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Abstract: Juan Bandini (1800-59) was one of the most prominent men of his time in Southern California. He amassed a fortune through merchandising, farming, and stockraising. One of his daughters married the biggest land owner and rancher in Southern California at the time. The collection consists of correspondence, legal papers, and business records of members of the Bandini family.

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Biography

Juan Bandini (1800-59) was one of the most prominent men of his time in Southern California, amassing a fortune through merchandising, farming, and stockraising; his landholdings eventually included fifty thousand acres extending from Rincon to Agua Manse; one of his daughters, Arcadia Bandini (1825-12), married Abel Stearns (1798-1871), a Yankee merchant who later became the biggest land owner and rancher in Southern California another of Bandini's daughters, Isidora, married Colonel Cave J. Couts; Bandini's son, Juan B. Bandini (b. 1833) managed his father's ranch, worked at Abel Stearns's store, and later operated a cattle business at Last Chance ranch.

Bandini family

Juan Bandini, 1800-1859.

- Daughter - Arcadia Bandini, 1823-1912.
 - Married Abel Stearns in 1837 (Stearns was in business with Bandini). Stearns died 1871.
 - Married Colonel Robert S. Baker, 1874.
 - Arcadia had no children.
- Daughter - Ysidora Bandini
 - Married Cave Johnson Couts, also in business with Stearns.
- Son - Juan B. Bandini, d. 1906.
 - Married a Sepulveda.
 - Daughter - Arcadia Bandini, married John T. Gaffey. their daughter is Margaret Gaffey Kilroy, donor of this collection.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of correspondence, legal papers, and business records of members of the Bandini family, including Juan Bandini (1834-59), Juan B. Bandini (1860-89), Abel Stearns (1837-68), and John T. Gaffey (1885-1910). Correspondence includes 93 letters from Cave J. Couts to Abel Stearns, 1851-70. In addition to the business records, there are several documents related to various ranches and land holdings of the Bandini family. Also includes historical reminiscences of Mariano Ruiz.

Portions of this collection are in Spanish.

Organization and Arrangement

Arranged in the following series:

1. Juan Bandini.
2. Abel Stearns and Mariano Ruiz.
3. Mariano Ruiz typescripts, 1926-27.
4. Rancho San Rafael account book, 1843-56 (oversize box).

Indexing Terms

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

Bandini, Juan, 1800-1859--Archives.
Bandini, Juan B., b. 1833--Archives.
Couts, Cave Johnson, 1821-1874--Correspondence.
Ruiz, Mariano.
Stearns, Abel, 1798-1871.
Bandini family--Archives.
Ranchers--California, Southern--Archival resources.
Land settlement--California, Southern.
Family papers.
Business records.

Juan Bandini, 1800-1859

- Box 1, Folder 1 **Letters to Abel Stearns, 1837-1870.**
 Physical Description: 27 letters.
 Scope and Content Note
 Includes two letters to Stearns from other members of Bandini family.
 Eight of letters have typed transcriptions and English translations.
- Box 1, Folder 2 **Correspondence and papers, 1843-1889.**
 Physical Description: 32 items.
 Scope and Content Note
 Includes letters to and from Bandini, legal documents relating to various Southern California ranchos and to Tecate in Lower California, and a few papers of his son, Juan B. Bandini.
 Also includes a document signed by Augustin Juan Vicente Zamorano, 1798-1842.
- Box 1, Folder 3 **Tecate.**
 Scope and Content Note
 Certified copy (1876) of the original expediente for Bandini's rancho Tecate in Lower California.
- Box 1, Folder 4 **Libro de Casa del Ano, 1842.**
 Scope and Content Note
 Journal of Stearns and Bandini's hide and tallow business, 1842. 1 vol. manuscript [c.f. oversized package].
- Box 1, Folder 5 **Accounts, 1843-1857.**
 Physical Description: 8 pieces.
 Scope and Content Note
 re mainly to Bandini's partnership with Abel Stearns.
- Box 1, Folder 6 **Bandini, Juan. *Apuntes para la Historia de California, 1769-1845.***
 Physical Description: 157 leaves [incomplete copy] typescript.
 Note
 Original in Bancroft Library, University of California Berkeley.

- Box 1, Folder 7 **Kilroy, Margaret (Gaffey).**
 Scope and Content Note
 Historical and biographical notes *re* Juan Bandini and his contemporaries. 39 leaves, manuscript and typescript; geneology (compiled 1985).
- Abel Stearns, 1799-1871; and Mariano Ruiz**
- Box 2, Folder 1 **Correspondence and legal papers, 1832-1868.**
 Physical Description: 25 items.
 Scope and Content Note
 Many relate to Juan Bandini.
- Box 2, Folder 2 **Celis, Eulogio de. Letters to Stearns, 1837-1850.**
 Physical Description: 15 letters.
 Scope and Content Note
 Includes 1 document (signed by Celis) *re* Stearns and Fremont, witnessed by William Wolfskill, September 27, 1852.
- Box 2, Folder 3 **Couts, Cave J. Letters to Stearns, 1851-1855.**
 Physical Description: 35 letters.
- Box 2, Folder 4 **Couts, Cave J. Letters to Stearns, 1857-1858.**
 Physical Description: 39 letters.
- Box 2, Folder 5 **Couts, Cave J. Letters to Stearns, 1859-1870.**
 Physical Description: 19 letters.
- Box 2, Folder 6 **Stearns. Accounts and papers, chiefly *re* business with Cave J. Couts, 1847-1857.**
 Physical Description: 15 items.
- Box 2, Folder 7 **Stearns. Miscellaneous memoranda and accounts entered by A.S. in their appropriate books, 1843-1844.**
 Physical Description: 1 vol. manuscript.
- Box 2, Folder 8 **Gaffey, John T. Letters and documents, 1885-1910.**
 Physical Description: 15 items.
 Scope and Content Note
 Letters to Gaffey from Mariano Ruiz and documents, etc. *re* the Ruiz mines in Tepic, Mexico.
- Box 2, Folders
9-10 **Ruiz, Mariano. *Leyenda Historica del Territorio de Tepic. Escrita por el Senor General Mariano Ruiz, dedicada a los ninos de las escuelas nacionales del referido territorio. Mexico, January 30, 1914.***
 Physical Description: 3 vol. in 2. 346 leaves typescript. ports (of Ruiz and Manuel Lozada).

Ruiz, Mariano

Box 3

Reminiscencias Historicas. Escrita por el C. General de division Mariano Ruiz, veterano de 1862. Dedicadas a su honorable amigo, Mr. John T. Gaffy, de San Pedro, Calif., E.U.A. Mexico, September 15, 1926.

Physical Description: 3 vol. in 1. 91 leaves of text. Typescript illustrated [mounted photographs].

Scope and Content Note

Reminiscences of the war of intervention in Mexico, 1862.

Box 3

Leyenda Historica de los Estados de Michoacan, Jalisco y Nayarit, escrita por el General de Division, Mariano Ruiz, dedicada a la Honorable dama, Mrs. Arcadia Bandini de Gaffy, de San Pedro, California, E.U.A. 1927.

Physical Description: 2 vol. in 1. 339 leaves of text. Typescript illustrated [mounted photographs].

Scope and Content Note

Portraits and reproductions of drawings by Ana Maria B. Ruiz.

Rancho San Rafael Account Book

Oversize Box 4

Libro de Cuentas de San Rafael. no. 1, 1843-1856.

Scope and Content Note

Book of accounts *re* Rancho San Rafael, 60,000 acres in Lower California.

The entries for 1843-44 *re* Stearns and Bandini's hide and tallow business in Los Angeles.

1 vol. manuscript.