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Guide to the Frederick Starr Mexican Manuscripts Collection 1580-1918



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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract Manuscripts and imprints from the late eighteen century to early twentieth century concerning the decline of the Spanish Rule and the construction of the Mexican state. Includes a letter signed Miguel Hidalgo, a recruiting order signed by José María Morelos, as well as correspondence of various independence leaders and catholic church officials. The collection also includes affidavits, receipts, invitations, marriage licenses, and official documents. Of note is a nahuatl manuscript from 1580 written in Latin script.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Citation

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Scope Note

The collection includes manuscripts and imprints from the late eighteen century to early twentieth century concerning the decline of the Spanish Rule and the construction of the Mexican state. The materials were collected by anthropologist Frederick Starr, probably while conducting field research in Mexico. Among the documents are a letter signed Miguel Hidalgo, a recruiting order signed by José María Morelos, as well as correspondence of leaders of the Mexican independence movement and Catholic church officials. The collection also includes affidavits, receipts, invitations, marriage licenses, and official documents. Of note is a nahuatl manuscript from 1580 written in Latin script.

The collection is divided into four series. Series I contains declarations of obedience to the “Junta Gubernativa” (declarations of acceptance of the independent Mexican State) signed by the heads (Guardianes) of various Mexican convents in 1821. Series II includes official prints and manuscripts belonging to the royal court of the second Mexican Empire, dating from 1864-1866. Series III contains letters written to and from the Archbishop of Mexico from 1863 to 1873. Series IV include a diverse group of documents dating from 1580 to 1918.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Subject Headings

- Starr, Frederick, 1858-1933
- Mexico -- History

INVENTORY

Series I: Declarations of Obedience, 1821

Box 1

Folder 1

Convento de San Bernardino. Signed by: Lacania Frensalida (Guardián), Anotnio León Leal (Discreto) and Carlos Rivero (Discreto). October 21st, 1821

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Convento de Santa María de Magdalena. Signed by: José Isieses (Guardián), José Antonio Suarez (Discreto) and Francisco Zarazí (Discreto). Texmelucan, October 22nd, 1821

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Folder 3

Convento de San Antonio en Villa Cordova. Signed by: Juan Francisco de --- (Guardián), José María Muñoz Días (Discreto) and Joaquín García (Discreto). San Diego de México, October 25th, 1821

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Folder 4

Convento de San Francisco de Oaxaca. Signed by: Juan De la Cuesta (Guardián), Francisco Cardenal (Discreto) y Jose Antonio Lopez. October 26th, 1821

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Folder 5

Convento de San José. Signed by: Francisco María Careova (Guardián), José María de la Torre (Discreto) and Pablo María de Carradeo (Discreto). October 26th, 1821

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Folder 6

Convento de San Diego y Santa Maria de Nuestra Señora de Guadaluo de Valladolid. Signed by: Joaquín Silva (Guardián), Cristoval Gallegos (Discreto) and Ignacio Valdivia (Discreto). Valladolid, October 30th, 1821.

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Convento de San Antonio de la ciudad de Mexetaxo. Signed by: Francisco Antonio Alba (Guardián), Manuel Sancho (Discreto) and Cecilio Garcia (Discreto). October 30th, 1821

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Folder 8

Convento de San Pedro de Alcantara. Signed by: José Luís de la Santísima Concepción Sanchez (Guardián), Antonio Martinez (Discreto) and Jose Pablo Barrios (Discreto). Santa Fé de Gunuajuato, November 6th, 1821

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Convento de la Purísima Concepción de Aguas Calientes. Signed by: José Sainz de la Peña (Guardián), Antonio Dante (Secretario) and Tomás Macías Carrión. November 10th, 1821

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Convento de San Antonio de Sultepec. Signed by: Francisco ---(Guardián), José Corona(Discreto). November 30th, 1821

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Folder 11

Convento de Santa Barbara de Puebla. Signed by: José Francisco Rosales (Guardián), Simón de los Reyes (Discreto) and Francisco Torrejón (Discreto). November 30th, 1821

Series II: Imperial Papers, 1864-1866

Box 1

Folder 12

Hand Program for the Opening Night of the "Teatro de la Corte". Play: "Don Juan Tenorio", director: José Zorilla, 1864

Box 1

Folder 13

Decree instituting Maximiliano as Emperor (in French). Chapultepec, April, 1865

Box 1

Folder 14

Ceremonial for the Inauguration of José Maria Morelos Statue, September 30th, 1865

Box 1

Folder 15

Letter relating events of an attack on the town of Irapuato, Guanajuato. Signed by: Pedro Martínez, consejal encargado de la alta comisaría Imperial, 3ra division, Gunuajuato. 21st September, 1866

Box 1

Folder 16

Program for Lent Ceremonies (Ceremoniales de Cuaresma). Casa del Emperador, Servicio del Gran Maestro de Ceremonias (Emepemor's House, Master of Ceremonies Service), undated

Box 1

Folder 17

Regulations for the Princes of Iturbide. Casa del Emperador, Servicio del Gran Maestro de Ceremonias (Emeperor's House, Master of Ceremonies Service), undated

Series III: Correspondence of the Archbishopric of Mexico, 1863-1873

Box 1

Folder 18

Letters to Pelagio Antonio Labastidas, Arcivescovo di Messico. It includes three letters addressed to Archbishop of Mexico signed by "Alexander Archiepiscopus Jhessasnicensis Decretarius". All the letters are in italian. The dates are: April 29th 1863, August 9th 1865, and December 10th, 1865.

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Folder 19

Letter from the Archbishop of Mexico, Dr. Don Catalino García y Marín. Coluca, May 15th, 1866.

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Folder 20

Letter from Pelagio Antonio Labastidas y Dávalos, Archbishop of Mexico, to Presbítero José Catalino García y Marín. Mexico, July, 1867.

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Folder 21

Letter from Mexico's Archbishop to Don José Catalino García y Marín. Loyola, October 20th, 1867

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Folder 22

Letter from Pelagio Antonio Labastidas, Archbishop of Mexico, to Teodorio Lares. Rome, October 10th, 1869.

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Folder 23

Letter from Catalino García Marín to the Archbishop of Mexico. Mexico, January 20th, 1873.

Series IV: General, 1580-1918

Box 1

Folder 24

"Historic Document". It includes a nahuatl document written in latin script. The document is signed by Luís Sanchez (Gobernador) and Don Antonio Desanctiago. The scribe is Georgiohi Lariano, who signs as Nixpan de San Francisco. The document is dated September 1580. The folder also includes an explicatory letter relating the history of the document. The latter is signed by Dr. José Vicente Campos on 1858.

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Folder 25

Autos de Esperas Pedidas, legal document concerning a suit pursued by Don Juan Domingo de Bustamente. The judge is Josph Mexía, 1737.

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Folder 26

Celebration License, fol. 2828, Guadalajara, 1778

Box 1

Folder 27

Invitation to a mass in honor to San Geronimo. September 24th, 1795

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Folder 28

Recruiting order signed by Jose Maria Morelos, Coyuca, January 25th 1814

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Folder 29

Marriage Documents. This folder includes: a marriage license signed by the Archbishop of Mexico granting permission to marry to Don José María Roman y Doña María Guadalupe Buen Abad (October 21th, 1814); an official birth certificate for Don José (April 10th, 1823); and a third document certifying the authenticity of the documents (October 8th, 1814).

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Folder 30

Letter signed by royalist leader Manuel María de Torres acknowledging having received six men for the army, San Luis de Potosí, October 17th 1815.

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Folder 31

Doctor Graduation Diploma, José María Alcalá. January 16th, 1816

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Folder 32

José Joaquin, Prince of the Union. Letter to Juan Cruz Ruiz. January 22nd, 1823

Box 1

Folder 33

Puebla Bishopric, Letter of recommendation for Don Francisco Pablo Vazquez signed by: Dr. Don Luis de Mendizabal, Puebla. December 2nd, 1834

Box 1

Folder 34

Receipt for two pieces of quicksilver. Vicente de Guzmán, July, 1839

Box 1

Folder 35

Receipt for judgment charges, Judge Luis Ortega. México, April 22nd, 1840

Box 1

Folder 36

Sales Receipt (Relación de ventas y consumos). Hacienda de Santa Rosa de Angostura. Signed by: Conde de Santa María de Guadalupe del Peñasco. May, 1847

Box 1

Folder 37

Letter in Latin signed by Cardenal Antonelli. Presumably directed to the Pope. The letter is signed November 15th 1858. It includes an undated translation in Spanish.

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Folder 38

Permit for Fernando de los Ríos, Tepic, July 29th, 1861

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Folder 39

José María Flores. First Mass Invitation, August, 1870

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Folder 40

Letter addressed to Don Manuel F. Loera. Signed by Miguel Escobedo, July 30th, 1882

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Folder 41

Letter addressed to Don Manuel F. Loera. Signed by Manuel Romero Rubio, May 4th, 1882

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Folder 42

Letter addressed to Fernando de los Rios (Guadalajara). Signed by Ramón Correa, March 2nd, 1886

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Folder 43

Rafael Cagigas, First Mass Invitation, 1887

Box 1

Folder 44

Invitation to the ceremony of Episcopal Consecration of Don Fortino Hipólito de Vera, First Bishop of Cuernavaca, July, 1894

Box 1

Folder 45

Town Census (Censo de habitantes del distrito). February 6th, 1900

Box 1

Folder 46

"Datos Biográficos de Alonso A. Brito". Biographical data on Alonso A. Brito, 1918

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Folder 47

Virgen de Aranzú Festivities, Invitation, undated

Box 2

Folder 1

Real Aduana de Mexico (Royal Customs of Mexico). It includes eight transit permits granted by the Royal Customs. 1) José Figueroa (Mexico, February 23rd 1797). 2) José Trejo (Mexico, April 3rd, 1810) 3) Leandro Román (Puebla, April 28th, 1797). 4) Miguel Vanvala (Puebla, June 28th, 1823) 5) José Gómez (April 24th, 1797) 6) José Lazaro (Veracruz, December 22nd, 1791) 7) José Nicolás Herrera (Veracruz, September 23rd, 1823) 8) José Arizola (Veracruz, February 28th, 1797)

Box 2

Folder 2

Don Jose Antonio Lopez Frías, Testament. May 30th, 1807

Box 2

Folder 3

Letter signed by Miguel Hidalgo, written by Ignacio Lopez Rayón. The letter relates a small defeat suffered by Hidalgo's Forces and is dated October 13th, 1810. Attached to the letter there is second note signed by José María Carvajal giving Hidalgo's letter to the care of a relative. The note is dated April 12th, 1850. The folder also includes an identical transcription of Hidalgo's letter, stating its validity, signed by Rayón, October 5th, 1827.

Box 2

Folder 4

Melchor Muzquiz Edicts. Two edicts issued by Melchor Muzquiz, governor of Mexico. The first edict publishes the regulations concerning the treatment for deserters (November 24th, 1824). The second one institutes the federal organization of the Mexican state (February 21st, 1824)

Box 2

Folder 5

Letter from Joaquin del Harol y Fam[illegible] addressed to Puebla's General Commander. November 27th, 1828

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Folder 6

Letter addressed to Don Ignacio Palomo, signed by Nicolás Bravo. Chichilimico, May 8th 1849

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Folder 7

Letter of Appointment of Mauricio Lopez as Vicar of the Parish of Chapala. The letter is signed by Don Carlos María Molina, Bishop of Guadalajara. March 30th, 1852

Box 2

Folder 8

Participation in National Independence Diploma. The folder includes three copies of a diploma issued by Benito Juarez recognizing the participation in the National Independence Wars. None of the copies is signed. Mexico, August 5th, 1867

Box 2

Folder 9

Medals and Coins . Undated (circa 1860)

Box 2

Folder 10

Coat of Arms. Escudo de la Republica Mexicana. Large Document showing a coat of Arms in the top half, blank in the other. Undated

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Folder 11

Facsimiles of Signatures. Two sided document showing copies of the signatures of various Mexican Independence leaders (Side A) as well as the signatures of some colonial Mexico historical figures (Side B). undated