Finding Aid for the First Century Families records 0298

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Abstract: The collection contains records of the activities of the First Century Families, especially centered on the planning and implementation of the group's annual luncheon. Considerable genealogical and biographical material is also contained herein.
Scope and Content
The collection contains records of the activities of the First Century Families, especially centered on the planning and implementation of the group's annual luncheon. Much of the material was preserved and collected by Christine Shirley, the organization's historian; there is also correspondence between Shirley and members of the organization. The collection contains general administrative files, including correspondence with members; programs, photographs, audio and videotapes, slides, and typescripts of presentations of, and planning documents for, many of the organization's annual luncheons; books, clippings, typescripts and other materials on the history of early Los Angeles families and aspects of Los Angeles history; and clippings documenting the organization's annual luncheons.
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Processing note
The collection was rehoused and a preliminary inventory created by John Fowler in 2006. In 2012, Sue Luftschein organized the collection, rehoused and described the remainder of the collection, and produced this finding aid.
Historical note
The First Century Families is an organization with membership made up of descendants of Los Angelenos who arrived in the city during its first one hundred years (1781-1881). It holds annual luncheons for the purpose of recounting and recording the city's early days.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Social history -- Societies and clubs -- Social aspects -- Archival resources
Historical societies -- California -- Los Angeles -- Archival resources
Pioneers -- California -- Los Angeles -- History -- Archival resources
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- History -- Archival resources
Transcripts
Correspondence
Videotapes
Photographs
Programs (documents)
Clippings
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- Genealogy -- Archival resources
Invitations
Audiotapes
Scrapbooks
Administrative 1939-2008

Scope and Content

The Administrative series contains routine correspondence, reports, rosters, and related records that document the activities of the First Century Families leadership. Most of the material concerns the annual luncheons, but is distinct from the programs, lecture and presentation materials in the Luncheons and programming series. Most of the material was also generated by Christine Shirley.

- Box 4, Folder 15: Armet 1984
- Box 1, Folder 31: Banquet RSVPs 1986
- Box 4, Folder 21: Bentley, Katherine 1986
- Box 1, Folder 14: Biltmore Hotel 1983-1984
- Box 9, Folder 22: Board Meeting, 26 April undated
- Box 1, Folder 16: Committee meetings 1980-1989
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- Box 10, Folder 19: Hope [Turney] to Willa [Baum] 1982 February 11
  Scope and Content
  Letter re non-professional oral history program.

- Box 1, Folder 10: Ideas and notes for patrons 1977-1979
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- Box 3, Folder 2: Invitation 1991
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- Box 1, Folder 19: Jud Grenier circa 1961
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- Box 1, Folder 12: Junior Host and Hostess 1978-1992
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- Box 9, Folder 54: Letter to members from Mrs. James H. Forgie, archivist 2001 June 26
- Box 9, Folder 13: List of programs 1989
- Box 1, Folder 5: Lists of chairmen 1939-1995
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- Box 5, Folder 20: Lists of programs circa 1970
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- Box 1, Folder 25: Los Angeles Conservancy 1982
- Box 2, Folder 2: Los Angeles Hilton 1978-1982
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Scope and Content
Programs, presentation materials, invitations, correspondence, transcripts, and audio and video recordings for and of the annual luncheons of the First Century Families.

Arrangement
The materials are arranged chronologically.

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Videotape of luncheon 1987 November 5

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Box 14, Folder 12  Alyce Williamson slides 1992
Box 14, Folder 13  Luncheon photographs 1992
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2000s
Box 8  Luncheon videotape, “Social Time” 2000 November 9
Physical Description: 2 videotapes

Box 3, Folder 32  Luncheon 2001
Box 12  Luncheon videotape 2001 November 1
Box 12  Invitations and programs 2001-2005
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28 Box 15, Folder 1  Luncheon programming, planning, and information 2003
Box 9, Folder 37  Luncheon 2004
Box 10, Folder 25  Photos 2004
Box 15, Folder 2  Luncheon programming and information 2004
Box 15, Folder 3  Program information 2005
Box 15, Folder 4  Luncheon programming and information 2006
Box 15, Folder 5  Neil McCarthy presentation and CD-ROM 2007
Box 15, Folder 6  Luncheon research 2008
Box 15, Folder 7  Shane McCoy presentation 2009
Slides

Scope and Content

Slides in box 9 document the Denker, McLaughlin-Cunningham, Keller-Shafer, Heguera-Olvera, Winston-Lokrantz, Gibson-Davidson, Hancock, Hall-Childs, Garland, Gibbon, and O'Neill-Avery families.

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Buildings 1984, 1988, 1993
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PBRM [Phineas Banning Residence museum] 1977
Box 10, Folder 18
Exhibit photos undated
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Box 10, Folder 21
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Programs 1963-1980
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Luncheons clippings scrapbook 1939-1966
Box 17
Luncheons clippings scrapbook 1953-1972
Box 17
Luncheons clippings scrapbook 1973-1988
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Luncheons clippings scrapbook 1985-1996
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Luncheon photograph album 1997
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Mounted replicas of Los Angeles Times pages from 1881 undated
Box 20
Nametags and hostess ribbons undated
Audiotapes of luncheons 1952-1988

Scope and Content

1952  On the Trail
1953  Sea Approach to El Pueblo and El Rancho Dominguez
1954  Rancho Palos Verdes and Dates to be Remembered
1955  Rancho San Pascual
1956  Rancho Ex-Mission San Fernando
1957  Rancho Los Cerritos
1958  Rancho Camulos
1960  Rancho El Conejo
1961  Rancho de Azusa
1962  Rancho San Vicenta y Santa Monica
1963  Rancho Rodeo de las Aguas
1964  Orange County and its Sixteen Land Grants
1965  The Channel Islands
1966  Rancho San Felipe
1967  El Puerto de la Ciudad de Los Angeles
1968  Four Ways West--Childs, Ducommun, Newmark, Workman
1969  The Carrillo Family
1970  Rancho La Brea
1971  Rancho Santa Margarita y Las Flores
1972  A Tale of Two Families--Dockweiler and Toberman
1973  Los Angeles--Life Style One Hundred Years Ago
1974  The Exceptional Rise of Los Angeles
1975  Los Angeles. The Day Before Yesterday
1976  Los Angeles. Our Social Yesterdays
1977  Loose Leaves from our Family Tree
1978  Here Come the Bridges
1979  The Lummis Idea/The Banning Family and the Vail Family
1981  Caring About Family, Friends, and Community
1982  Two of Our Early Exports--Baseball and Tennis
1983  Family Strengths of Early Los Angeles
1984  Mansions and Manners
1985  Treasures from our Family Albums
1986  Mrs. Gilbert F. Roswell, "School Days"
       Mrs. Charles B. Ames, Jr., "Summertimes..."
       Catalina, 1892-1918: Banning Era
       Mr. Kendrick Kinney, Pasadena, Santa Monica, Venice
1987  We Praise Early Pioneers
1988  Los Angeles Celebrates

The tapes for 1952-1983 in box 11 are reel to reel audiotapes. Some possess descriptions; these are included in the list of topics. The tapes in box 8 and 12 are cassette tapes. The 1966 luncheon audio has also been copied to CD, found in box 12.

Notes for slides undated
Luncheon photographs undated

History

Organization

The History series is organized into the following subseries: Family files; Los Angeles and California history; and FCF history.
Family files 1958-1998

Scope and Content
Correspondence, clippings, and other historical material on First Century families.

Arrangement
These files are arranged alphabetically.

Box 3, Folder 34

Family history updates 1981

Scope and Content
Family files consists of correspondence, biographies, chronologies, clippings, and related materials that provide historical information on families and their descendants.

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Family history updates circa 1985

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