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Abstract: Correspondence, commonplace book, miscellaneous accounts 1862-1880, programs, clippings, and maps of Honduras relating to the career of Jose Lopez Uraga, diplomat and soldier, in Mexico, Guatemala, and California. Collection includes letters from Maximilian, Porfirio Diaz, Benito Juarez, F. Parraga, Matias Romero, Marco Soto, one from Zelia Nuttall Pinart, and others.
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**Acquisition Information**

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**Biographical Sketch**

José López Uraga, Mexican soldier and diplomat, was born in Valladolid, Morelia in 1810. He fought against the United States in 1847, helped establish the Santa Anna government, and during the Guerra de Reforma engaged on the side of the constitutionalists, losing a leg in combat. He was Mexican Minister to Germany in 1854 and 1855. During the War of Intervention, he served as general-in-chief of the Army of the West, and later as commanding general in Jalisco. He later served under Maximilian, becoming his aide-de-camp and marching to Yucatan. When he went to Guatemala in 1873, his mission was to organize and strengthen the army there. It was at this time that he wrote several books on military subjects. López Uraga then settled in San Francisco around 1877, where he had hoped to obtain the Mexican consulship and to be reinstated as a Mexican citizen. And it was in San Francisco that he died in 1885, having been unsuccessful in both these attempts.

**Scope and Content**

The José López Uraga Papers consist mainly of letters addressed to López Uraga, many of them reflecting events in Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras.

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**Box 1**

- **Letters written by José López Uraga, 1852-1884**
  - **Additional Note**
    - Mainly drafts; many undated. Arranged chronologically.

**Boxes 1-2**

- **Letters written to López Uraga**
  - **Arrangement**
    - Single letters are arranged alphabetically in an A-Z Miscellany. The rest of the letters are arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization. A partial list of correspondents follows the Key to Arrangement.

**Box 1**

- **A - O**
- **P - Z**

**Commonplace book of José López Uraga**

**Miscellaneous accounts, 1852-1880**

**Clippings**

**Maps of Honduras (mss)**

**Photographs - unidentified**

  - **Additional Note**
  - Transferred to Pictorial Collections.

**Poems**

**Miscellany - programs, menus, etc., 1854-1876.**

  - **Additional Note**
  - Undated items at the end of the folder.

**Photograph album - mainly unidentified**
Partial List of Correspondents

A-Z Miscellany (single letters)
Alcalde, Joaquín M., 1830-1885
Letter, Feb. 28, 1882
Bancroft, Hubert Howe, 1832-1918
Letter, Oct. 12, 1882
Chico Sein, Vicente, 1810?-1863
Proclamation, Mar. 13, 1860

Additional Note
Contemporary copy. As Governor of San Luis Potosí.

Compañía Lancasteriana de México
Letter, Nov. 26, 1844, sending certificate of membership in the organization,
signed by José María Tornel y Mendívil and Joaquín de la Cadena.

Dardón, Andrés
Letter, July 26, 1877

Degollado, Santos, 1811-1861
Letter, June 12, 1861

De Russy, Gustavus Adolphus, 1818-1891
Letter, Mar. 10, 1852

Dueñas, Francisco, 1810-1884
Letter, Mar. 24, 1877

Gómez Farías, Benito, d. 1914
Letter, July 4, 1883

González, Manuel, 1833-1893
Letter, July 9, 1878

Harney, William Selby, 1800-1889
Letter, Jan. 16, 1852

Humboldt, Alexander, freiherr von, 1769-1859
Letter, ca. 1854

Inclán, Lola
Letter, July 27, 1853

Additional Note
Written from Puebla by his niece, with some information on reception given Mrs. Santa
Anna. Also signed by Joaquina and Concha Inclán, her sisters.

Iturbide, Agustín de, 1783-1824
Letter, Oct. 8, 1821, to Francisco de Uraga

Johann, King of Saxony, 1801-1873
Letter, ca. 1854

Magruder, John Bankhead, 1810-1871
Letter, Aug. 15, 1865

Mariscal, Ignacio, 1829-1910
Letter, Oct. 25, 1875

Mexico. Congreso
Letter, July 6, 1861, signed by Saborio and Valle.

Additional Note
Clipping attached.

Mexico. Ministerio de guerra y marina
Letter, Mar. 28, 1855, by Miguel Blanco to the commanding general of the
Yucatan.

Mexico. Secretaría de Estado
Letter, Nov. 22, 1853, signed by Díez de Bonilla.

Nuttall, Zelia, 1857-1933
Partial List of Correspondents

Letter, undated
Additional Note
Signed Zelia Nuttall Pinart. Note of Uraga's reply crosswritten on first page.

Pacific Mail Company
Letter, Dec. 18, 1876
Additional Note
Spanish translation of a letter written by the president of the company, William Pancoast Clyde.

Ramírez, José Fernando, 1804-1871
Letter, Dec. 5, 1864
Sociedad Mexicana Promotora de Mejoras Materiales y Morales
Printed form, filled in, July 6, 1852, by J. N. Almonte.
Additional Note
Regulations and a circular enclosed.

Vega, Plácido, 1830-1878
Letter, Apr. 20, 1865
Almonte, Juan Nepomuceno, 1803-1869
See Sociedad Mexicana Promotora de Mejoras Materiales y Morales
Barreda, Federico L., d. 1883
5 letters, 1876-1883
Additional Note
Includes an 1883 circular of Barreda & Co., notifying that the firm ceased to exist due to death of Mr. Barreda.
See also Barril, J. J., and Castro, Diego de.

Barril, J. J.
3 letters, 1884
Barrios, Justo Rufino, Pres. Guatemala, 1835-1885
3 letters, 1876
Additional Note
With these: biographical sketch of Barrios.

Benecke, Etienne, 1808-1877
See Benecke (Est.) & Co.
Benecke (Est.) & Co.
30 letters, 1873-1878
Additional Note

Blanco, Miguel, 1816-1900
See Mexico. Ministerio de guerra y marina
Castro, Diego de
103 letters, 1873-1882
Additional Note

Charlotte, Empress of Mexico, 1840-1927
11 letters, 1866-1867
Additional Note
Mainly copies of telegrams and drafts of letters or notes, many undated.

Clyde, William Pancoast, 1839-1923
See Pacific Mail Company
Conrad, Charles Magill, 1804-1878
See U.S. War Dept.
Cumplido, Ignacio, 1811-1887
3 letters, 1877-1879
Dardón, V.
4 letters, 1875-1877
Additional Note
News of events in Mexico and Guatemala.

Díaz, Porfirio, Pres. Mexico, 1830-1915
14 letters, 1877-1882
Diez de Bonilla, Manuel, 1800-1864
See Mexico. Secretaría de Estado
Garrido, Bernardo
11 letters, 1875-1876, from Guatemala
Additional Note
Letter of Sept. 19, 1875, includes letter of F. Lainfiesta.

Guatemala. Secretaría de la Guerra
2 letters, 1876-1877, by J. M. Barrundía.
Additional Note
1877 letter contains draft of López Uraga's letter to the Guatemalan minister of war, and also a Guatemalan passport for López Uraga.
See also Samayoa, José María.

Institut d’Afrique
2 letters, 1851-1852, by H. de St. Anthoine.
Jilek, Dr.
2 letters, 1866
Additional Note
Written while doctor to Empress Carlotta. One also signed by Julius Richter.

Juárez, Benito, 1806-1872
2 letters, 1862-1863
Linares, José
13 letters, 1873-1879
See also Rodriguez, Francisco de Paula
Manteuffel, Otto Theodor, freiherr, von, 1805-
2 letters, 1854-1855
Mata, José María, 1819-1895
2 letters, 1877
Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico, 1832-1867
14 letters, 1865-1866
Negrete, Pedro de
2 letters, 1865-1866
Additional Note
Written while first secretary, master of ceremonies for the Emperor. 1865 letter contains draft of López Uraga's reply.
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Additional Notes:
- 1878 letters addressed to the Benecke firm (q.v.)
- Some written for the firm of Diego de Castro (q. v.)
- Note from José Linares in letter of Jan. 18, 1880
- Many relate to the politics of Guatemala.
- Some written while minister of war of Guatemala.
- Some written while Guatemalan minister of foreign relations, and some while president of Honduras.
- Some written while Guatemalan ambassador to Mexico.
5 letters, 1877-1878