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**MS 597****Alianza Hispano- Americana Collection  
Records, 1894 - 1962****DESCRIPTION**

The collection consists of Alianza Hispano - Americana documents relating to their organization. Official acts from AHA meetings, financial documents, printed material: posters, ritual books, pamphlets, newsletters, flyers, and programs. A secretary's manual, and also an oversized material section composed of financial ledger books and a poster are available. The collection's time span covers the beginning of the fraternal organization in 1894 to 1962. The majority of the documents in this assortment are in Spanish only with some translations into English in a few papers.

Four Boxes, One wrapped paper package, One oversized bound ledger book. 4.0 linear ft.

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

The Alianza Hispano - Americana was a fraternal organization founded with the Fundadora lodge in Tucson AZ, on January 14, 1894. Similar to other fraternal societies, it was created around life insurance. The AHA's motto translates into English as Protection – Morality – Instruction. The organization developed into a network of more than 200 lodges, spread throughout Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas. Through the course of the existence of the AHA the motive for its progression was to improve the economic and social status of Spanish Americans, Mexican Americans and Hispanics living in the U.S. With a peak of membership of 15,000 in 1930's, membership decreased following a scandal after WWII, eventually bringing the AHA to an end.

**ACQUISITION**

Donated by Alianza Hispano – Americana and Aida Gonzalez.

**ACCESS**

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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**PROCESSING**

The collection was processed by Ricardo Quiroz under the supervision of Riva Dean in September 1998.

**LANGUAGE NOTE**

The bulk of the collection is typewritten in Spanish

**Box and Folder List****Series 1: Official Minutes – Acta Oficial****Box 1**

- F.1 Sesión del Consejo Ejecutivo Supremo. January (Enero) 14 -16, 1946  
Acta Oficial- XVIII Convención Suprema Aug. 16 – 21, 1948  
Official Minutes – XVIII Supreme Convention Aug. 16 – 21, 1948.  
(English translation of proceeding document)
- F.2 Acta de Sesión Extraordinaria del Consejo Ejecutivo Supremo. June (Junio)  
29 – 30, 1950 (2 copies)  
Acta oficial – Convención Extraordinaria Suprema. Sept. 20 – 22, 1950  
Acta de la Sesión Ordinaria del Consejo Ejecutivo Supremo Feb. 23, 1951  
Acta de la Sesión Ordinaria del Consejo Ejecutivo Supremo March (Marzo)  
17 – 19, 1952  
Acta Oficial Sesión Extraordinaria Sept. 10, 1952
- F.3 Acta Oficial de la Sesión Ordinaria del Consejo Ejecutivo Supremo May  
(Mayo) 13 –14, 1957  
Acta Oficial de la Sesión Ordinaria del Consejo Ejecutivo Supremo May  
(Mayo) 26 –27, 1958  
Acta Oficial de la XXI Convención Suprema. Aug 18 - 20, 1958  
Acta Oficial de la Sesión Ordinaria del Consejo Ejecutivo Supremo March  
(Marzo) 25 – 26, 1961  
Acta Oficiales:  
Sesión Extraordinaria del Consejo Ejecutivo Supremo. Sept. 16,  
1961  
Convención Extraordinaria Sept. 17, 1961  
Actas Oficiales de Sesiones del Consejo. May (Mayo) 5, 1962. May 6, 1962

## Series 2: Financial Documents

(7 ledger books: possibly records of dues paid)

- F.4 -7 vol. 1-4 1930 - 1936  
\*vol. 5: Oct, 1937 to Sept, 1938  
\*vol. 6: Jan to Dec, 1941  
\*vol. 7: Aug, 1938 to Dec, 1949

Series 2 continued

\*Volumes 5 – 7 are oversized material and are listed and found under **Series 5: Oversized Material**

## Box 2

F.8 –12 Cashier Receipts Dated 1950 - 1951

## Box 3

F.13 Cashier Receipts Dated 1951 Oct 31 – Dec 28

- F.14 Financial Lists for Savings and Insurance. Not Dated  
 \*Bound Cashier Receipts Dated 1953, found and listed under **Series 5:  
 Oversized Material**

### **Series 3: Printed Material**

- F.15 Rule Books:(1894, 1913, 1930, 1948 – 50)  
 F.16 Statistics: Fraternal Societies - 6 Books (1932, 1933, 1937, 1939, 1940 and  
 1943)  
 F.17 Newspaper: Alianza Hispano – Americana 1921  
 F.18 Cronicas by Serrano, Tomas Cabo. 1929  
 F.19 AHA Ritual book. 1928  
 Ritual para las Logias Surcursales. 1934  
 Ritual para las Legiones Juveniles. 1935  
 F.20 Fraternal Pamphlets: Salud y Cuidado del Niño(1942), Guide to a Better  
 Life(No Date), Toward the Education of a People(No Date)  
 F.21 Magazine: The Fraternal Monitor. 1947  
 F.22 Suplemento de Iniciacion. Ritual de AHA. April 1, 1950  
 F.23 Program of AHA's Queen Coronation. Nov 17-18, 1951  
 Newsletter: El Organizador Mar 5, April 23, May 5, July, Dec 23, 1952  
 Flyer for: Instalacion de la Logia #68 Sept 28, 1952  
 F.24 History of AHA. Dec 31, 1953  
 Financial Security Plan Newsletter (No Date)  
 Magazine Cover (No Date)

### **Box 4**

#### **Series 4: Miscellaneous Material**

- F.25 Incorporate - Administrative Material  
 F.26 Membership List  
 F.27 Manual del Secretario (Secretary's Manual) English/Spanish. Aug 1, 1948  
 F.28 Victory Poster. Oct 2, 1943 festival  
 F.29 Manila Envelope containing PHOTOCOPY of Report of Official  
 Counselor. 1918-1921 presented to 10th convention of the Supreme  
 Lodge Session held Jan 17-22, 1921  
 F.30 Blank AHA Forms  
 F.31 Benefit Certificates  
  
 2 AHA Meeting Record Binders  
 F.32-33B-1 Jan 5, 1936 -1947

### **Series 5: Oversized Material**

3 Ledger books part of **Series 2: Financial Documents**

\*vol. 5: Oct, 1937 to Sept, 1938

\*vol. 6: Jan to Dec, 1941

\*vol. 7: Aug, 1938 to Dec 1949

\*1 logbook, possibly of AHA meetings. Dec 7,1913 – Feb 3, 1914

\*Victory Poster

\*These 5 items are wrapped in a paper package

1 Bound Cashier Receipts book. Jul – Dec, 1953. Part of **Series 2: Financial Documents.**