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Creator: Edward Walter Rodriguez

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Abstract: Typescript memoirs of Edward Walter Rodriguez on Alta California and the Rodriguez family in California.

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Historical Note:

Typescript memoirs of Edward Walter Rodriguez on Alta California and the Rodriguez family California dating from 1754. The family is descended of Spanish colonists who settled in California during Mexican ruling. The manuscript provides a brief history of Mexican, Spanish, and US rule of California followed by a narrative of the author's family history beginning with Don Jose Antonio Rodriguez, a Spanish soldier.

Don Jose Antonio Rodriguez, originally from Compostela, Nayarit, Mexico (Nuevo España), first stationed at Port San Blas in Nayarit in 1774, was later stationed at the San Diego Presidio and then ordered to report to the Presidio of Monterey, Alta California. His future wife, Maria Trinidad Vicenta de Leon (Juarez), originally from Real de Cosala a village located in what is now the State of Sinaloa, was first married to Don Francisco Juarez, also of Cosala, a Spanish soldier who served at San Gabriel Mission. She was widowed with two children in 1782 and later married Jose Antonio Rodriguez.

Their first child was born while stationed at Mission San Luis Obispo. Eight births followed at various missions and presidios throughout California. The family held a semi-permanent home on a ranch near Monterey and descendants later owned ranches throughout the central coast. Members of the Rodriguez family were beneficiaries of Mexican land grants including what is known as the Corral de Piedra Land Grant near Arroyo Grande and the Rancho Bolsa del Pajaro near Watsonville in Santa Cruz County.

Scope and Content:

Forty-four pages of typescript manuscript.

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