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**Finding Aid for the**  
**Native Daughters of the Golden West, Parlor 278 Collection,**  
**1886-1983, bulk 1950-1980**

**Collection Overview**

**Title:** Native Daughters of the Golden West, Parlor 278 Collection

**Dates:** 1886-1983

**ID:** NDG

**Primary Creator:** Native Daughters of the Golden West, Parlor 278

**Extent:** 1.67 linear feet

**Arrangement:** Arranged at the collection level, alphabetically by topic.

**Forms of Material:** Documents, photographic materials

**Language of materials:** English

**Abstract**

The Native Daughters of the Golden West, Parlor 278 Collection documents the interests, activities, and accomplishments of the Wilmington area organization, primarily between 1950 and 1980. The collection consists of administrative records, programming information, and photographic prints.

**Administrative History**

The Native Daughters of the Golden West is a fraternal organization founded in 1886, in Jackson, California. Its founding principles are, "Love of Home, Devotion to the Flag of our Country, Veneration of the Pioneers of California, and an Abiding Faith in the Existence of God." Parlor #278 in Wilmington, California was established on May 31, 1944. The founding officers installed were Mildred Smith, past president; L. Ada Fohl, president; Bertha Luc, vice-president; Alta Newkirk, second vice-president; Florence Kober, third vice-president; Elva Richards, marshall; Bonnie Behringer, treasurer; Lillian Merle, financial secretary; Evelyn Mele, recording secretary; Kathleen Grant, organist; Margaret Heath, inside sentinel; Sylvia Quinlivan, outside sentinel; Helen Kimble, Laura Ives, and Sylvia Perrin, trustees.

One of the Parlor's primary objectives was to preserve and restore, rededicate, or place commemorative markers at local historical landmarks, such as St. John's Episcopal Church, Memory Chapel, and the site of the 1910 Dominguez Hill Air Meet. Parlor 278 was active in a number of fundraising activities, such as an annual bazaar, rummage sales, waffle breakfasts, sponsored dances, and the sale of bonds and stamps. They also partnered with other Parlors and local civic organizations to celebrate and commemorate special events and to raise funds for community projects. Like other Parlors around the state, the Wilmington Parlor also raised funds for various child welfare charities.

Parlor #278 consolidated with Inglewood Parlor #282 in 1945. Both Inglewood and Wilmington Parlors merged with La Tijera Parlor #282 in 1985. In 1998, all three Parlors became known as Tierra del Rey Parlor #300 in Hermosa Beach, which continues to be active.

## **Scope and Contents**

The Native Daughters of the Golden West, Parlor 278 Collection documents the interests, activities, and accomplishments of the Wilmington area organization, primarily between 1950 and 1980. The collection consists of event programs, invitations, minutes, news releases, correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographic prints, publications, notes, and programming information.

## **Subjects/Access Terms**

### **Creator**

#### **Organization Name:**

Native Daughters of the Golden West, Parlor 278

### **Subject Headings**

#### **Topical Terms:**

California--History  
Fraternal organizations--California--History  
Historical markers--California  
Women--Societies and clubs

#### **Geographical Locations:**

Los Angeles County (Calif.)  
Wilmington (Los Angeles, Calif.)

#### **Documentary Forms:**

Documents  
Photographic materials

## **Administrative Information**

**Processing Information:** Holli Teltoe, 2021

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**Conditions Governing Access:** The collection is open for research use.

**Preferred Citation:** Native Daughters of the Golden West, Parlor 278 Collection. Wilmington Historical Society.

**Acquisition:** The source and date of acquisition is unknown.

## **Collection Contents**

### **Box 1**

**Folder 1:** 1910 Dominguez Air Meet, 1910, 1941, 1974, 1977

**Folder 2:** *California Herald*, March 1958, August 1958, October 1958

**Folder 3:** California State Park Foundation, 1977

**Folder 4:** Community Church of Poway, 1977

**Folder 5:** Donations and Funding, 1972, 1973

**Folder 6:** Drum Barracks, 1969-1974

**Folder 7:** El Camino Real, 1969

**Folder 8:** Formal Events, ca. 1950-1959

**Folder 9:** Historical Sketches, 1948, 1958, 1969

**Folder 10:** History and Landmarks Committee, 1886, 1996-1974

**Folder 11:** Point Fermin Lighthouse

**Folder 12:** Port of Los Angeles and Wilmington Brochures, ca. 1975-1980

**Folder 13:** Programs and Outings, 1947, 1958, 1969

**Folder 14:** Programs and Outings, 1955-1972

**Folder 15:** St. John's Episcopal Church, 1974

**Folder 16:** St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1968

**Folder 17:** Tournament of Roses Parade, 1956-1959, 1983

**Folder 18:** Wisteria Festival, 1969, 1970

**Box 2**

**Item 1:** Scrapbook, 1961

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