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MS 918
Early Northwest Mexico Printing
Collection, 1827-1837

Description

This collection consists of one box containing one folder of seven items. The seven items are manifestos and broadsides from the Government of Occidente concerning the breakup of the State of Occidente into the two States of Sonora and Sinaloa. They are all printed between the dates of 1827-1837.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

Related Material

This collection is related to the collections of MS 916 (Aguilar Collection and MS 917 (Sonora and Sinaloa Imprints). The collections were processed together in 1980, though the processor maintained the integrity of each collection so MS 916 contains series A-K, MS 917 contains series L-Q and MS 918 contains series R.

Language

In Spanish.

Acquisition

The provenance is not certain. The collection was microfilmed in 1980 with a description from a rare book dealer done in 1954. Since other materials of this kind were donated in 1954 by W. J. Holliday, it is believed that this collection was also donated by him.

Access

There are no restrictions on access. The collection was digitized on CD; see Box 1, Folder 2 for access.

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Processing

It is not known who processed the collection in 1980. This finding aid was completed by Riva Dean, Library/Archives Co-Manager in November 1996.

Historical Note

After Mexico achieved independence from Spain in 1821, the nation faced the task of creating not only a national government, but also the divisions of individual states. Of these new states, Occidente was created to include those provinces of New Spain which had been known as Sinaloa and Sonora. This combination was made for administrative purposes, but internal conflicts, as well as problems of poor communication and a vast and difficult geography drove the two states apart. The isolation of Sonora from the seat of government was too great and after initial opposition, the legislature of Occidente granted separate status to the two states. There was a gradual process of dissolution where Sinaloa had to create another new government.

Scope and Content Note

The Early Northwest Mexico Printing Collection consists of one box of printed documents (7 items) arranged in one series.

Inventory

1. The President of the Congress of the State of Occidente, Blas Cossio concerning the removal of the Capitol from Cosala to Culiacan criticizes the false informe of February 22, 1827 and the conduct of the three deputies: Estrella, Escalante and Gaxiola to impete the decision of Congress for the change of the Capitol to Culican as more central and more important than Cosala. Cosale Imprensa del Gobierno, May 1827.
2. Alcance a la Correspondencia. Two printed pages with rubric of Felipe Gil. Cosala, August 25, 1827.
3. The Provisional Governor of the free State of Occidente, Jose Maria Gaxiola to his fellow citizens to form a patriotic union around the immortal Guerrero and against the defection of General Bravo and his complicity with the Spanish Gachupines. With four documents in behalf of Guerrero and Victoria. Occidente, Imprenta del supremo gobierno, Alamos, February 8, 1828.
4. Circular of the Provisional Governor of the State of Occidente against the division of the Occidente into two states, Sonora and Sinaloa. Alamos, May 30, 1828.
5. Manifiesto of the Governor of Occidente, Francisco Iriarte to its inhabitants, noting that he is again the legal head of the government and appealing for the union and defense of the State. Alamos, October 22, 1829.
6. Manifiesto of the Congress of Occidente to the inhabitants of Alta and Baja Sonora congratulating them on the division of the State into Sinaloa and Sonora. Broadside. Alamos, February 1831.
7. Manifiesto of the Provisional Governor of Sonora, Rafael Elias Gonzales to the Inhabitants of Sonora on his taking charge of the administration of the State of Sonora. Broadside, Imprenta del Gobierno, a cargo de Jose Maria Almon. Broadside. Arizpe, 1837.