

Los Gatos Library Local History Collection

Finding aid for Joan Barriga Papers

Date range: 1978-1995

Bulk dates: 1980-1991

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Summary Information:

Creator: Joan Barriga

Extent: 1 linear foot (2 boxes)

Abstract: The Joan Barriga Papers include research notes, hand-drawn maps, editing notes for book manuscripts, and correspondence regarding local historical research of the Los Gatos mountain areas.

Call number: History Room

Language: English

Acquisition Information: The Los Gatos Library acquired these papers in 2021 through a donation.

Access Restrictions: The collection is open to research.

Copyright: Copyright remains with the Los Gatos Library.

Cite as: [item], folder, box, Joan Barriga Papers, Los Gatos Library Local History Collection.

Background Information:

History: Joan Barriga was a writer and historian in the Santa Cruz mountains, most active in her research in the 1980s and 1990s. She wrote essays on various people and subjects surrounding the local areas, and is most well-known for researching

and writing about mountain women. She has contributed greatly to her community, volunteering at schools, museums, and other historical societies. Barriga took great interest in her surroundings during her time living in the Santa Cruz mountains in Aldercroft Heights and sought to learn the histories of the abandoned structures and settlements. She went on to research the pioneers of the area, finding traces of information about the women pioneers and their lives. In turn, she has uncovered many overlooked contributions of these women. These papers provide insight into Barriga's research and her fascination with mountain people and their ways of life.

Scope and Content and Arrangement:

Scope and Content: The Joan Barriga Papers include Barriga's research notes, hand-drawn maps, editing notes for book manuscripts, and correspondence regarding local historical research of the Los Gatos mountain areas. The bulk of the papers revolve around Barriga's notes on various local subjects such as the Santa Cruz mountains, Los Gatos, and notes from pioneer journals and diaries.

The papers are organized by pioneer journals and diaries, local history notes, edits on book manuscripts, and search calendars.

Subject Terms:

Subjects:

- Women historians—20th century—Santa Cruz Mountains (Calif.)
- Mountains—California
- Los Gatos (Calif.)

Related Materials:

Researchers interested in this archive may also wish to consult the following resources in the Los Gatos Library Local History Collection holdings:

The Holy City Sideshow / Joan B. Barriga: R 979.473 Barriga Los Gatos

The Raucous Bluejay: Charles Erskine Scott Wood / Joan B. Barriga: R 921W874 Los Gatos

Survival with Style: The Women of the Santa Cruz Mountains / Joan B. Barriga: R 920.7 B27

Highway 17: The Road to Santa Cruz / Richard A. Beal: R 979.473 Beal

A History of the Santa Cruz Mountains / William A. Wulf: R 979.473 W96 Los Gatos

Other materials in the library holdings may relate to the topics in this archive. See the librarian for further research assistance.

Contents listing:

Folder #	Description
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1	Pioneer Journals, Diaries and Letters: Burrell
2	Pioneer Journals, Diaries and Letters: Royce
3	Pioneer Journals, Diaries and Letters: Schallenberger
4	Pioneer Journals, Diaries and Letters: Pioneer Women (Oregon)
5	Pioneer Journals, Diaries and Letters: Virginia Reed (Murphy)
6	Local History Notes: California Indians
7	Local History Notes: Santa Cruz Mountains
8	Local History Notes: Santa Cruz Mountains
9	Local History Notes: Los Gatos
10	"Highway 17" Edits and Correspondence
11	"A History of the Santa Cruz Mountains" by Wm. A. Wulf

BOX 2

- 1 Local History Research Records (Search Calendars) A-F
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