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Collection Summary

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Abstract: Letters and documents obtained by H.H. Bancroft for his History of California, relating mainly to Bonilla's career as justice and alcalde of San Luis Obispo, and to lands in southern California, particularly those of the Mission San Miguel. A few papers of Manuel Larios also included.

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- Draft containing notes re Manuel Larios, anonymous, undated, Doc. 27, removed to BANC MSS C-D 113.

Scope and Content

The greater part of Jose Mariano Bonilla's papers were lost in a storm. The few preserved here were presented to The Bancroft Library in 1878 by his widow, Doña Dolores Garcia Bonilla. Also included are a few papers of Manuel Larios.

A chronological calendar and an index are appended.

Biographical Sketch

Bonilla, born in Mexico City in 1807, came to California in 1834 with the Hajar and Padres colony. He held various responsible public offices in San Luis Obispo — alcalde, judge, and district attorney. He died in 1878.

Alvarado, Juan Bautista, 1809-1882

Passport, Feb. 1, 1840. Doc. 44

Bonilla, José Mariano, 1807-1878

Document, Dec. 1, 1842. Doc. 10-11

Undated incomplete draft of article. Doc. 6-9

Undated draft of letter. Doc. 12

Carillo, Pedro C.

Letter, Aug, 19, 1869. Doc. 30

Coronel, Ignacio

Letter to Manuel Larios, Dec. 6, 1859. Doc. 29

Fortuni, Buenaventura, d. 1840

Co-author of certificate testifying to the baptism of M. S. Larios, undated Doc. 34

Frémont, John Charles, 1813-1890

Proclamation, Dec. 16, 1846. Doc. 20

Halleck, Henry Wager, 1816-1872

Letter to Bonilla, translated into Spanish. Doc. 24-25

Hartnell, William Edward Petty, 1798-1854

Translator of Halleck letter. Doc. 24-25

Higuera, Juan José

Copy of poem, undated Doc. 31

Iturbide, Agustín, Emperor of Mexico, 1783-1824

Acta de declaración de independencia, Sept. 21, 1821. Copy. Doc. 2-5

Jimeno Casarín, José Joaquín, 1804-1856

Death certificate for José María Aguile, Jan. 22, 1844. Doc. 16

- Jimeno Casarín, Manuel, d. 1853**
Cosigner of passport for Juan Higuera, Feb. 1, 1840. Doc. 44
- Larios, Estalano Felipe, 1855-1941**
Letter to H. H. Bancroft, Sept. 21, 1877. Doc. 39-42
- Larios, Manuel, 1798-1865**
Draft of letter, Jan. 18, 1831. Doc. 32-33
See also notes re Larios. Doc. 27
- Mason, Richard Barnes, 1797-1850**
Letter, Nov. 30, 1847. Doc. 26
Proclamation, Dec. 27, 1847. Doc. 28
- Pico, José de Jesús, 1807-**
Statement, Apr. 27, 1846. Doc. 18-19
- Savage, Thomas, 1823-**
Note, ca. 1878. Doc. 1
- Smith, William Taylor**
Pass, Jan. 19, 1847. Doc. 45
- Viader, José, 1765-**
Undated certificate re baptism of Manuel Salvador Larios. Doc. 34.