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Abstract:

Five volumes of clippings, primarily from local newspapers; occasional clippings from magazines. Some typescripts

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Background Note:

The creator of the scrapbooks is not known.

Scope and Content Note:

Five volumes of clippings, primarily from local newspapers; occasional clippings from magazines. Some typescripts. 1922 – 1960, undated (bulk is 1920s-1930s). Each volume contains a table of contents. Many articles were written in the “then and now” fashion; other articles reported, with historical context, on current events of the time, pointing out the transformations that have occurred in Los Angeles and southern California.

- Volume 1 Clippings, primarily from newspapers, 1923-1936, 77 pp.
- Volume 2 Clippings from newspapers, 1922-1943, 65 pp. Also two typescripts on the history of the Fiesta and the J.W. Robinson Department Store
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- Volume 5 Clippings from newspapers, 1929-1937, undated, 64 pp. Also one clipping from Saturday Night Magazine, 1935. Also occasional typescripts of historical information. Also one hand-drawn map of Old Chinatown. Also clipping of article recounting 1850 census with illustration by Charles Owens.

Container List:

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