Title: Memorial of Fray Alonso de Benavides Collection
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Abstract: This collection includes items related to the translation of the "Memorial of Father Alfonso de Benavides." The original version of the Memorial was written in 1630.
creator: Bandelier, Frances R.
Processing history
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Biographical note
Alonso de Benavides (Alonzo Benavidez) (c.1578-1635) was a Portuguese Franciscan missionary active in New Mexico, in the early part of the seventeenth century. His use of the term Navaho is said to be the first printed reference. He was born on Sao Miguel Island, Azores. He came to New Spain in 1598, and professed in the Franciscan convent of Mexico in 1603. After acting as master of novices at the convent of Puebla, he became Custos of the Missions of New Mexico, 1626-9. He founded a mission in 1627 at what is now Santa Clara Pueblo, New Mexico.
In order to raise interest in New Mexico he wrote and published two booklets, exaggerated in regard to the number of Indians, but otherwise of value for the ethnography and ethnology of New Mexico. His account of the numbers of people and villages may have been influenced by data taken from Espejo. He published "Relación de los grandes Tesoros espirituales y temporales descubiertos con el auxilio de Dios en el Nuevo Mexico", in 1630, and is best known through the "Memorial que Fray Juan de Santander de la orden de San Francisco &c. presenta á la Majestad Católica del Rey" (Madrid, 1630 translated into various languages and republished).
Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alonso_de_Benavides
Acquisition
One part of this collection was acquired for the Munk Librariy of Arizonia, circa 1917. The rest of this collection donated by Frederick Webb Hodge, 1937 and 1945 February.
Access
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Scope and Contents note
This collection includes items related to the translation of the "Memorial of Father Alfonso de Benavides." The original version of the Memorial was written in 1630.
A translation was created in 1917 by a Mrs. Edward E. Ayer. This collection includes a review published in the Catholic History Review, 1917 April, of Mrs. Ayer's translation. The collection also consists of a photostat copy of the "Revised Memorial of Fran Alonso Benavides 1634," the original is in the archives of the Vatican, and a translation of the Memorial by Frances R. Bandelier created in 1917. This translation was created from a copy of the original and made for Reverend Peter Guilday from the Catholic University in Washington D.C.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
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