

The Rowland Website

Content of The Leon Rowland Collection

Special Collections, University Library, University of California at Santa Cruz
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- **Home**

This website provides access to many of the documents in the Leon Rowland Collection in Special Collections, McHenry Library, University of California at Santa Cruz. The site's four sections and their associated pages are listed below:

The Rowland Collection was described in 1977 by the late UCSC University Librarian Emeritus, Donald Thomas Clark, as a collection of "great historical and genealogical importance."

The most important aspect of the material for a researcher is the set of approximately 10,000 index cards pertaining to the history of Santa Cruz and its people, from pre-Statehood to the middle of the 20th century.

In addition to the card files, the collection consists of documents, pamphlets, scrapbooks and other research materials.

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- **About the Rowland Card Files**

The card files are arranged in ten file boxes and are divided according to subject:

People = **Boxes A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5*, and A-6** *[Box A-5 in progress]
Subjects = **Boxes B-1, B-2, B-3, and C**

Some images of the Boxes and images from the Cards can be seen at other parts of this Web Site:

1. Photos of Boxes.tif
2. Photos of Cards.tif (2 cards showing newspaper clippings, one showing hand-written notations)
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Eight of the boxes are red and contain 3x5 inch cards. The cards in boxes **A-1** through **A-5** describe people; the cards in boxes **B-1**, **B-2**, and **B-3** describe selected subjects, ranging from Banks through Taxes and including such diverse topics as Land Grants, County Roads, Railroads, and *Padrones*.

The remaining two boxes contain much larger cards [ca. 3 x 10 inches]. Box **A-6** contains cards that describe people, mostly late in the alphabet from M through Z. Many of the entries on these cards have been crossed out in pencil, presumably as the information was transferred at a later time to smaller cards in the red boxes. The Transcribers have included the crossed-out information.

Box **C**, the other box of large cards, includes transcripts of the Pre-Statehood Documents, many of them translated by Leon Rowland. [Researchers may wish to compare his translations with Starr Gurcke's California pre-statehood documents relating to Santa Cruz County, 1790-1850. Spec Coll MS105 LIB USE ONLY English translation of Spanish documents by Starr Pait Gurcke].

Many of the Spanish-language cards in Box **C** have not been transcribed.

The Data Base

This data base is a work in progress. It contains the full text of nine of the ten boxes of cards in the Leon Rowland Card Files. The text of the last box (**A-5**) will be added when it is transcribed.

Fonts and Other Notations

`courier` = font used by Transcribers to simulate a typewriter. (The information on the cards is typewritten.)

Script = font used by Transcribers to indicate hand-written notations in ink or pencil. (Most of these notations were made by Leon Rowland or his wife, Jeannette. Other notations may include the initials of a contributor, such as MP for Marion Pokriots or SS for Stanley Stevens.)

Times = font used by Transcribers to indicate a newspaper article pasted onto the card. (Frequently, the article was from the *Riptide* in which a series of biographies are attributed to 'thomas L. McHugh.)

[-Ed.] = text within square brackets supplied by Transcribers.

[sic] = Transcribers' note to indicate entry appears exactly as in the original.

Abbreviations Used on Cards [Abbreviations.pdf]

Rowland used a fairly consistent set of abbreviations. These abbreviations are listed separately and can be accessed at [Abbreviations](#).

Card Categories [Category.pdf]

Each box is subdivided into sections, *People* and *Subjects*, and each card in the database includes the corresponding Category; e.g., People-Bachelor to Bagnall: [box] A-1 [cards] 243... 256; or Lime Kilns & Cement Industry [box] B-2 [cards] 379...387.

Index [Index.pdf]

An index to the combined boxes A-1 and B-1 is complete and can be accessed at [Index](#). As further indices are completed, they will be added to the database.

Spanish Terms [Spanish.pdf]

Leon Rowland transcribed much of the material on cards directly from the Spanish. This is particularly true of the cards in Box C. These definitions can be accessed at [Spanish](#).