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Presidio Inspection Reports, 1791-1804

DESCRIPTION

Photocopies of annual Presidio Inspection Reports for selected Sonoran (and one Chihuahuan) presidios, dated 1791, 1792, and 1800 to 1804, including Altar, Tucson, Santa Cruz, Tubac, Buenavista, Bavispe, Bacoachi, Frontera, and Monclova. The reports list officers, number of soldiers, and contain enlistment and service records. Some reports also include complete rosters and summaries of individual's financial accounts at the post. Also present are photocopies of service records for the officers of the Tucson Presidio between 1787 and 1799. The reports were copied from the Archivo General de Simancas, Secretaría de Guerra, Valladolid, Spain.

1 box, .25 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

According to historian Henry Dobyns, the Spanish colonization of its northern borderlands in New Spain occurred chiefly for defensive reasons. The military frontier advanced to protect the missionaries as they tried to convert Native Americans to Christianity. Posts were founded at Tubac and Altar in the aftermath of the Northern Pima Revolt in 1752. Later, protection of an overland route to Upper California was deemed necessary and the Tucson presidio was established in 1775.

ACQUISITION

The copies were donated by Homer Thiel in July 2001 and July 2002.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The finding aid was prepared by Kim Frontz, August 2001.

ARRANGEMENT Chronological

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

f. 1 1791

Frontera de Sonora: Santa Gertrudis del Altar, San Agustín del Tucson, Santa Cruz, San Rafael de Buenavista

f.2 1792

San Agustín del Tucson

f.3 1800

Sonora: Tubac, San Miguel de Orcasitas, San Carlos de Buenavista, Santa Cruz, San Agustín del Tucson, Santa Gertrudis del Altar

f.4 1801

Sonora: Opatas de Bavispe, Opatas de Bacoachi, San Bernardino de Frontera; Coahuila: Monclova

f.5 1802

Sonora: Opatas de Bacoachi, Santa Cruz

f.6 1803

Sonora: Fronteras, Opatas de Bavispe, San Buenaventura

f.7 1804

Sonora: Santa Gertrudis del Altar, San Agustín del Tucson, San Carlos de Buenavista, Príncipe

f.8 Photocopies of service records for the officers of the Tucson presidio, 1787-1799. Officers were Inancio Albarado, Juan Felipe Balderrain, Ygnacio Colocio, Juan Franco, Domingo Granillo, Pablo Grijalva, Joseph Ygnacio Moraga, Jose Maria Oliva, Juan Antonio Oliva, Jose Romero, Jose Maria Sosa, Bernardo Urrea, Mariano Urrea, Francisco Usarraga, Jose de Zuniga