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**Gabriel L. Valencia Farm Labor Collection
MS0171**

Collection ID: MS0171

Title: Gabriel L. Valencia Farm Labor Collection

Dates: 1971-2001

Creator: Gabriel L. Valencia

Extent: 2LF

Abstract: Photographs and audio recordings created and collected by the Gabriel L. Valencia family of California, relating to the California farm labor industry and the United Farm Worker Movement (UFW).

Fotografías y grabaciones de audio creadas y coleccionados por la familia Valencia de California relacionadas con California farm labor y United Farm Workers Movement (UFW).

Language: English and Spanish

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Historical Note:

Gabriel Lopez Valencia (1929-2001) was born in Placentia, California on June 30, 1929 to Jesus and Modesta Valencia. After the death of his father at age two, he and his mother Modesta moved to Mexico where he was raised. As per Mexican law, Gabriel was conscripted and served in the Mexican Army when he became of age. Upon his discharge from the Army, he returned to the U.S. where he worked as a migrant field worker. He later settled in Nipomo Mesa where he met and married Elisa.

Together, they worked in farm labor and raised a family of eight children on the central coast, primarily in the Santa Maria Valley. Valencia joined the United Farm Workers Union in 1968, and in 1970 the family moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to work with the UFW. He was a founder and president of the Mexican American Political Association (MAPA) Central Coast Chapter and helped raise money for educational scholarships. Valencia continued his volunteer work with the UFW until his death from cancer in 2011.

Scope and Content:

2 boxes (2LF) of materials including photographs and audio recordings created and collected by the Valencia family of California relating to California Farm Labor and the United Farm Worker (UFW).

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged as a single series. Original organization of the records has been preserved where possible. Materials may have been reorganized or rehoused for preservation and access purposes.

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