Guide to the Urrutia de Vergara Family Papers 1565/1769

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Family History:

Don Antonio Urrutia de Vergara (1598-1667) was a Spaniard of Basque descent and one of New Spain's most prominent merchants. In 1664, he acquired a mayorazgo (an entailed estate) in the San Miguel Tlaixpan region of Mexico. This plot of land served as the foundation for the family's expansive landholdings. Nahuas (indigenous Nahuatl speakers) owned parcels of land that later formed portions of the Urrutia de Vergara family's estate.

Don Antonio and his wife, Doña María Bonilla Bastida, founded three other mayorazgos. The first was for his eldest daughter, Ana Urrutia de Vergara and her husband, Alfonso Flores de Valdez. The second mayorazgo went to Don Antonio's second daughter, Juana. And the third mayorazgo was bequeathed to Ana's eldest son, Don Augusto and his heirs upon Ana's death.

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Scope and Contents

The Urrutia de Vergara Papers are a collection of Spanish colonial manuscripts that document the land holdings of the Urrutia de Vergara family in the eastern part of the Texcoco region of Mexico. The collection dates from the mid-sixteenth century to the mid-eighteenth century and includes land deeds, rent and tribute payments, and maps of the property. Several of these documents pre-date the family’s holdings and were probably passed on to the family when it acquired the land.
The papers consist of 248 manuscript leaves which were compiled and divided into nineteen folders by Miguel Cervantes, a possible descendant of Don Ignacio Cervantes who married Anna Maria Urrutia in the mid to late eighteenth century. The folders are clearly labelled with titles, possibly written by Cervantes in the nineteenth century. These folders are arranged into two volumes. Each volume's pages contain stamped numbers in numerical order on the upper-right corners of the manuscript leaves.

Of particular interest are thirty-five pictorial manuscripts illustrated in a mixed indigenous and European style that document plots of land as well as rent and tribute payments from the greater San Miguel Tlaixpan area. These cadasters include symbols for orchards, rivers, towns, fields, people, and roads.

All materials in this collection are written in colonial or 19th century Spanish. The folder descriptions in the finding aid are taken from the original descriptions, possibly written by Cervantes. As such, spellings may differ from modern Spanish.

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