

## Finding Aid to the Nilda Rego Collection

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Nilda Rego Collection

**Date Range:** 1961-2015

**Collection number:** Accession 15-67

**Extent:** 16 boxes (8.5 cubic ft.)

**Repository:** County History Center, Contra Costa County Historical Society, 724 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553, 925-229-1042

**Physical location:** Special Collection room, Nilda Rego Collection

**Legal status:** public

### Information for Researchers

**Access:** Collection is open for research.

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**Scope and Content:** Nilda Rego had a column in the *Contra Costa Times* called “Days Gone By” from 1989 through 2016. This collection includes a selection of her research for the articles she wrote as well as the bulk of her materials gathered throughout her time as a writer. Research items may date back to 1961.

### Arrangement of Materials:

The collection is sorted in boxes, folders sorted alphabetically.

Box #1:

- AAA-Auto History
- Accidents
- Advertisements (ADS)
- Agriculture
- Angel Island
- Alamo
- Alameda Co, Dublin & Bernal
- Alameda Co
- Alcatraz
- Antioch
- Anza – Soto
- Associated Farmers
- Aviation

- Avon
- Bacon, Sam
- Balfour & Guthrie
- Bancroft
- Bank fraud, Demartini
- Bear 7129
- Benicia
- Bermuda
- Bidwell, John
- Bickerstaff, Lafayette
- Black Diamond EBRP, Rose Hill Cemetery
- Black Diamond EBRP
- Blacks in Contra Costa
- Brentwood
- Brewery in California
- Briones in California
- The Ship *Brooklyn* (Mormon)
- Burgess, R.N.
- Byron Hot Springs & Other Spas
- California Government Post Office
- California Missions
- California Parks
- California History Courier
- California Society of Pioneers
- California State History
- California Parks
- Camp Stoneman
- Canneries
- H. Carpenter
- Carquinez Transportation Bridge
- Castro Family
- Cattle Brands & Rustling
- Chelemedos
- Chinese Riots
- Civil War Years in California
- Clayton
- Clayton & Jeremiah Morgan
- Clyde

Box #2:

- History of Concord & Vicinity
- Concord
- Concord, guy family
- Concord Home Guard
- Concord Inn Fires
- Concord, The Pacheco's
- Bob Condon
- Conference of The California Historical Societies

- *Contra Costa Gazettes* 1860
- Contra Costa County
- *Contra Costan*

Box #3:

- Contra Costa Historical Doc., Minutes & Correspondence
- County Hospital
- Courier Journal 1940-45
- Cowell
- Crenna & Concord 1911-1918
- Crime-Gambling
- Crime-Prostitution & Vice
- Crime-Sporting News
- Curry vs Veale
- U.S Customs
- Danville, San Ramon & Camp Swain
- Danville –Wood Ranch

Box #4:

- Days Gone By #1
- Days Gone By #2
- Diaries 1953-1998
- DVC
- Earthquake 1989
- East Bay Regional Parks
- El Cerrito
- Elder Hostel
- Election 1888-Election & Campaigns

Box #5:

- Fales, Orris & his cemetery, Walnut Creek
- Filice & Perrelli Canning Co. – Richmond
- Fires
- Folsom
- Fort Point-Presidio
- France
- The Glass House-San Ramon & Family
- The Grange
- Grapes & Wineries
- Gronlund Family History (also James Williams – Pleasant Hill)
- Heather Farm
- Hercules
- Historical Data
- History Columns
- Holy Ghost
- Honegger, Myra Holliday
- Hook, Vincent

Box #6:

- Hough Family-Martinez
- Industry
- Interviews

- Ivory Family
- Jacuzzi Family
- Japanese, Chinese & Hindus
- Jews
- Judge Joseph Jones
- Captain Otto Von Rotzebue
- Labor
- Lafayette
- Lamorinda People
- Lawman
- Leech House (Walnut Creek)
- Leshner, Dean

Box #7:

- Letters
- Library
- Lick & Mt. Diablo
- Livermore Valley
- Lodges & Activities
- Lohse & Thomas
- Longs Drugs
- Maltby
- Mare Island
- Marine Museums
- Marsh House
- Martinez
- Martinez Canteen
- Mahon Family et al
- Midwest (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota)

Box #8:

- Miscellaneous
- The life of Gertrude Mohr
- Mt. Diablo (Flower Talk by Rego)
- Mt. View Articles
- An Early History of the Moraga Schools
- "Moraga" by Donald Walker
- Moraga & Lafayette
- Moraga Photos
- John Muir Site
- Mutnick-Lafayette
- Native Americans
- Natural Gas & Oil
- Newspapers

Box #9:

- Nilda's Classes
- Nilda's Mail #1
- Nilda's Mail #2
- Nilda's Mail #3

- Nilda's Photos
- Nilda's Sun Column's #1
- Nilda's Sun Column's #2
- Oakland
- Oakwood Stock Farm
- Obits A-G
- Obits H-M

Box #10:

- Obits N-Z
- O'Brien , Ellen
- Orinda
- Orinda History Series
- Oregon
- Pacheco
- PGE Progress
- "Papinta" Holpin (Carrie) Walnut Creek
- Personal
- Pittsburg #1
- Pittsburg #1

Box #11:

- Place Names in CA
- Polese
- Port Chicago (Bay Point)
- Presidio
- Prohibition
- Railroads
- Railroads-Benicia, Benicia Port Costa Ferry
- Ransom, Leander & Daughter Amelia Nevelle Ransom
- Research for Days Gone By (2 Folders)

Box #12:

- Research (1 Folder)
- Richmond
- Rossmoor Notes
- Sacramento
- St. Marys College
- St. Marys College History
- Salt
- San Diego
- San Francisco
- San Francisco Earthquake
- San Francisco Historical Scenes

Box#13:

- San Mateo County
- Santa Clara County
- Sierra Counties
- Schools
- Selby
- Sewer

- Ships
- Silkworms
- Smith + Elliot
- John Dale Smith – 1925
- Solano County
- Sonoma County
- So. CA Counties
- Southwest , Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas
- Speech's
- Spanish American War
- Squirrels
- Stege
- Step Back in Time
- Stockton Port
- Stone Family
- Stories 2000
- James S. Stow

Box #14:

- Louisiana Strenzel
- "Talks"
- Taxes
- Telephone
- Tornheim, William – Antioch Schools
- Transportation – Bridges, Mtz – Benicia R.R.
- Transportation – Shipping
- Transportation – Railroads
- Transportation – Tunnel Rd. / O+A Train / Shephard Pass
- RR Veale

Box #15:

- Walnut Creek
- Walnut Creek – the Creek
- Walnut Creek Dan Eckley / Walnut Kernel
- Walnut Growers
- Water
- Weather
- Webb Family
- Wells Fargo Stages, Pony Express
- Wells Fargo / Black Bart
- West County Cities

Box #16:

- Williams Family
- Winters Island
- Women's Suffrage
- Work Notes
- World War I
- World War II
- W.W.II – Courier Journal

- Cornelius Yager
- Yosemite

**Box #17**

- Clippings from the *Oakland Tribune Knave* from 1961-1972, not inclusive. Mostly writings about historic places in Northern California.

**Indexing Terms:** Agriculture, Avon, Alamo, Advertising, Agriculture, Balfour Guthrie & Co, California Missions, East Bay Regional Parks, Letters, Railroads, Walnut Creek

**Personal Names:** Nilda Rego, Veale, Cornelius Yager, John Dale Smith, Williams Family, Tornheim, James S. Stow, Smith + Elliot, O'Brien Ellen, Mutnick, Mahone Family, Lohse & Thomas, Leshner, Dean, Judge Joseph Jones, Jacuzzi Family, Hough Family, Hook Vincent, Cowell, Bickerstaff, Bidwell, Balfour & Guthrie, Bacon