



Mary Kroonen Savage Collection

c. 1880-1979s

34 textual documents, 4 books, 252 photographs in one album / 1 linear foot / 2 boxes

Mary Kroonen Savage was born in Corona on February 24, 1905 to Leo Kroonen and Mary Walkinshaw Kroonen. Savage’s parents moved to Corona in 1891, where her father Leo helped to build many of Corona’s fine old homes. Savage’s mother, Mary, was from the Eastvale and then later Rincon area, and died at 100 as the county’s oldest native. As a young child Mary’s family lived in a house on “The Boulevard” or Grand Boulevard.

Mary Savage moved away from Corona after marrying George W. Savage but returned to the city in 1961 where she lived until her death on November 30, 1990. She was an avid genealogist and spent many hours working towards the development and success of the Corona Public Library’s Heritage Room. She was one of the original members of the Friends of the Corona Public Library Heritage Committee and worked with Gloria Scott to catalog and display material for the Heritage Room. Mary Savage was also the church historian of Congregational, Corona’s first church.

This collection contains personal history of Mary Savage’s family, including genealogy charts and photographs, correspondence between her and other notable Coronans, and research conducted by Savage on early Corona history.

Mary Savage watched Corona grow from a sleepy agriculture town (then known as South Riverside) to a city of over 70,000 people. She had knowledge of early Corona from her pioneer parents, as well as her extensive research file on Rincon, and strong research skills made her highly useful when it came to Corona history. The personal correspondence and many research notes taken by Savage make this collection valuable in highlighting aspects of early Corona history, the architect of early Corona and Corona life before the rebuilding of the city due to urban renewal.

Location: A,5; A,21

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Gifts of: Savage, Mary Kroonen

Inventory:

Call Number	Folder	Description of Records	Leaves
M008/1	1	Finding Aid	3
M008/1	2	Genealogy charts of Savage-Dillion and Dillon-Hoskins	2

M008/1	3	Letters from Ocie Taylor Songer to Mary Savage. Letter from October 13, 1966 notes visting Mary and how run down Magnolia has become since they came in 1886.	8
		Second letter speaks of the 70th anniversary of the Christian Church being started by Ocie Taylor's grandfather.	
		Letter from October 23, 1966 mentions that Ocie Taylor used to live at Grand Boulevard and Garreston Avenue when she was young.	
		Letter from 1969 mentions living over the Bank at 6th and Main Street, going to school near 6th and Main Street with first teacher McEwen and turning 93 next July.	
M008/1	4	Letters to Mary Savage from "Tena" (Mrs. Desborough) and from Mary Savage to Tena. Letter to Mary Savage dated January 28, 1974.	8
		Letter to Mrs. Desborough from Riverside Municipal Museum dated December 18, 1974.	
		Letter to Tena from Mary Savage dated July 2, 1975. Notes on Rincon Merchants dated Feb. 11, 1975.	
M008/1	5	Two photocopies of photographs in an album. One copy shows a wedding picture of George W. Savage and Mary C. Kroonen at Bridges Hall of Music, Claremont, California. PER-aaa-714a.	2
		The second photocopy includes the following images: Wedding picture of Leo Kroonen and Mary K. Walkinshaw. PER-aaa-244b.	
		Photo of Pieter Kroonen, parent of Leo Kroonen. PER-aaa-716a.	
		Photo of Cornelia Kroonen, parent of Leo Kroonen. PER-aaa-717a.	
		Photo of Jeannette Roberds and William B. Roberds, mother and step-father of Mary L. Kroonen. PER-aaa-718a.	
M008/1	6	Notes on Norconian Club, January 13, 1975	2
M008/1	7	Mary K. Savage's notes pertaining to First Congregational Church history.	16
M008/1	8	Mary K. Savage's notes on newspaper clips about Jessimine (Mrs. Lester) Hampton.	1
M008/1	9	Mary K. Savage's notes on early Italian families that came to live or work in the Corona area.	1
M008/1	10	List of Architects of the Southern District Holding Certificates in Practice in the State of California Corrected in April 1908 and List of Architects of the Southern District holding certificates to practice in the State of California Corrected to April 1, 1906.	2
M008/1	11	Hand drawn map of the Prado Dam area, 1870 to 1920, highlighting Corona.	2
M008/1	12	Mary K. Savage's notes on early Corona stores.	52
		Information on early citrus in Corona, 1887-1919 by Lorne Allmon.	
		Information on R.B. Talyor Residences.	
		Information on early Auburndale history.	
		Bibliography for History of Spanish Land Grants and Families.	
		Mary K. Savage's notes for South Riverside Bee, microfilms at Corona Public Library on the Rincon area.	
		Notes on the Rincon area from the Ingersoll's Century Annals of San Bernardino County 1769 to 1904.	
		Notes from the Corona Independent on Prado area, microfilm of issues dated Aug. 24 through Dec. 31, 1909.	
		Shareholder News from Geothermal Resources International, INC, Jan. 8, 1968.	
Mary K. Savage's biographical notes on Corona residents.			
M008/1	13	Notes from South Riverside Bee, Jan. 2, 1892 on R.B. Taylor's purchase of the Hensler Building.	9
		Notes on early Corona history and the Freeman house.	
		Notes on Corona's real estate history.	
		Notes on R.B. Taylor Building.	
		Notes on the Dr. Rio Oelos Barber residence.	

		Information on the 'House on Southwest Corner Tenth & Victoria,' the Emerson residence.	
		Notes on H.A. and Sarah Wood residences.	
M008/1	14	Book: <i>The California Legislature</i> by Joseph Allen Beck (1942).	1
M008/1	15	Book: <i>The Great Understander</i> by William W. Walter (1931).	1
M008/1	16	Book: <i>The Year of Decision 1846</i> by Bernard DeVoto (1943).	1
M008/2	17	Book: <i>Francisco Garces, Pioneer Padre of Kern</i> by Ardis M. Walker (1946).	1
M008/2	Photo Album	Family photo album, Mary Kroonen Savage as a child.	1 album