

Collection Title: People of Port Costa

Dates: 1889-2025

Collection Number: PCMAP.001.People of Port Costa

Extent: 28 folders, approximately one linear foot.

Repository: Port Costa Museum Archive Project

Abstract: This is a collection of materials about the people of Port Costa throughout its history. Note, some people have their own collections and this collection does not include those individuals. This collection includes the people for whom we may only have a few items.

Language of Material: English

Access Use and Restrictions: The collection is open for research use.

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System of Organization:

The collection is arranged alphabetically by surname. As new individuals are added, the existing numbering system will be subdivided using letters to maintain the established order and support continued alphabetical arrangement.

Scope and Content of Collection: This is a collection of materials about the people of Port Costa throughout its history. Note, some people have their own collections and this collection does not include those individuals. This collection includes the people for whom we may only have a few items.

Access points/Indexing Terms:

Subjects

- Port Costa
- People

Personal and Corporate Names

- Ainsbury, Allen
- Bettencourt, Ernest William
- Bettencourt, Thelma
- Casey, Jeremiah (Judge Casey)

- Freitas, Mel
- Greene, Ridge
- Hallekamp, Frances Brashears
- Harrington, Anne
- Jurik, Teresa
- Jurik, Frank
- Ligon, Bill
- Mahoney, Divvil
- McLendon, Bill
- Morales, Marcelina
- Musson, Juanita
- Pembroke, Eva
- Philipps, Diane
- Polzak, Mitch
- Pompemayer, Nick
- Pompemayer, Betty
- Qua Far, Dong
- Robinson, Donald
- Shepard, Berney
- Smothers, Harold
- Statler, Suzanne
- Stewart, Dee
- Stewart, Lewis
- Stuart, Doug
- Urbick, William
- West, Muriel
- Whitmore, Muriel

Acquisition: The bulk of this material was collected by the Port Costa Museum.

Level of Description: Folder level description

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Container List:

Folder 1: Oral Histories, 2006-2010

- A list of people interviewed for an oral history project instigated by Linda Clark with Betty Bailey.
- Notes and questionnaires
- Transcripts of oral histories

Folder 2: Ainsbury, 1923, 1956

- A handwritten list of people present for a surprise party for Mr. Allen Ainsbury December 4, 1923
- A postcard to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ainsbury postmarked 1956

Folder 3: Bettencourt, Ernest William Bettencourt and Thelma, 2010

- Clipping of an obituary for Ernest William Bettencourt, 1917-2010
- Note to Mrs. Thelma Bettencourt on the passing of her husband.

Folder 4: Casey, Jeremiah (Judge Casey), 2019

- Judge Casey's Ketchup refrigerator magnet.

Folder 5: Freitas, Mel, nd

- An article in the Crockett Signal about the life of Mel Freitas

Folder 6: Greene, Ridge, nd

- Transcript of a draft of an interview with Ridge Greene on his retirement from PCCS

Folder 7: Hallekamp, Frances Brashears, 2012

- Copy of obituary from 2012

Folder 8: Harrington, Anne, 1931-1948

- A copy of a 1931 John Swett high school yearbook
- Items (dance card, program, invitation, tassel, diploma, and others) from Anne's senior year of highschool at John Swett, 1940
- Heald College commencement program and diploma, 1941
- 1943 certificate from navy
- Service papers, 1948
- Photographs, nd
- Letters mostly written by Anne during her time stationed in Guam, Bulk 1947

Folder 9: Jurik, Frank and Teresa, 1975-1982

- Invitation to a surprise celebration of Frank Jurik, nd
- Two handwritten and one typed letter to Frank Jurik from 1982
- Articles about Teresa Jurick as Port Costa Postmaster, 1975, 1981

Folder 10: Ligon, Bill, 1991, 2006, 2006

- Note following up on interview with Bill Ligon, 2006
- Photographs, 1991 and 2003

Folder 11: Mahoney, Divvil

- A copy of an excerpt from an oral history of Louis Goldblatt, which describes Divvil Mahoney, unofficial mayor of Port Costa during the Crockett Sugar War of 1938.

Folder 12: McLendon, Bill, 1999

A copy of an obituary of Bill McLendon, 1999

Folder 13: Morales, Marcelina, 2015

-A tribute and photo of Marcelina Morales, 2015

Folder 14: Musson, Juanita, 1976-1982

- 1976 article about Juanita setting up a restaurant in the old Warehouse
- Undated article about Juanita's return to the Warehouse after a two-year hiatus
- 1979 article about suspicious fire at Juanita's restaurant
- 1979 article about Juanita creating a disturbance in front of the Warehouse during a period of time where she had left to open a restaurant in Vallejo
- A 1980 feature on Port Costa that forefronts Juanita.
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- 1982 article about Juanita leaving Port Costa and setting up a restaurant in a bowling alley.

Folder 15: Pembroke, Eva, 1979

-Letter to Ella, 1979

Folder 16: Philipps, Diane, 1990

-Pat on the back award to Diane Philipps, 1990

Folder 17: Polzak, Mitch, 2018

-Article from a 2018 newspaper featuring Mitch Polzak's band

Folder 18: Pompemayer, Nick and Betty, 2011

-Letter to Nick and Betty Pompemayer, 2011

Folder 19: Qua Far, Dong, 1889

-Copies of documents related to the detention of Chinese American, Dong Qua Far in 1889.

Folder 20: Robinson, Donald

-2021 obituary for Donald Robinson

Folder 21: Shepard, Berney, 1946

-A copy of a children's book written and illustrated by Berney Shepard, 1946

Folder 22: Smothers, Harold, 2014

-Copy of obituary, 2014

Folder 23: Statler, Suzanne, 2025

-Copy of recognition of Suzanne Statler by Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston for Women's History Month, 2025

Folder 24: Stewart, Dee and Lewis, 1989, 2002, 2010, 2015

- 1989 entry from Lewis Stewart for a design a postcard competition
- Items related to the 2002 Carquinez Strait Heritage Award to Dee and Lewis Stewart
- Program from the 2010 Contra Costa College National Women's History Month program featuring Dee Stewart
- 2015 Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition awarded to Lewis and Dee Stewart

Folder 25: Stuart, Doug, 1989

- Sketch of woodcarving for a Port Costa sign by Doug Stuart, 1989
- Article about Doug Stuarts woodcarving, 1989

Folder 26: Urbick, William, 2020

- Tribute to William Ulbrick written by Michael Domagalski, 2020

Folder 27: West, Muriel, 2018

- Muriel West's memorial service program, 2018

Folder 28: Whitmore, Muriel

- Articles about Muriel's doll collection from 1980, 1985, 1986, and 1990