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Abstract: A collection of letters and documents addressed to town officials of Cuatro-Cienegas in Coahuila, transmitting orders and information from departmental and state officials concerning elections; financial, judicial and military matters; municipal government, etc.

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Scope and Content
This collection consists of official letters and documents, 1806-1860, emanating from various offices in the departmental capital of Monclova and the state capital at Saltillo, addressed to the mayor and other officials of the town of Cuatrociénegas in the state of Coahuila, Mexico. Transmitting orders and information concerning elections; financial, judicial and military matters; education; the church; municipal government; etc., the papers reflect the turbulent revolutionary times, the changes of government, and the alterations in the structure of the state system itself.

Prior to Mexican independence, the state of Coahuila formed a part of the Provincias Internas de Oriente. The territory was expanded to form the state of Coahuila y Tejas in 1824. By a law of June 30, 1838, the two were made separate departments, and Coahuila, along with Texas, came under strong American influence. In 1856 Santiago Vidaurri annexed Coahuila to Nuevo León, and Benito Juárez separated the two departments again in 1864.

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