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Kieran McCarty Collection
Papers, 1793-1850

DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of material related to the Catholic Church, in particular the Franciscan order, in Mexico and Arizona. Included is a 1793 report, by Francisco Antonio Barbastro, about the Catholic missions from the Queretaro Archives in Mexico; and the Sonora Mission Letters (two volumes of typescripts of documents, from the Civezza Collection in Rome relating to the Franciscan missionary effort). The Letters include correspondence of Fray Bautista Llorenz and Fray Jose Maria Perez Llera, an undated census of Tubac, and a census of Tucson, circa 1830 to 1850. The Report and Letters are in Spanish. There are also six letters (including photograph copies of original documents and typed English translations) discussing Church affairs in Arizpe, Sonora; Tumacacori; and Tucson, dated 1820 to 1850. A few documents relate to the Apache Mansos, or peaceful Apaches, at Tucson.

1 Box, .5 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Kieran McCarty was born in Iowa in 1925 and moved to California as a child. He was ordained as a Franciscan priest and studied history at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He served as pastor of San Xavier Mission in Tucson for 14 years before becoming a research at the University of Arizona. Even before he began his position at the UA, he research extensively on the history of the Franciscan order and missionaries in Mexico, Arizona and California. He died in 2009.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Kieran McCarty, OFM in July 1960.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Nancy Siner in June 2009.