

Pueblo Lands Collection

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Collection Information

Inclusive dates: 1850-1991

Size: 1 box, 1 linear ft.

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Scope and Content

This collection embodies the research done by local San Diego historian Clare Crane in 1991 for a book that was never written, tentatively titled *The Shaping of San Diego: An Urban History*. Ultimately, some of her research led to an article she wrote for the *Journal of San Diego History* titled *The Pueblo Lands: San Diego's Hispanic Heritage*. The collection is organized as Dr. Crane left it.

In 1834 Mexico recognized San Diego as a pueblo (a town), with the right to pueblo lands. When California became a state in 1850, it inherited the legal rights and the lands assigned under Spanish and Mexican law. As Clare Crane stated in her paper in the *Journal of San Diego History*, this collection "focuses on the complicated legal history of the acquisition of San Diego's Pueblo Lands -- an extremely valuable legacy of some 48,000 acres."

The Pueblo Lands Collection was donated by Judy Swink in January 2017.

Container List

Box	File	Contents	Dates
1	1	<i>Pueblo Lands of San Diego Exceptions to Survey by John C. Hays in 1858</i> , pamphlet	1869
		<i>The Golden Era: An Illustrated Monthly</i> , magazine	Jun & Sep 1887
	2	<i>The Golden Era: An Illustrated Monthly</i> , magazine	Sep, Nov & Dec 1888 Apr & May 1890
	3	Edited draft of <i>The Pueblo Lands: San Diego's Hispanic Heritage</i> by Clare B. Crane	1991
		Reprint of <i>The Pueblo Lands: San Diego's Hispanic Heritage</i> from the <i>Journal of San Diego History</i>	1991
		Cut down version of paper for reading at Institute of History	1991
	4	Article in San Diego Reader about history and disposition of Pueblo Lands	7/1982
	5	Outline for second paper <i>Pueblo Lands: The Disposition, Methods, and Philosophies</i>	1991
	6	Pueblo Lands trickery, squatters, and estimates of acreage	1890-1894
	7	San Diego City Charter and proposals for amendments	1889, 1898
	8	Excerpts and notes from <i>Maps of the Pueblo Lands of San Diego, 1602-1874</i> by Neal Harlow	1987

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1	9	Policies and restrictions on the sale of Pueblo Lands	
	10	The Mexican Interlude, 1821-1846, Rancho Era, and Pueblo Beginning	
	11	Pueblo land sales	1990
	12	<i>The Pueblo Lands: San Diego's Hispanic Heritage</i>	1991
	13	San Diego City Property Department files on Pueblo Lands and other city-owned land	1970-1984
	14	Notes and articles on acquisition and disposition from <i>San Diego Pueblo Lands</i> by Daniel Cleveland	1926
	15	Board of Trustees meeting minutes on land sales	1850, 1868
	16	Notes and newspaper clippings about Douglas Gunn, Mayor of San Diego	1871-1891
	17	Notes and excerpts from Harold G. Hevener, 1950, Master's thesis, SDSC, <i>Pueblo Lands of San Diego</i>	1950
	18	Notes about Charles P. Taggart, corporate lawyer who became City Attorney	
	19	Notes about Juan Luco, an attorney skilled in land litigation and active in San Diego land deals	
	20	Notes on James McCoy, Philip Crosthwaite, and Benjamin Hayes	
	21	Notes on E.W. Morse from MA thesis, by Earl S. McGhee	1950
	22	<i>Evolution of City Government in San Diego</i> with lists of office-holders	1985
	23	Miscellaneous material related to Pueblo Lands and railroads which acquired Pueblo Lands	
	24	City of San Diego Trustee Minutes	1870-1873
	25	Notes on <i>History of California</i> by H.H. Bancroft	1886
	26	Notes on <i>Land in California</i> by W.W. Robinson	1948
	27	Monterey Pueblo Lands	
	28	Excerpts and notes from <i>History of San Diego</i> by William E. Smythe	1908
	29	<i>The Pueblo Lands: San Diego's Neglected Spanish Legacy"</i> by John W. Witt	1977
	30	Probate records of Santiago Arguello	
	31	Notes from <i>The Story of New San Diego and its Founder, Alonzo E. Horton</i> by Elizabeth MacPhail	1979
	32	Notes and excerpts from <i>History of San Diego Land Surveying Experiences</i> by Curtis Brown and Michael Pallamary	1988
	33	<i>San Diego Union</i> listings of Pueblo Lands	
	34	Excerpts from <i>History of San Diego, Its Pueblo Lands & Water</i> by H.C. Hopkins	1929

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1	35	Excerpt from article by Robert Dorn in the <i>Reader</i> (full article in Folder 4)	1982
	36	<i>San Diego Union</i> article on Pueblo Lands, water rights, and potential sales by Leroy Wright	1923
	37	Notes from miscellaneous newspaper items	
	38	Excerpts from <i>The Boom of the Eighties in Southern California</i> by Glenn S. Dumke	1944
	39	<i>San Diego Government Charter Review</i>	1973
	40	Railroad comes to San Diego	
	41	Notes from <i>The Glory Years</i> by Richard P. Pourade	1964
	42	San Diego Pueblo Lands and tidelands	
	43	Draft of a chapter of a future book that was never written tentatively titled <i>The Shaping of San Diego: An Urban History</i> by Clare Crane	1990
	44	<i>San Diego Union</i> facts about land sales and giveaways	3/2/1871
	45	<i>San Diego Union</i> - Pueblo Lands in the 20 th Century	
	46	Notes from <i>The Silver Dons</i> by Richard F. Pourade	1963
	47	Notes about water rights from <i>This Fantastic City San Diego</i> by Shelley J. Higgins	1956
	48	Excerpts from <i>Frontier Post</i> by Don M. Stewart	1966
	49	Newspaper articles on urban planning and growth management	1990
	50	Bibliography and research listings	
	51	Notes from <i>San Diego: California's Cornerstone</i> by Iris Engstrand	1980