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Avila Family Papers

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Abstract:

Documents of the Avilas, an early California family. Includes historical account by Carolina Avila.

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Historical Note:

Anastasio Avila received the Mexican land grant, *Rancho Tajuata*, also known as *Rancho de Los Cuervos*, located in the present-day Watts district of the city of Los Angeles.

Scope and Content Note:

Documents of the Avilas, an early California family. Includes historical account by Carolina Avila. Spanish surname spelling variant: Abila.

[Most photographs have been moved to P-78 Portrait Collection; one photograph is in P-14 Del Valle photograph collection.] See also GC-1318 Josefa Avila Papers.

Container List:

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Catalog Number	Description	Object Name	Date Created
A.5746.47-22	Typescript signed. Nine copies of summons in dispute over land owned by Adolph F. Guiol. [4] p. on [4] leaves; 32 x 21 cm.--folded to 21 x 9 cm.	Document	August 28, 1888
A.5746.47-23	Printed form completed by hand. Transfer of parts of Rancho Tajauta for the sum of 600 gold coins. 36 x 22 cm.	Document	July 6, 1885
A.5746.47-24	Printed form, (7 copies.) Santiago Ruiz, plaintiff, seeks action to have Maria Ybarra de Ruiz, executrix, deliver to him a good and sufficient quit claim concerning property of Mariano Ruiz.	Document	February 15, 1888
A.5746.47-25 A	Two-page typewritten copies of a newspaper article from Illustrated Daily News, June 13, 1924 (2 copies.) Regarding Jose Antonio Navarro and founding of Los Angeles.	Manuscript	June 13, 1924
A.5746.47-25 B	Three-page typewritten copy of a newspaper article from the Los Angeles Evening Express, May 26, 1923, titled: "Don Cornelio Avila's Lands Placed on Sale. 4500-Acre Ranch is Now Thought to Have Value of \$50,000,000."	Manuscript	May 26, 1923
A.5746.47-25 C	Six-page typewritten copy of a newspaper article from the Los Angeles Times, December 5, 1926, titled "Savings Fade in Land Ventures of Old Spanish Grants."	Manuscript	December 5, 1926
A.5746.47-26 A	Receipt. Acknowledges payment of \$6.47 for state, county and special school taxes for fiscal year 1915-1916. [1] p. on [1] leaf .	Receipt	December 27, 1884
A.5746.47-26 B	Receipt, signed. Acknowledges payment of \$18.66 for state and county taxes for year 1884. 13 x 23 cm.	Receipt	December 27, 1884
A.5746.47-26 C	Receipt, signed. Acknowledges payment of \$12.08 for state and county taxes for fiscal year 1887-8.	Receipt	December 27, 1884
A.5746.47-26 D	Receipt. Acknowledges payment of taxes of \$9.71 for state and county taxes for fiscal year 1886-87. 14 x 23 cm.	Receipt	November 16, 1886
A.5746.47-26 E	Receipt, signed. Acknowledges payment of taxes of \$21.21 on account for state and county taxes, fiscal year 1883-84. 14 x 21 cm.	Receipt	December, 1886
A.5746.47-26 F	Receipt, signed. Records payment of \$6.00 taxes for fiscal year 1880-81. [1] p. on [1] leaf; 14 x 21 cm.	Receipt	November 9, 1880
A.5746.47-26 G	Receipt signed. Records payment of taxes of \$33.54 for fiscal year 1880-81. 14 x 21 cm.	Receipt	November 9, 1880
A.5746.47-26 H	Receipt, signed. Acknowledges payment of \$8.64 for state and county taxes for year 1888-9.	Receipt	December 4, 1888

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A.5746.47-27 A-S	Twenty-one receipts and bills for various articles of merchandise, professional services, etc. issued to Felipe Avila [Abila] and other members of the Avila family during the period 1877-1901.	Receipt	1877 - 1901
A.5746.47-28	Two mortgages: Felipe Abila (Avila) to Maggie J. Roberts, \$400.00 mortgage with rancho Tajauta as security, November 24, 1879. Felipe Abila (Avila) to A.J. Beeler of Santa Monica, California. Mortgage on Rancho Tajauta securing \$600.00, November 1, 1880 (and note).	Documents	1879 - 1880
A.5746.47-29	Complaint in the District Court of the First Judicial District, County of Los Angeles, State of California: Henrique Abila (Avila) vs. Petra Abila (Avila), et al.	Document	September 4, 1866
A.5746.47-30	Complaint and summons in the District Court of the 17th Judicial District of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles: M. Keller, Henrique Abila (Avila) and Jose Maria Abila (Avila) vs. J.R. Tansey, et al.	Documents	March 24, 1876
A.5746.47-31	Civil subpoena to Felipe Abila (Avila) in case of Arcadia B. de Baker vs. Southern California Railway Company, October 2, 1892.	Document	October 2, 1892
A.5746.47-32	Summons, Los Angeles District Court, case of Henrique Abila (Avila) vs. Jose Maria Abila (Avila), 1874. Summons to appear in civil case includes Phineas Banning as one of the defendants. 33 x 21 cm.	Document	March 23, 1874
A.5746.47-33	Printed form completed by hand. Cornelio Abila (Avila), Felipe Abila (Avila) and Rev. Peter Verdaguer are ordered to appear in court to answer questions asked by the court in the matter of the estate of Alfredo Valenzuela. 33 x 21 cm.	Document	January 11, 1875
A.5746.47-34	One will of Juana Ballestero, widow, of Anastacio Abila (Avila) from Book Page 7 of Wills Two copies of petition for probate of above will, not specifically dated, but probably around December, 1896. One waiver of rights of execution of will of Juana Ballestero in favor of F.A. Abila (Avila), by Cornelia and Juan Abila (Avila.)	Documents	ca. 1896
A.5746.47-35 A	Deed: Jose Abila (Avila) to Felipe Abila (Avila), El Rancho de Los Cuervos (Tajauta). Dated September 15, 1876.	Document	September 15, 1876

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A.5746.47-35 B	Deed: Henrique Abila (Avila) to Felipe Abila (Avila), Rancho Tajauta, November 18, 1879. One hundred ten acres of Rancho Tajauta transferred for the sum of \$1.00.	Document	November 18, 1879
A.5746.47-35 C	Deed: Eduardo D. Abila (Avila) to Felipe Abila (Avila), Rancho Tajauta, February 3, 1881. One hundred ten acres of Rancho Tajauta transferred for the sum of \$1.00.	Document	February 3, 1881
A.5746.47-36 A	Agreement for sale of land, dated as follows: March 21, 1874. (Land). Transfer of 200 acres of Tajauta Rancho for the sum of \$1.00.	Document	March 21, 1874
A.5746.47-36 B	Agreement for sale of land, dated as follows: September 15, 1876 (Land). Agreement transfers a portion of Rancho Tajauta from Jose Maria Abila (Avila) to Felipe Abila (Avila).	Document	September 15, 1876
A.5746.47-36 C	Agreement for shares in an estate, dated as follows: December 14, 1896 (Inheritance).	Document	December 14, 1896
A.5746.47-36 D	Agreement for shares in an estate, dated as follows: June 19, 1901 (Inheritance). Details of settlement of the estates of Anastacio Avila and Juana Ballestero de Avila.	Document	June 19, 1901
A.5746.47-36 E	Agreement for sale of land, dated as follows: October 20, 1913 (Land). Elizabeth Mynard agrees to sell two lots in Santa Paula, Calif. to Josefa O. de Lopez for \$925.	Document	October 20, 1913
A.5746.47-38	Bill of sale for two horses, Tijuana, April 26, 1882. Description of two horses and brands sold to Avila.	Document	April 26, 1882
A.5746.47-39	Bill for lumber, Schallert, Ganahl Lumber Co., to Felipe Abila (Avila), May 11, 1885.	Document	May 11, 1885
A.5746.47-40 A	Letter: Ruperto T. Germand (?) to Felipe Abila (Avila), October ?, 1878. The letter is written in Spanish on the stationary of Fred W. Athearn, Justice of the Peace. It is written to his uncle and concerns litigation.	Letter	October, 1878
A.5746.47-40 B	Letter: Barclay & Wilson to Felipe Abila (Avila), August 29, 1881. Regards legal papers for a sale.	Letter	August 29, 1881

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A.5746.47-41	Promissory note: Jose O. Lopez to Luz Bribiesia, \$100.00, Los Angeles, January 19, 1916. Jose Lopez agreed to pay back 100 pesos to Luz Bribiesia. As collateral he offered the title of his property in Santa Paula, Ventura County.	Document	January 19, 1916
A.5746.47-42 A	Baptismal record of Mariantonia Ruiz de Ybarra, baptized June 8, 1840. Copy dated October 16, 1853.	Document	October 16, 1853
A.5746.47-42 B	Francisco Almon to Felipe Abila (Avila), \$135.00 promissory note dated June 4, 1885.	Document	June 4, 1885
A.5746.47-42 C	Mariano Ruiz to Felipe Abila (Avila) - answer to proposal of marriage to Mariano's daughter Maria Antonia Ruiz. Dated August 2, 1858.	Manuscript	August 2, 1858
A.5746.47-42 D	Note to Felipe Avila regarding baptismal certificate of "our son," June 5, 1859.	Manuscript	June 5, 1859
A.5746.47-43	Bulletin: "La Gacetilla" of the "A la California Club," January, 1940.	Newsletter	January, 1940
A.5746.47-44	Brief history of the Avila family by Carolina Avila - English objects and Spanish variants. In the same handwriting a note regarding the Avila family and a translated copy (not complete). [9] p. on [10] leaves; 22 x 14 cm.--[6] p. on [6] leaves; 26 x 21 cm.--[7] p. on [7] leaves; 28 x 22 cm. Ms.--Spanish; Ms.--English; Typescript--Spanish, some English. Typescript is transcription of Ms. History with typescript and translation. 1. Avila, Don Cornelio 2. Balletero, Juan 3. Land Grant I. (Avila, Carolina)	Manuscript	n.d.
A.5746.47-45	Affidavit: Agustin Machado, concerning possession of land, June 7, 1847.	Document	June 7, 1847
A.5746.47-46	Letter from Henrique Abila (Avila) to his mother, Juana Balletero Avila, requesting her permission for his marriage to Dona Modesta Rosa(s), October 11, 1864.	Letter	October 11, 1864
A.5746.47-47	Notation of balance of his own debts and those sums owed to him by his debtors - Antonio Abila (Avila).	Manuscript	n.d.
A.5746.47-48	Manuel Dominguez to Ranch owners (this area): Request for rodeo at discretion of Don Jose Maria Abila, to segregate cattle carrying Aguirre and Pedroreno brands. San Pedro, May 15, 1848.	Manuscript	May 15, 1848

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A.5746.47-49	Ygnacio Palomares to Enrique Avila: Request for compensation for ox killed by addressee at rancho of Bruna Avila, March 29, 1848.	Manuscript	March 29, 1848
A.5746.47-50	Pe.Pe. Ma. Rosales to Anastacio Avila: Wishes delivery of horse that "they wished to lend to him," Los Angeles, March 13, 1847.	Manuscript	March 13, 1847
A.5746.47-51	Francisco Ocampo to Enrique Abila (Avila), receipt of 22 pesos, 5 1/2 reales, on the account of his mother, Los Angeles, July 29, 1847.	Manuscript	July 29, 1847
A.5746.47-52	Ysabel Serrano to Felipe Abila (Avila), requesting addressee, her uncle, to visit her. Alisos, September 3, 1852.	Manuscript	September 3, 1852
A.5746.47-53	Bill for goods: This may be the bill for goods for a broadcloth suit the donor, Mrs. Fraters, mentioned as having been made for participation in fiestas.	Manuscript	n.d.
A.5746.47-54	Antonio Ygnacio Avila and Thomas Sanchez to Enrique Abila (Avila). Invitation to the funeral of Dona Acuncion Avila, Los Angeles, March 27, 1847.	Manuscript	March 27, 1847
A.5746.47-55 A-K	Song verses written in long hand: a) El sombrero blanco b) El primer beso de amor c) 6 verses, no title or theme d) El dulce amor e) Guarda esta flor f) Cielito lindo, wals, dated April 24, 1923 g) Oh solo mio h) El burro i) Nina hermosa j) On an ornamentally cut paper 4 verses are inscribed k) La contradanza. 11 items	Manuscript	n.d.
A.5746.47-56	Don Alejandro Bell to Dona Juana de Antonio Abile (Avila): Statement of account, Los Angeles, December 16, 1847.	Manuscript	December 16, 1847
A.5746.47-57	Tomas Sepulveda Ramos Lopez to Felipe Villar (Avila ?). Bill of sale for a yellow horse. Mission San Juan Capistrano, April 28, 1852.	Manuscript	April 28, 1852
A.5746.47-58	Santiago Ruiz to Dona Maria Ybarra. Writer asks his mother to influence his father and his brother-in-law (Felipe Abila (Avila)) and other important persons to sign a petition to the Governor requesting his release from a one year jail sentence. Los Angeles County Jail, May 5, 1860.	Manuscript	May 5, 1860
A.5746.47-59	Felipe Ballestero to Antonio Abila: Receipt for 10 calves. Los Angeles, February 8, 1850.	Manuscript	February 8, 1850
A.5746.47-60	Alexander Mellus to Dona Manuela Abila, receipt for \$25.00 for a trunk. Los Angeles, October 10, 1852.	Manuscript	October 10, 1852
A.5746.47-61	Ricardo Uribes to Jose Maria Abila. Permission to collect writer's belongings. Los Angeles, March 24, 1849.	Manuscript	March 24, 1849

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A.5746.47-62	Unsigned petition, addressee not indicated, relates to quarrel over agricultural practices. Los Angeles, 1824.	Manuscript	1824
A.5746.47-63	Document relating condition of sale of "Quintero House" and estate of Valentin Zuniga to Don Ygnacio Coronel, for the sum of 20 pesos, Los Angeles, April 14, 1847. Signed "by command of"... Valenin Zuniga, Enrique Avila, Ygnacio Coronel, Jose (?) Guerrero, and Rafael Martinez.	Manuscript	April 14, 1847
A.5746.47-64 A-G	A. Funeral notice, 1886, Da. Concepcion Romero de Avila. B. Funeral notice, 1881, Senor Don Jesus Yorba. C. Funeral notice, 1880, Sra. Da. Lugarda R. de Laughlin. D. Funeral notice, 1878, Pedro Antonio Avila. E. Funeral notice, 1873, Senora Dona Ramona Avila. F. Funeral notice, 1887, Antonio Ma. Lugo. G. Funeral notice, 1887, Luisa A. Alvarado. All printed in Spanish except for #64g.	Announcement	1873 - 1887
A.5746.47-65	Registration receipt of Carolina Avila, sister of the donor, January 15, 1936 - Los Angeles, California.	Receipt	January 15, 1936
A.5746.47-66	Brand record: Certified copy of brand and ear-mark of Felipe Abila (Avila). Brand: March 13, 1854. Ear mark: July 12, 1856 (?). In a bamboo tube container. (2) p. on (3) leaves; 31 x 20 cm.	Documents	March 13, 1854 - July 12, 1856
A.5746.47-67-67 A	Subscription and certificate of membership in Pious Union of Saint Joseph's Death, made out to Carolina Avila.	Certificate, Membership	n.d.