59. Unidentified adult male, circa 1875

Box 1 : 8
60. Rosita Pryor, circa 1875

Box 1 : 8
61. Unidentified, female child

Box 1 : 8
62. Unidentified adult male, circa 1875

Box 1 : 8
63. Unidentified adult male, circa 1875

Box 1 : 8
64. Unidentified adult male and female, circa 1875.
    Physical Description: 1 tintype.
Box 1 : 8  

65. Unidentified adult male, circa 1875.  
   Physical Description: 1 tintype.

Box 1 : 8  

66. Unidentified adult male, circa 1875