Victoriano Huerta papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Victoriano Huerta papers
Date (inclusive): 1912, undated
Collection Number: MS 021
Creator: Huerta, Victoriano, 1845-1916
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Abstract: The Victoriano Huerta papers is a collection of three documents, which mainly relate to Victoriano Huerta's military history before he became the President of Mexico in 1913. The collection includes a ledger documenting donations to Huerta's forces during the Mexican Revolution in 1912, an account of his command of the 3rd Infantry Battalion from 1894-1901, and a brief overview of his military history and accomplishments until 1914.

Languages: The collection is in Spanish.

Access
The collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note
Victoriano Huerta was born on December 22, 1850, in Colotlán, Jalisco, Mexico. He graduated from the Mexican National Military Academy (Heroico Colegio Militar) in 1872, and by 1890 had reached the rank of Colonel of Engineers. He was made commander of the 3rd Infantry Battalion from 1894-1901, and led successful campaigns against rebels in Sonora and the Yucatan before retiring from the army in 1907 due to health issues.

In 1910, a revolution broke out over the succession of the Mexican president, with President Porfirio Díaz ousted from power by Francisco Madero in 1911. Huerta applied to rejoin the Federal Army under his previous rank in 1910, and pledged allegiance to Madero. Secretly though, Huerta was plotting with U.S. Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson, General Bernardo Reyes, and Félix Díaz to overthrow Madero. In 1913, in an episode known as the Ten Tragic Days (La Decena Trágica), Huerta managed to imprison Díaz and Vice President José María Pino Suárez and engineered their resignations and his takeover of the presidency.

As president, Huerta established a military dictatorship, which displeased the United States government and led to rebellions within Mexico. These forces combined led Huerta to resign on July 15, 1914, and he then went into exile in the United States. After a failed coup d’état, Huerta died in 1915 while in U.S. custody.

Collection Scope and Contents
The collection contains documents about Victoriano Huerta’s military career from 1872 to 1914, mostly concerning his career before he assumed the Presidency of the Mexico in 1913. The collection includes a ledger documenting donations to Huerta's forces during the Mexican Revolution in 1912, an account of his command of the 3rd Infantry Battalion from 1894-1901, and a brief overview of his military history and accomplishments until 1914.

Collection Arrangement
This collection is arranged alphabetically.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Huerta, Victoriano, 1845-1916
Mexico--History, Military.
Presidents -- Mexico.

Genres and Forms of Materials
Ledgers (account books).
Military records.

| Box 1, Folder 1 | Donation Book 1912 |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Employment History undated |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | Recount of 3rd Infantry Battalion circa 1930-1939 |