

## Biographical Document File Collection

*c. 1888-present*

*2162 textual records, 2 booklets | 3 linear feet | 3 boxes*

This collection is composed of a variety of people who had some history with the city of Corona. Original documents that were too few in number to warrant creating a manuscript collection are stored in the biographical document file collection. The items are mostly biographical in nature; however, some files contain extensive family history such as newspaper clippings, family trees, photocopies of photos and property deeds. Memorial and funeral service leaflets, wedding announcements, retirement announcements, tributes and correspondence are a few items found in the biographical document file collection.

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### Inventory:

Call Number	Folder	Description of Records	Leaves
M024/1	1	Finding Aid	10
M024/2	127	<b>Acevedo, Consuelo</b> -wife of first Hispanic City Councilman, Onias Acevedo. Contains memorial pamphlet and memorial bookmark	2
M024/2	128	<b>Acevedo, Onias</b> -first Hispanic elected to the Corona City Council in 1958. Contains eulogy and photocopies of photos.	4
M024/1	2	<b>Adams, Leona</b> - Taught English at Corona Junior High School; Organizations: First Congregational Church Eastern Star; Phi Sigma Alpha, Philanthropic Educational Organization. First woman to serve on the Federal Grand Jury in Kansas City, MO during the famous Pendergast trail.	1
M024/3	135	<b>Aparicio, Reynaldo</b> -Memorial leaflet	1
M024/1	3	<b>Arce, Ramon</b> -Legal document showing M.B. Huff paid \$100.00 to Ramon Arce for one billiard table on July 16, 1900. Two receipts from M.B. Huff totaling \$10 each received from Ramon Arce. Letter in Spanish dated 1894.	4
M024/1	4	<b>Barber, Ann K.</b> -Memorial service leaflet	1
M024/1	5	<b>Barron, Asencion Martinez and Barron, David M.</b> -Genealogy Chart	2

M024/1	6	<b>Bellinis, Anthony, Darhl &amp; Theodore-</b> Deed and title insurance of land sale from Walter Knott; advertisements of melons sold by Theodore. Newspaper article describing history of how Bellini bought land from Walter Knott of Knott's Berry Farm	10
M024/1	7	<b>Bennett, Jeffrey-</b> Jeffrey Bennett for State Assembly Brochure (2000)	1
M024/1	8	<b>Bishop, Frank Mrs.-</b> Women's Union Missionary Society of Corona Annual Meeting program; correspondence from the National Council of Federated Church Women; World Day of Prayer program book February 12, 1937; The Church Woman newsletter; Inspiration Newsletter from 1921; Bylaws and constitution of the National Council of Federated Church women, 1938.	12 + 1 booklet
M024/1	9	<b>Booher, Chuck-</b> 1995 retirement announcement. 21 years of service with the City of Corona.	1
M024/1	10	<b>Brockman, Harry-</b> Shipper's receipts from The Business College Railway Co. for various grocery items, 1902. Order book listing various individuals who purchased groceries on credit; general ledger, 1902.	4
M024/1	11	<b>Brownfield, Everest -</b> Memorial service leaflet	1
M024/1	12	<b>Bryant, Gwendolyn-</b> Graduated from Stanford University with major in English Lit. Married Edwin F. Bryant; served as President amongst other capacities for the Women's Improvement Club; member of State Board of California Federation of Women's Clubs; wrote poetry book titled <i>Lyrics of Life</i> .	1
M024/1	13	<b>Burman, Mary Ella-</b> brief autobiography taught school for 18 years at various levels in the public school system; married to Sunkist director Owen Burman.	2
M024/1	14	<b>Cadger, Bernice-</b> letter from Mrs. Orson Richard Van Derhoof; memorial service leaflet in Memory of Jackie Lee Bolland	3
M024/1	15	<b>Calvert, Ken-</b> Campaign advertisements; invitation to fundraising breakfast (1993).	5
M024/1	16	<b>Clark, Frances M. -</b> Brief family history which detailed information about the Gleasons including birth and death dates.	5
M024/1	17	<b>Conover, Ed &amp; Hattie Monell-</b> Postcards showing various local scenes: Corona H.S.; Santa Fe Depot; Ramona Street; Riverside, CA, San Bernardino, CA; Redlands, CA.	22
M024/1	18	<b>Cooper, Annie C.-</b> Deeds of trust; Articles of Incorporation of the Corona Garage; various receipts and checks signed by Annie C. Cooper	34
M024/1	19	<b>Corselli, Nick-</b> Newspaper articles related to his murder trial; brief biography of his life; citizenship certificate of Jim Pallerito; one of first Italians to settle in Corona.	8
M024/1	20	<b>Cox, Leonard, Jr.-</b> Identification card from Corona Police Department; certificates of merit and achievement awards; certificates of completion for UC, Riverside extension courses	8
M024/1	21	<b>Crabtree, Frank-</b> 6 page family history	22
M024/1	22	<b>Cunningham, Henry-</b> information regarding his military pensions and burial information	30
M024/1	23	<b>Curtis, Howard-</b> brief biography	1

M024/1	26	<b>Dalcamo</b> -Newspaper articles and genealogy information on family; photos of houses they resided included	40
M024/1	24	<b>David, Allan</b> - obituary and examples of his artwork	27
M024/1	25	<b>David, Allan</b> -examples of his artwork	9
M024/2	131	<b>Davis, LaVerne</b> -Memorial booklet, adopt-a-book/legacy brick flyer; funeral pictures; homicide press releases and newspaper clipping	8
M024/1	27	<b>De Beal-Baugh-Critchlow</b> , June; Armede De Beal Sloan; Sanoma De Beal Nixon; Glen L. De Beal; first black family in Corona; genealogy information, photos, letters, essays	82
M024/1	28	<b>De George, Pasquale</b> -brief biography and newspaper article	3
M024/1	29	<b>Deininger, Dick</b> -Retirement party information; re-election campaign notepad	4
M024/1	30	<b>Dever, Sydney</b> -Promotional materials related to acting role in <i>Carnivale</i> .	1
M024/3	134	<b>Dickinson, Rev. Charles Albert</b> -Memorial booklet	1 booklet
M024/1	31	<b>Dickson, Marjorie</b> -brief autobiography	1
M024/3	138	<b>Dillon, Helen</b> - '55 Jest Pilot's Club (The American Legion Auxiliary) and American Legion Auxiliary 31st Annual Convention Delegate card (1950).	2
M024/1	32	<b>Duran, Ted</b> -Advertisement about his KBUC Spanish speaking radio show	2
M024/1	33	<b>Eldridge, Frederick</b> -autobiography info about his military career, farm and newspaper ownership and run for public office.	4
M024/1	34	<b>Fancett, Alfred</b> -naturalization certificate and obituary	2
M024/1	35	<b>Farmer, Albert</b> -Peppermint Ridge Home for Boys certificate for outstanding service see also: Farmer, Mabel and Taber files	1
M024/1	36	<b>Farmer, Mabel I.</b> -4 page handwritten biography; family tree; one page of births, marriages and deaths from Taber and Farmer families; 2 newspaper articles about Mabel Farmer; land deed fro Francelia Taber to Mabel Farmer.	10
M024/1	37	<b>Farnham, Jack</b> - past Corona Police Chief family tree	9
M024/1	38	<b>Fernald, Charles</b> -memorial placard	1
M024/1	39	<b>Fink, Bernice</b> -five page autobiography	5
M024/1	40	<b>Foster, Bertha Ellen</b> -deed of trust; letter of recommendations; newspaper articles; photos; memorial leaflet; diploma to teach in California and diploma to be an administrator in California	23
M024/1	41	<b>Foster, Herb C.</b> -marriage announcement Kate Byer and Herb Foster 1888	5
M024/1	43	<b>Frazier, Ida B.</b> -1914 Corona High School graduation announcement; 1926 birth announcement; cemetery plot deed; Independent Order of Foresters endowment deed	9
M024/1	44	<b>Ganahl, Jeanne</b> -Obituary and memorial leaflet	2
M024/1	45	<b>Gard, Emerson</b> -Letters and bank deposits	35
M024/2	126	<b>Garretson, A.S.</b> -Report "A.S. Garretson and His Descendants as of May, 1962"	3
M024/1	46	<b>Geith, Genevieve</b> - Photos and marriage certificate of Frank Geith and Genevieve Dyer	7
M024/1	47	<b>Hammond, J.C.</b> -business card	1
M024/1	48	<b>Hammond, Louisa</b> - biography	1
M024/1	49	<b>Harvill, Virginia</b> -biography	1

M024/2	124	<b>Hendrickson, H.M. and Stearns, Francis A.</b> - Deed dated July 16, 1946, for five parcels of land located in El Cerrito Hills just east of Blue Diamond Road and highway. Plats of the parcels included. Escrow statement and letters to and from Division of Highways asking for permission to cut down five Pepper Trees.	18
M024/1	50	<b>Herman, Henry</b> - Obituary and quotes from letters	3
M024/1	51	<b>Higgins, Fannie</b> -Diploma to teach elementary school and diploma from Chaffey College	2
M024/2	125	<b>Hill, Jess</b> -Magazine, <i>USC Pigskin Review</i> . Washington State vs. USC November 6, 1971 Homecoming/Jess Hill Story; booklet Jess Hill Birthday-Retirement-Testimonial Dinner January 20, 1972.	2
M024/1	52	<b>Hoeger, Frances</b> - memorial leaflet	2
M024/1	53	<b>Hoss, Carl</b> - photo	1
M024/1	54	<b>Huff, Harriet</b> - letter	3
M024/1	55	<b>Hughes, Velma</b> -biography	2
M024/1	56	<b>Huston, Edna M.</b> -biography	2
M024/1	57	<b>Jameson Family</b> - Christmas cards and newsletters; tributes; magazine covers; wedding announcements; genealogy family tree	20
M024/1	58	<b>Jameson, Charles</b> -memorial leaflet and memorial service pamphlet	8
M024/1	59	<b>Jameson, Dr. Eloise</b> - personal letters; letter from William H. Jameson, Jr. about the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 216	13
M024/1	60	<b>Joy, George</b> - Resolution by the Temescal Water Co. in memory of George Joy	2
M024/1	61	<b>Keyes, Herbert M.</b> - Notarial Record Ledger June 21, 1912-July 12, 1915	41
M024/1	62	<b>Kimbell, Gladys</b> - 43 page report of Rincon School; letters; newspaper articles	75
M024/2	132	<b>Kroonen, Mary Leo</b> -Autobiography	39
M024/1	63	<b>Ledford, Gloria</b> -autobiography and genealogy family tree	5
M024/1	64	<b>Leo, Karen</b> - Corona Public Library Director, retirement invitation	4
M024/1	65	<b>Lingfelter, Deidre</b> -Corona City Clerk retirement program	6
M024/2	129	<b>Maciel Family</b> -City of Corona In Recognition Maciel Family 100th Anniversary certificate; State of California Senate Certificate of Recognition presented to the Maciel Family	2
M024/1	66	<b>MacMillan, Ross</b> -Family history	26
M024/1	69	<b>Martinez, Hortensia</b> -Autobiography	5
M024/1	70	<b>Martinez, Jesse</b> -Autobiography	21
M024/1	68	<b>McCarty, Isaac</b> - Draft of Autobiography	249
M024/1	67	<b>McCarty, Isaac</b> -Autobiography; newspaper article	143
M024/1	71	<b>Mellor, Margaret</b> -Memorial leaflet; funeral program book	4
M024/1	72	<b>Montanez, Eugene</b> - 1998 Distinguished Citizen of the Year Tribute	1
M024/1	73	<b>Moore, Kenneth</b> -Magazine article from <i>The Elks Magazine</i> ; newspaper articles from <i>The California-Hawaii Elk</i>	3
M024/1	42	<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Finis Frazier</b> -cards, letters, member lists, deed	27
M024/1	74	<b>Muratore, Charles</b> -Part of original group of 10 Italian immigrants; obituary, family tree; biography; newspaper articles	11

M024/1	75	<b>Newcomb, Dan A.</b> -letter and autobiography working with citrus industry in Corona	11
M024/1	76	<b>Newcomb, Margaret</b> -autobiography	3
M024/1	79	<b>Newton, Irene</b> -original "The Column from California" first 150 pages of a 293 page manuscript on "An Unwritten Episode in the War Between the North and the South"	159
M024/1	80	<b>Newton, Irene</b> - original "The Column from California" pages 151 to 293 of a 293 page manuscript on "An Unwritten Episode in the War Between the North and the South"	144
M024/1	77	<b>Newton, Irene</b> - photocopy "The Column from California" first 150 pages of a 293 page manuscript on "An Unwritten Episode in the War Between the North and the South"	159
M024/1	78	<b>Newton, Irene</b> - photocopy of "The Column from California" pages 151 to 293 of a 293 page manuscript on "An Unwritten Episode in the War Between the North and the South"	144
M024/1	81	<b>Nichols, Wilford</b> - Memorial leaflet	1
M024/1	82	<b>Onti, Marie</b> -autobiography and publicity materials	8
M024/2	123	<b>Parker, Rena</b> - Certificate from Corona Community Hospital Auxiliary to dated May 13, 1976; Laminated certificate from District XI of C.P.R.S./ Inland Valleys Association of S.C.M.A.F. Layman's Award dated November 19, 1971.	1
M024/3	137	<b>Pauly, Leo</b> . - Old Monarch certificates from The International Association of Lions Club.	3
M024/1	83	<b>Peet, Leslie</b> - Memorial leaflet	1
M024/2	122	<b>Perez, Olga Renee</b> - Memorial leaflet	1
M024/2	122	<b>Perez, Olga Renee</b> - Memorial leaflet	1
M024/2	84	<b>Perusse, Lyle</b> - article on "Tosca and Piranesi: and "Der Rosenkavalier and Watteau", both from <i>The Musical Times</i> publication	12
M024/2	85	<b>Pruett, CJ</b> -Reminiscent of Arkansas 34 page booklet mentioned Corona on page 21.	1
M024/2	86	<b>Ragsdale Family</b> - Genealogy list	3
M024/3	136	<b>Ramirez, Augustine (Dr.)</b> - Corona class of 1947 memorabilia: 25th reunion pamphlet, newspaper article, 1947 Coronal yearbook.	3
M024/2	87	<b>Ramos, Rudolph</b> - Rudolph Ramos Studio Guest book 1949-1958	1
M024/2	88	<b>Raney, Letha</b> -deed for Sunnyslope cemetery plot; Corona High class of 1912 by-laws	8
M024/2	89	<b>Rathbone</b> - Schumacher-Rathbone marriage announcement	1
M024/3	139	<b>Reyes Garcia, Jesse</b> - memorial leaflet	1
M024/2	90	<b>Rodriguez, Alfredo</b> -magazine article about artist includes photo of mural he painted in children's room of Corona Public Library	6
M024/2	91	<b>Rodriguez, Eustacia</b> -U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service "alien address report"	2
M024/2	92	<b>Rush Family</b> - family history and genealogy	5
M024/2	94	<b>Scott-Freel, Gloria</b> - certificate of appreciation from Corona Chamber of Commerce	1

M024/2	93	<b>Sharp Family</b> -photos of them at house on 621 Olive Street; poem; letter	8
M024/2	95	<b>Shewman, Bismarck H., Prof</b> - exam scores for teaching certificate; certificate to teach grammar school in San Bernardino County; letters of recommendation	11
M024/2	96	<b>Shockley, Lois</b> -Retirement party invitation	1
M024/2	130	<b>Simmons, Elsie Marie</b> -City of Corona In Recognition of 50 years of service as a martial arts contract instructor to the city of Corona certificate; brief history of Robert E. and Elsie Marie Simmons' marital arts business with city of Corona; three photocopied pages from www.fudoshintaiaikido.com website	5
M024/2	97	<b>Smith, Dexter</b> -50th wedding anniversary invitation for Dexter Smith and Hannah Borland Smith (parents of Dr. Flora Smith Gleason).	2
M024/2	98	<b>Smith, Ethelyne Robinson</b> - biography	2
M024/2	102	<b>Smith, Robert</b> - correspondence	7
M024/2	99	<b>Snedecor, Robert</b> - memorial leaflet; genealogy; biography	28
M024/2	100	<b>Somers</b> - 60 page journal compiled by 32 travelers who took an European vacation together for 57 days in 1960	60
M024/2	101	<b>Songer, Emma</b> -memorial leaflet	1
M024/2	103	<b>Spiegel Family</b> - newspaper article about freak accident involving baby Tanya Spiegel; article about Flora running for mayor; article about German exchange students in Corona; personalized letterhead from Corona Industrial Electric and from city councilwoman	19
M024/2	133	<b>Stapp, Vera</b> -handmade booklet created by Vera Stapp for Mr. & Mrs. Billings in 1931.	1
M024/2	104	<b>Stauffacher, Dan</b> -Ordination program book from First Congregational Church	1
M024/2	105	<b>Stobbs, May Grow</b> -information about her tenure as City Clerk of Corona from 1914-1923; information on house at 7th an Merrill that she lived in	3
M024/2	106	<b>Taber, John</b> - 22 page photo album belonging to Grace Taber while she resided in San Diego-taken during WWI; military papers; marriage certificate of John Taber and Francelia A. Shepherd; deed; letters; genealogy	19
M024/2	107	<b>Thome, Lois Keener</b> -biography	2
M024/2	108	<b>Tilson, Bob</b> -information about the origin of the name Tilson street; mention of the Corona Road Races	1
M024/2	110	<b>Todd Family</b> - Christmas newsletters; birth announcement and wedding invitation	9
M024/2	109	<b>Todd, Bernice Jameson</b> -autobiography information on her tenure as a physician for the Corona City schools; 8 page report from a high school student with references to Bernice Todd.	2
M024/2	111	<b>Tower, C.R.</b> - 6 page transcribed letter from C.R. Tower to Albert Farmer	22
M024/2	112	<b>Vaile, Dorothy Moles</b> - autobiography	1
M024/2	113	<b>Varela, Al</b> - publicity flyer for his "Latino Images" art exhibit at the Corona Public Library in 1995	1
M024/2	114	<b>Velthoen, A.J.</b> -letter to mayor stating his term as library trustee will expire; includes list of past positions he had served with the city of Corona	1
M024/2	115	<b>Verity, Margaret</b> -autobiography	1
M024/2	116	<b>Wardle, Joshua</b> -Eagle Scout Award program book	1

M024/2	117	<b>Web, Celia Ragsdale</b> - early Corona history from 1912-1940s. Information on Prado, Road Races, early Corona businesses and family history	22
M024/2	118	<b>Wheaton, James</b> - Retirement invitation	3
M024/2	119	<b>Williams, Vivian</b> - autobiography	1
M024/2	120	<b>Willard, Stephen H.</b> - The Desert of Palms description of his photographs	14
M024/2	121	<b>Workman, William P.</b> - Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen of the Year 1998 invitation	1