

Finding Aid to the Irene Sewell Soberanes Collection

Descriptive Summary

Title: Irene Sewell Soberanes Collection

Date Range: 1920s-1950s.

Collection number: [Accession 89-43 \(box\); 87-35 \(scrapbook\)](#)

Extent: 1 box and 1 scrapbook.

Repository: County History Center, Contra Costa County Historical Society, 724 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553, 925-229-1042

Physical location: Special Collections

Legal status: public

Information for Researchers

Access: Collection is open for research.

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Additional Materials:

The Fianna Dengler Collection is included in the same box. One folder on the Women's Temperance Union.

History:

Mrs. Irene Soberanes was the former Irene Sewell, great-granddaughter of Dr. John Marsh. She married Paul Soberanes on 13 Dec 1913. The Soberanes Family was an early Spanish family in California.

Also included are notes of Natividad Battle of November 16, 1846. Interesting note: Suzanne Marsh, widow of John Marsh (dod 11/16/74) ancestor of (John Marsh) had a son, Samuel. Samuel Marsh and his wife Priscilla protested in favor of John Proctor and his wife during the Salem Witch Trials in Salem, MA.

Scope and Content: The box includes a collection of notes regarding the Women's Temperance Union in Contra Costa County, family history of early Californios, and notes of Natividad Battle of November 16, 1846. The scrapbook includes newspaper clippings about the Soberanes family from the 1920s to the 1950s. This scrapbook is stored in the "Scrapbooks" box on Shelf 46.

Arrangement of Materials

Located in one box, Box H-10 (folders listed below), and the additional scrapbook in a different box.

Folder 1: Alviso Family
Folder 2: E.T. Bale will
Folder 3: Berryessa Family
Folder 4: Boronda Family History
Folder 5: Macario Castro Family History
Folder 6: Castro Rancho San Pablo
Folder 7: Jose Miguel Espinosa History
Folder 8: Los Californianos Roster of 1975
Folder 9: The Story of a Rancho de los Codornices, by Mary Carleton
Folder 10: John Marsh Family History
Folder 11: Letter from John Marsh to Lewis Cass
Folder 12: Santiago Moreno History
Folder 13: Notebooks of many Spanish families
Folder 14: Notes & Miscellaneous
Folder 15: Peralta Family History
Folder 16: Pico Family History
Folder 17: Pinto, Amador, Rodriquez, & Osia Histories
Folder 18: Letters from Sanchez to Soberanes
Folder 19: Soberanes Family History
Folder 20: Soberanes Letters from various
Folder 21: Letters to various from Mrs. Paul Soberanes
Folder 22: Higuera, Jose Manuel Family

Early family histories – Los Californianos Alviso to Soberanes
Notes from the Natividad Battle between Spain and U.S. Nov. 16, 1846
Marsh, John family from 1633 – 1963
Church in Salem, MA allowed pilgrims and puritans to unite as one colony. Son protested in favor of John Proctor at the Salem Witch Trials in 1692
Notebooks of Spanish families with land grants.
Letters from Mrs. Paul Soberanes to various people

The scrapbook is located in the box labelled “Scrapbooks” and is stored on Shelf 46.

Indexing Terms

Letters
Business Records
Family Histories

Personal Names:

Alviso, E.T. Bale, Berryessa, Boronda, Macario Castro, Jose Miguel Espinosa, John Marsh, Santiago Moreno, Peralta, Pico, Pinto, Amador, Rodriquez, Osia, Soberanes, Jose Manuel Higuera.