

TITLE: Althee Modesti Collection

DATE RANGE: 1870-1930

CALL NUMBER: Y-MS 65

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.5 linear feet (5 boxes)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Silvestro Modesti (a.k.a. Antoine Lorette) first came to Yuma in 1870 and opened a general merchandise store in 1872. Lorette married the widow Jesus “Chu” Monreal de Aguilar. He sent to Corsica for his son, Althee Modesti (1858-1946) to come and work in his father’s store. Eventually Althee Modesti had his own store, and the Hotel Modesti at Agua Caliente Springs as well as other properties in Yuma. He married Elisa Bustamante and along with their eight children, alternated their time between Yuma and Los Angeles.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: With the exception of two files, the collection consists of photographs and photo albums. Nearly all the photographs are identified with family members’ names, dates and places. Families included are: Lorette, Bustamante, Bain, Leon, Ortiz, Burgess, Foncerada, Molina, Noriega, Salazar.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
1	1	Biographical: Althee Modesti family history notes	n.d.
	2	Biographical: Journal (author unidentified)	
	3	Photographs: Hotel Modesti at Agua Caliente Springs	1903-1905, n.d.
	4	Photographs: Mexican Methodist Church, Epworth League, Los Angeles	1916-1936, n.d.
	5	Photographs: Modesti Family	1870s-1930s
	6	Photographs: Modesti Family	1870s-1930s
	7	Photographs: Modesti Family	1870s-1930s
2	1	Photographs: Modesti Family	1870s-1930s
	2	Photographs: Modesti Family	1870s-1930s
	3	Photographs: Modesti Home and Store, Yuma	1895, n.d.

	4	Photographs: Relatives: Burgess, Foncerada, Molina (friend), Noriega, Salazar	n.d.
	5	Photographs: Relatives: Bustamante	1890-1909, n.d.
	6	Photographs: Relatives: Bustamante	1898-1909, n.d.
	7	Photographs: Relatives: Bustamante: Bain, Leon, Ortiz	1900-1903, n.d.
3	1	Photographs: Relatives: Bustamante: Cordova, Oro, Ortiz, Salazar	1890-1895, 1900, n.d.
	2	Photographs: Relatives: Bustamante: Cordova, Hernandez	1894, 1909, 1917, 1932, n.d.
	3	Photographs: Relatives: Bustamante: Lorete (in front of the Iglesia Metodista in Pitiquito, MX)	1900, n.d.
	4	Photographs: Relatives: Bustamante: Monreal	1893-1895, n.d.
	5	Photographs: Relatives: Monreal, Montijo	1902-1908, n.d.
	6	Photographs: Relatives: Bustamante: Oros, Tellez	1893-1905, n.d.
	7	Photographs: Relatives: Pancrazi	1891-1893, n.d.
4	1	Photo Albums: Bustamante of Pitiquito	1880s-1900s
	2	Photo Albums: Modesti, relatives and friends	1880s-1900s
5	1	Photo Albums: Modesti, relatives and friends	1880s-1900s