

GC 1318  
Josefa Avila Papers

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Abstract:

Documents, receipts and other items from the estate of Josefa Avila. Also postcards and two portraits.

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Related Collections:

GC 1239 Avila Family Papers  
P-68 Case Art Collection  
P-78 Portrait Collection

Historical Note:

Anastasio Avila received the Mexican land grant, *Rancho Tajuata*, also known as *Rancho de Los Cuervos*, located in the present-day Watts district of the city of Los Angeles.

Scope and Content Note:

Documents, receipts and other items from the estate of Josefa Avila. Also postcards and two portraits. She was the daughter of Jose Maria Avila [died ca. January, 1900] and Francisca Avila [died 1916.] The papers provide a snapshot of the Avila family, including the real estate transactions to sell off portions of *Rancho Tajuata*. Spanish surname spelling variant: Abila.

Most photographic items from the collection have been transferred to P-68 Case Art Collection and P-78 Portrait Collection.

Container List:

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Catalog Number	Description	Object Name	Dates
A.6035.50-2	Scrapbook with newspaper clippings on old Los Angeles families, including Pio Pico's death, Ex-Governor John Downey's will, I.A. Sepulveda, Mrs. Concepcion Apablaza de Sepulveda, Marco A. Forster, and others. [26 p. on 13 leaves; 18 x 26 cm.]	Scrapbook	ca. 1890s
A.6035.50-3	Deed. Jose Nicholas Ruiz to Jose de la Cruz Ruiz. Transfer of land for \$5.00 within city of Los Angeles.	Document	1894
A.6035.50-4	Grant deed. Francisca Avila de Talamantes to Karl and Edward Spothelfer. Description and conditions of property transfer of a portion of Rancho Tajauta (Compton).	Document	1921
A.6035.50-5	Indemnity policy, Continental Insurance Co. Policy issued to Jose Ruiz and F.D. Avila.	Document	1899
A.6035.50-6	Mortgage. Jose Avila to J.W. Clark, Mortgagee. Portion of Tajauta Rancho.	Document	1879
A.6035.50-7	Mortgage. Jose Avila to S.C. Hubbell, Mortgagee. Portion of Tajauta Rancho.	Document	1880
A.6035.50-8	Indenture. Jose Avila and Francisca Avila to Larkin Snodgrass. With duplicate promissory note. Portion of Tajauta Rancho.	Document	1890
A.6035.50-9	Tax bills for portions of Tajauta Rancho. Bulk dates are 1880 through 1889. Earliest bills were paid by Jose Avila, but primarily Mrs. Francisca de Avila is listed, and the most recent bills were addressed to Genevieve Spendrup. 38 items.	Documents	1875-1943
A.6035.50-10	Grant deed. Francisca Diaz de Abila [Avila] to Josefa E. Abila [Avila]. Portion of Tajauta Rancho.	Document	June, 1913
A.6035.50-11	Mortgage. Jose Avila and Francisca Avila to Main Street Savings Bank. Portion of Tajauta Rancho.	Document	1897
A.6035.50-12	Mortgage. Francisca Diaz de Abila [Avila], Josefa E. Abila [Avila], Antonio M. Abila [Avila], Jose M. Abila [Avila], Concepcion Abila [Avila] de Ruiz, and Francisca Abila [Avila] de Talamantes to Main Street Savings Bank. Portion of Tajauta Rancho.	Document	1902
A.6035.50-13	Mortgage. Francisca de Avila to Caroline Lankershim. Portion of Tajauta Rancho.	Document	1913
A.6035.50-13 A	Mortgage. Francisca de Avila to Caroline Lankershim. (2nd copy) Portion of Tajauta Rancho.	Document	1913
A.6035.50-14	Mortgage. Josefa E. Avila to the Hibernian Savings Bank. Portion of Tajauta Rancho.	Document	1915
A.6035.50-15	Contract of sale. Francisca Avila de Talamantes from Karl and Edward Spothelfer for portion of Tajauta Rancho.	Document	1919
A.6035.50-16	Grant deed. Della C. De Laney to Josefa Avila, Francisca Avila de Talamantes and Rebecca Camacho, a portion of Tajauta Rancho.	Document	1925
A.6035.50-17	Note, in Spanish, from law offices of Wicks & Wicks & Macdonald concerning the home of Jose Avila, 189_.	Document	n.d.
A.6035.50-18	Receipt, in Spanish, from Jose Avila to Pio Pico stating that he had received 14 horses from Pico in partial payment of a debt. Witnessed by E.A. Sepulveda.	Receipt	June 25, 1881
A.6035.50-19	Subpoena, civil from the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles to Jose Avila in the case of Arcadia B. de Baker against Southern California Railroad Company.	Document	1892
A.6035.50-20	Baptismal certificate of Josefa Eloisa Avila.	Certificate	September, 1933
A.6035.50-21	Baptismal certificate of Maria Francisca Avila.	Certificate	January, 1934
A.6035.50-22	Writ of attachment from Farmers Merchants Bank of Los Angeles to John Luzzarovich and Jose Maria Avila.	Document	1876
A.6035.50-23	Writ of attachment from Rivera to Francisco Lopez. Also attached is notice to Jose Maria Abila [Avila] from Sheriff's Office.	Documents	1877
A.6035.50-24	Rules for a new Calvary Cemetery.	Booklet	n.d.

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A.6035.50-25	Marriage certificate: Jose Avila and Francesca Diaz, May 6, 1881.	Certificate	May 6, 1881
A.6035.50-26	Certificate of sale of real estate for non-payment of taxes, Jose Avila.	Document	1880-81
A.6035.50-27	Certificate of sale of real estate for non-payment of taxes, J.W. Clark.	Document	1880-81
A.6035.50-28	Certificate of sale of real estate for non-payment of taxes, Mrs. J.M. [Jose Maria] Avila.	Document	1883
A.6035.50-29 A	Funeral notice - Major J.F. Guirado	Announcement	July 17, 1886
A.6035.50-29 B	Funeral notice - Da. Juana Ma. Reyes de Botiller, with envelope	Announcement	January 21, 1887
A.6035.50-29 C	Funeral notice - Manuela de Arguello	Announcement	August 13, 1886
A.6035.50-29 D	Funeral notice - Josefina M. de Manterola	Announcement	August 26, 1887
A.6035.50-29 E	Funeral notice - Ramon Lugo	Announcement	November 8, 1887
A.6035.50-29 F	Funeral notice - Concepcion F. de Brun	Announcement	August 25, 1887
A.6035.50-29 G	Funeral notice - Refugio Dominguez de Robarts, with envelope	Announcement	June 19, 1890
A.6035.50-29 H	Funeral notice - Concepcion Isabel Abila	Announcement	February 4, 1882
A.6035.50-29 I	Funeral notice - Jose Maria Andrade	Announcement	October 10, 1891
A.6035.50-29 J	Letter from William P. Boland, Attorney at Law, to Josefa Abila [Avila].	Manuscript	January 8, 1930
A.6035.50-30	Will and Testament of Francisca Diaz de Avila	Document	July 2, 1900
A.6035.50-32 A	Invitation, marriage, from Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ruiz for their daughter Selinda to Vicente F. Machado in Redondo, California.	Invitation	1897
A.6035.50-32 B	Publication about probate of will of Jose Maria Abila [Avila] will be probated on Feb. 16, 1900 in the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, California.	Announcement	January 31, 1900
A.6035.50-32 C	Publication about probate of will. Notice that the will of Francisca Diaz de Abila [Avila] will be probated on May 2, 1916 in the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, California.	Announcement	April 11, 1916
A.6035.50-32 D	Note to Mr. F. [Felix] Netleton, states "give bearer a lot 10x10" "Plot 86 Sect. 2"	Manuscript	May 7, 1890
A.6035.50-32 E	Agreement between Mrs. Francisca Avila and Brown & Ford, for a funeral monument for the Avila family.	Document	May 21, 1892
A.6035.50-32 F	Promissory note from Jose Maria Avila to John Lozzarevich, for \$150.00	Document	May 14, 1889
A.6035.50-32 G-1-2	Bill for estate of Francisca de Abila [Avila] to J. Wiseman MacDonald, Attorney at Law, with carbon copy. Disbursements include V.J. Rowan and W.W. Wallace.	Document	ca. 1916
A.6035.50-32 H	Purchase agreement from Wrought Iron Range Company with J.M. Avila, of stove for \$73.00 with list of conditions.	Document	June 14, 1895
A.6035.50-32 I	Letter from Francisco Pico, San Luis [Rey], to Jose Maria Avila Concerns two horses Pico is sending to Avila.	Manuscript	May 1, 1881
A.6035.50-32 J-1-2	Monthly statement from Bartlett's Music House to [J.] E. Avila. Two receipts indicating payment and interest for [piano.]	Receipt	December 29, 1892
A.6035.50-32 K-1-2	Contract from Bartlett's Music House, Los Angeles, Cal. with J.E. Avila, to lease a piano. When all the rental, with interest, is paid, for a cost of \$1.00 more the piano will belong to J.E. Avila. Contract marked cancelled on March 29, 1895. Also there is a copy of the contract.	Documents	October 15, 1892
A.6035.50-32 L	Check to Ward loan by Jose Maria Abila [Avila], for \$500.00 drawn on Los Angeles National Bank. Witnessed by Moye Wicks.	Document	October 20, 1892
A.6035.50-32 M-1-6	6 checks for amounts ranging \$50.00 to \$800.00 written to "self" or Jose Maria Abila [Avila], drawn from the Los Angeles National Bank. All witnessed by Moye Wicks.	Documents	1892
A.6035.50-32 N	Contract from Wrought Iron Range Co. to J.M. Avila and Francisca de Avila, to purchase range for \$73.00. Full payment noted by J.E. Moore, collector, on back.	Document	June 14, 1895

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A.6035.50-32 O	Receipt from American Marble & Granite Co. with Miss Avila, for service rendered.	Receipt	January 16, 1903
A.6035.50-32 P	Letter from Wicks & Ward, Attorneys at Law, Los Angeles, Cal., regarding estate matters of Antonio Abila [Avila.]	Manuscript	June 11, 1889
A.6035.50-32 Q	Letter, typescript, from J. Wiseman MacDonald, Counsellor at Law, to Josefa de Abila [Avila]. Notice of change of date for probate of her mother's will. Signed by W.W. Wallace.	Letter	April 27, 1916
A.6035.50-32 R	Letter, typescript, from J. Wiseman MacDonald, Counsellor at Law, to Josefa E. Abila [Avila]. Letter states the property of her mother has been surveyed and arrangements made for distribution of the estate. Signed by W.W. Wallace.	Letter	September 17, 1917
A.6035.50-32 S-1-2	Letter, from Clotilde A. Abila [Avila] to Josefa Abila [Avila], requesting certain items be brought to her at the hospital. Envelope included which has "Mrs. Clotilde de Abila funeral" written on it.	Manuscript	November 1, 1906
A.6035.50-32 T	Receipt from Eckstrom & Strasburg to J. Avila, for \$16.70 paid for materials including rolls of gilt and yards of border [wallpaper.]	Receipt	October 22, 1892
A.6035.50-32 U	Receipt, duplicate, from New Calvary Cemetery to Jose Maria Avila Administrat[or]. Payment for burial of Jose Maria Avila, Sr. and purchase of additional burial lots.	Receipt	July 22, 1900
A.6035.50-32 V	Receipt from Perry, Woodworth & Co. to Mrs. F. de Avilla [Avila]. Payment of \$27.17 for materials.	Receipt	October 1, 1881
A.6035.50-32 W	Receipt from Brown & Ford to Francisco [Francisca?] Avila, in amount of \$460.00 in full for monumental work in Catholic Cemetery.	Receipt	July 30, 1892
A.6035.50-32 X	Receipt from San Pedro Lumber Co. to Jose Abilia [Avila] in amount of \$10.00 payment.	Receipt	June 7, 1886
A.6035.50-32 Y	Receipt from S. Lazard & Co. to Jose Ruiz for J.M. Abila [Avila] in payment of \$20.00 received for purchase of sewing machine.	Receipt	September 2, 1871
A.6035.50-32 Z	Receipt from M.E. Frankel to Jose Ma. Avila in payment of \$91.88.	Receipt	May 2, 1892
A.6035.50-32 AA	Receipt to Jose Ma. Avila, for \$97.00 as settlement in full.	Receipt	July, 1895
A.6035.50-32 BB	Receipt from Calvary Cemetery to Josefa Abila [Avila], of \$17.50 for interment of Francisca Abila [Avila] de Talamantes.	Receipt	May 29, 1937
A.6035.50-32 CC	Receipt from Calvary Cemetery to Mrs. Francisca Dias de Avila, in payment of \$2.00 balance due for removal from old Cemetery to New Calvary.	Receipt	September 26, 1900
A.6035.50-32 DD	Receipt from Times-Mirror Co. to J.P. Sanchez, in amount of 75 cents for funeral notice, J.M. Avila, published in Times 1/15. Receipt shows illustration of Time building.	Receipt	January 15, 1900
A.6035.50-32 EE-1-9	9 receipts issued by Bartlett Bros. to J.E. Avila for a Packard organ purchase and subsequent installment payments.	Receipt	1892-1895
A.6035.50-32 FF	Receipt by St. Vibiana's Cathedral to Mrs. Avila, for \$30.00 total payments for anniversary mass.	Receipt	January 8, 1901
A.6035.50-32 GG	Receipt from Garrett & Samson, Undertakers and Embalmers, to Jose Maria Abila [Avila] indicating a receipt balance of \$55.00 on account for funeral expenses.	Receipt	December 28, 1889
A.6035.50-32 HH	Receipt, from Glassell, Chapman & Smith to Jose Maria Abila [Avila] for costs in court case of Farmers & Merchants Bank of Los Angeles vs. Lazzarovich & Abila.	Receipt	July 15, 1876
A.6035.50-32 II	Receipt from Wm. Decluz, dealer in monuments, headstones, mantelpieces, to Antonio Avila, for \$77.00 to purchase a marble headstone and wood fence.	Receipt	July 15, 1878
A.6035.50-32 JJ	Receipt from Eastman, Haley King & Robarts of payment of \$10.00 for estate map of Jose Maria Abila [Avila] [by Hansen & Solano].	Receipt	May 6, 1881
A.6035.50-32 KK	Receipt by J.J. Preudeirille(?) to Josepha E. Abila [Josefa E. Avila] for \$20.00 payment for funeral at church and at cemetery.	Receipt	March 26, 1916

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A.6035.50-32 LL	Receipt by Rees & Wirsching, makers of carriages, buggies, farm and spring wagons, to Francisca Dia de Avilla [Diaz de Avila] the sum of \$90.00 and one old carriage in payment for one 3 1/4 Newton Wagon, includes warranty. [Receipt shows illustration of a Newton Wagon.]	Receipt	September 30, 1881
A.6035.50-32 MM	Receipt by Nestor A. Young, California Columbia Cure Co. to Jose Maria Avila for \$10.00 balance paid on medicines furnished for one month from September 15th to October 15th, 1899.	Receipt	October 14, 1899
A.6035.50-32 NN	Receipt by N. Mathews, dealer in agricultural implements, to Jose Avila for \$40.00 on lease of sulky. [Printed form is blank; verso has handwritten receipt.]	Receipt	January 10, 1887
A.6035.50-32 OO	Receipt by Cussen & Co. for coffin and funeral services.	Receipt	March 9, 1910
A.6035.50-32 PP	Receipt by La Mariposa Store, Castruccio Brothers to A. M. Avila for alfalfa seed.	Receipt	January 13, 1887
A.6035.50-32 QQ	Receipt by Cussen & Co., Undertakers and Embalmers, to Mrs. Abila [Avila] for Clotilde Abila deceased. Balance paid as handwritten in pencil on March 12, 1910.	Receipt	March 9, 1910
A.6035.50-32 RR	Receipt by Cathedral of St. Vibiana to Mrs. Francisca Diaz de Avila for \$30.00 payment for masses [of Antonio Avila.]	Receipt	May 9, 1890
A.6035.50-33-1-16	16 postcards of beachside attractions near Los Angeles, as well as Riverside, Oxnard and Yuma, Arizona locales. Josefa Avila was the recipient of the postcards, mostly written in Spanish, with a few in English. Some were postmarked between 1908 and 1910, others were not postally used and undated. Exception: one postcard is a real photo card, and pictured is Juan Avila [inscribed in back as bro. of Jose Maria Avila - Civil War] and also pictured in photo is an unidentified toddler girl.	Postcard	1908-1910
A.6035.50-35	Wash drawing, Jose Nicholas Ruiz of Santa Barbara (father of Jose de la Cruz, Santa Barbara); 11 3/4" x 9 3/4". Fragile, torn, cracked, corners missing.	Illustration	ca. 1890
A.6035.50-36	Crayon drawing from a photograph made on paper, pasted on cloth backing and attached to wood frame. Subject: Francesca Villa de Avila [Francisca Avila?], wife of Jose Maria Avila, grandmother of Mrs. Max Spendrup.  Item filed in P-078 Portrait Collection	Illustration	n.d.
A.6035.50-42	See also GPF.5860 Ntra. Sra. de la Caridad del Cobre. Paris.	Lithograph	ca. 1850