The finding aid of the Ignacio Martinez Papers C058971

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Note
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**Language of Material:** Spanish; Castilian

**Contributing Institution:** Society of California Pioneers

**Title:** Capt. Ignacio Martinez Papers

**creator:** Martínez, Ignacio, Capt., ca. 1800-ca.1852

**Identifier/Call Number:** C058971

**Physical Description:** 1 folder1 Folder1 letter (2 sheets of paper), 3 receipts

**Date (inclusive):** 1832-1840

**Abstract:** These are letters and receipts of Capt. Ignacio Martinez. The letter is handwritten in ink, entirely in Spanish and dated 3 Marzo, 1832, and signed Ignacio Martinez. The three business receipts are dated 1835, 1840 and the last is either undated, or the ink has faded so that the date is not able to be read. Two of the receipts of items received from Martinez, and the third appears to be the same, but is so faded, the writing is difficult to read.

**Scope and Contents**

These are letters and receipts of Capt. Ignacio Martinez. The letter is handwritten in ink, entirely in Spanish and dated 3 Marzo, 1832, and signed Ignacio Martinez. The letter appears to be discussing the Pueblo de San Jose and several problematic money issues that are being experienced by the citizens. It is signed by Ignacio Martinez. The file also contains a large receipt of many business transactions recorded from San Jose on 1835. The receipt lists payments, the date and the amount of the payment, and has Martinez's name at the top, with the phrase "Frigate Rosa". The lower part of the receipt appears to be from San Francisco, Oct. 1835. The items vary from food, wine to cordobanci (or tanned goat hides). The second receipt, dated Julio 21, de 1840, is received from Senor Don Ignacio Martinies, and is signed by "Guillermo H. Davis". It also includes the name "Nathan Spear", and appears to be products from cattle produced by the pueblo or mission. The 3rd receipt is very faded, the date of Junio can be read at the top, and Juni at the bottom, but no year. "Don Ignacio Martinez" is written along the top of the receipt.

**Biographical / Historical**

Ignacio Martinez was born in Mexico City in 1774 and came to Alta California around 1800. He served at Santa Barbara and San Diego before being sent to San Francisco as a lieutenant in 1817. He succeeded Louis Arguello as commander in 1822 and acted in that capacity until 1827. From 1828 to 1831 he had various stints as acting commander and commander. He retired from the military in 1831 and then held a number of public offices, such as alcalde of San Francisco, member of the diputacion, and regidor at San Jose. He owned a large ranch, Pinole, in Contra Costa, across the bay from San Francisco. He died at some point before 1852. (Bancroft, History of California: 4: 733.)

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

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**Existence and Location of Originals**

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