Guide to the Spanish Inquisition Documents Collection

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: Documents from the Spanish Inquisition, 1616-1816.

Physical location: Vault.

Languages: Spanish, Catalan

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None.

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Acquisition Information

Purchase, 1964.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Spanish Inquisition Documents Collection was acquired by UCSB's Department of Special Collections through the efforts of the late Philip W. Powell, of the UCSB History Department. Professor Powell discovered the collection in Madrid ("[A] large number of monographs, historical documents, etc., pertaining to inquisition proceedings and autos-da-fé, much of this dealing with the Marranos [crypto-Jews], or Sephardic Jews.") and contacted the UCSB Library. In 1964, negotiations with the Spanish bookseller, José Porrúa, were completed and UCSB acquired a significant collection of works on the Spanish Inquisition and the Sephardic Jews. Most are written in Spanish, with fifty-eight in Catalan, Portuguese, French, Latin, English, and Italian.

The collection contains a variety of documents on the Spanish Inquisition. The documents refer mostly to the Kingdom of Mallorca and predominantly to the city of Palma over the time period 1616 to 1816. The bulk of the collection consists of records of pensions and property that were confiscated as part of the Inquisition and appeals to the crown on the part of Jewish citizens requesting protection from discrimination and just access to jobs and professions in society. The remainder of the collection tends to be single-paged documents of appeals, petitions or verdicts in favor of particular individuals.
The document collection contains ten folders numbered 1-10 and one collection of five bound documents, in addition to one folder of documentation in English. The documents in nine of the folders and those in the bound volume are in Spanish; one document is in Catalan (Mallorquin).

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Inquisition--Spain.
Palma de Mallorca (Spain)
Marranos
Sephardim.

**Related Materials**

Monographs from the original purchase have been cataloged separately and may be searched in Pegasus, the UCSB Library's online catalog. Some of the earlier titles include:

- Cõpilacion de las instructiones del Officio dela Sancta Inquisicion, hechas por el muy reuerendo señor fray Thomas de Torquemada... e por los otros reverendissimos señores inquisidores generales que despues succedieron, cerca dela orden que se ha de tener en el exercicio del Sancto Officio... (Granada, 1537). Special Collections BX 1735 A3535.
- Gonsalvius, Reginaldus, Montanus. Sanctae Inquisitionis hispanicae arites aliquot detectæ, ac palam traductæ. Exempla aliquot, praeter ea quesu que(ue) loco in ipso opere sparsa sunt, seorsum reposita, in quiub easdem inquisitorias arites veluti in tabulis quibusdam in ipso porró exercito intueri licet. Addidimvs appendicis vice piorum quorumdam martyrvm Christi elogia, qui cum mortis supplici ob fidei confessionem christianæ constantia tulerint, inquisitores eos suis artibus perfidæ ac defectiois infamant. Reginaldo Gonsalvio Montano authore... (Heidelberg, 1567). Special Collections BX 1735 G58.
- Spain. Sovereign (1556-1598 : Philip II). Concordia, hecha entre la c. y r. magestad del rey don Phelipe nuestro señor, y el tribunal del Sancto Oficio de la Inquisicion, del reyno de Aragon, que se hizo a 17. de julio de 1568. (Madrid, 1568). Special Collections BX 1583 A25 1568.
- Repertorivm inqvisorvm pravitatis haereticæ, in qvo omnia, qvæ ad hãresum cognitionem, ac S. Inquisitionis forum pertinent, continentur. Correctionibus, & annotationibus ... Quintiliiani Mandosii, ac Petri Vendramenti decoratum & auctum ... (Venice, 1575). Special Collections BX 1735 R46.
- Yepes, Diego de, Bp., 1530?-1613?, bp., Historia particular de la persecucion de Inglaterra, y de los martirios mas insignes que en ella ha auido desde el año del Señor .1570. en la qval se descvben los efectos lastimosos de la heregia, y las mudancas que suele causar en las republicas: con muchas cosas curiosas y no publicadas hasta aora, sacadas de autores graues. Recogida por el padre fray Diego de Yepes...obispo de Taracona... (Madrid, 1599). Special Collections BX 1492 Y4.

The following related broadsides have also been cataloged in Pegasus:

- Nos el Presudente y Cabildo de la Santa Iglesia de Malaga, sede vacante, á nuestros amados diocesanos salud y gracia en Jesu-Christo nuestro Señor. 1814. Special Collections BX 1735 A238.
- Compendio y sumario del edicto general de la fé, y cases en él contenidos. 1796. Special Collections BX 1735 A352 1796.
- Nos los Inquisidores apostolicos contra la herética pravedad y apostasias en &.... 1799. Special Collections BX 1735 A393.
- Nos los Inquisidores apostlícos contra la herética pravedad y apostasias por autoridad, real y ordinaria.... 1806. Special Collections BX 1735 A395.
- El glorioso título de Católicos, con que los reyes de España se distinguen entre los otros principes cristianos por no tolerar en el reyne á ninguno que profese otra religion que la católica..ha movido poderosamente mi corazon.... 1814. Special Collections BX 1743 M2 A45.
- Compendio y sumario del edicto general de la fé, y caso en él contenidos. 1796. Special Collections BX 1735 A352.
- Nos don Felipe Bertran, por la gratia de Dios... inquisidor general en los reynos...Por quanto la santidad de nuestro muy Santo padre Inocencio XI. por su Breve motu propio prohibir... los libros del Monte Santo de Granada....
"Nos los Inquisidores". On the need to have trustworthy officials of the Inquisition in the Crown of Toledo and Archbishoprics of Avila and Segovia. It also mentions the need to give full power to those officials so that they can act against heresy. Dated 1616. (One page)

"Titulo de Secretario del Consejo del S. Tribunal a favor de Don Antonio Hurtado de M., 1627". Commission of Don Antonio Hurtado de Mendoza, Knight of the Order of Calatrava as Royal Secretary of the Holy Inquisition. He will hold this title as a substitute, until the King decides otherwise. Signed by Hernando de Villegas, Secretary of the Council of the Inquisition. Dated March 9, 1627, in the city of Madrid. (One page)

"Libro de caxas de entrades y axides ...". Written in Portuguese or Old Spanish. A book of accounts administered by the Magistrate Bartt Frister of an unspecified city. Dated 1678. (One account book)

Untitled collection of documents. A collection of documents relating to the collection of pensions and the confiscation or mortgage of property under the Holy Inquisition. Dated between 1741 and 1790. (Twenty-four pages)

"Pagos echos a los receptores del Sancto Tribunal, por Censos confiscados a diferentes sujetos castigados en Autos de Feé". A collection of documents relating to payments made to the recipients of the Holy Inquisition from rent confiscated from different subjects punished for heresy. Dated between 1739 and 1762. (Fifty-four pages)

Untitled. A deposition signed by Francisco Servera, Notary Public of the city of Palma, Kingdom of Mallorca and Secretary of the New Council of the Universal Consignacion and Council of Acrehedores Sensalistas ... Document relating to the summons of creditors of the Kingdom with the object of communicating to them that their rents will be paid in the near future. Dated October 8, 1743, in the city of Palma, Kingdom of Mallorca. (Four pages)

"Certificación de la Inquisición de Mallorca, firmada por el Secretario del Secreto D. Jaime Fábregues en 1747". A certification of books for the Holy Inquisition, Kingdom of Mallorca. Signed "Jayme Fabregues". Dated June 20, 1747. (One page)

"Sobre competencia con la Santa Inquisición, Real cédula de 10 Julio de 1749 y carta del Señor Rallo, Fiscal del Supremo consejo de Castilla". On the need to clearly establish the power of the different courts and the Court of Inquisition so that they can work together and avoid future controversy. Dated between July 12, 1749 and August 27, 1750. (Nine pages)

"Documentos referentes al cobro de pensiones de censos por la Inquisición de Mallorca, de bienes confiscados hechas a sus dueños por sentencias publicados en autos de Feé con listas de nombres, capitales y réditos". A collection of documents relating to the collection of pensions and the confiscation of property under the Holy Inquisition of the Kingdom of Mallorca from judicial sentences in matters of faith. The documents contain lists of names, capitals, rents and interests. Dated between 1763 and 1779. (Twenty-three pages)
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Sinagogas y Judios de Mallorca. No author and no date. A bound collection of five manuscript documents by various authors over various times, the volume also contains one loose letter [with document describing origin of same] inside the front cover.

1) The Letter: From the office of Doña Maria Espartosa y Briones. It orders that a particular neighborhood of people in the city of Palma, Kingdom of Mallorca, be allowed to live in peace without insult or injury. Dated 1782. (One page)

2) Document 1: "Relación del origen de las sinagogas y judios en Mallorca su Conversion y Relapcias en el Judaismo". Report on the origin of the synagogues and Jews of the Kingdom of Mallorca. Written in 22 parts. Date and author not known. (Twenty pages)

3) Document 2: "Representación de los descendientes Hebreos a S.M. pidiendo ser admitidos a los oficios, empleos y profesiones". Appeal from the Jewish inhabitants of an unspecified city to the Royal Crown. They state that they have been denied access to offices, jobs and professions and are requesting that the discrimination cease. Dated February 12, 1773. (Nine pages)

4) Document 3: "Representación presentada a S.M. a nombre de la ciudad y Reyno de Mallorca en oposicion de lo pretendido por los descendientes de Judios de dicho Reyno". Appeal to the city of Palma and the Crown of Mallorca signed by Miguel Cayetano Soler. He is opposing the aspirations of the Jewish descendants. Dated April 1, 1771. (Seventeen pages)

5) Document 4: Untitled. A petition to the Crown from Don Manuel de Roda, representing six men of Mallorca. The men are professing the discrimination they have received as Jews and their exclusion from jobs, honors and privileges that other subjects enjoy. Dated April 24, 1773. (Thirty-six pages)

6) Document 5: "Relación de los sanbenitos, que se han puesto, y renovado este año de 1755 en el clausto del Real convento de Sancto Domingo, de esta Ciudad de Palma, por el Sancto oficio de la Inquisición del Reyno de Mallorca de Reos relagados y reconciliados publicamente por el mismo tribunal desde el año de 1645". A list of 278 identified heretics who were either tried and burned to death in the city of Palma, Kingdom of Mallorca in the year 1645, or reconciled by the Tribunal. Those reconciled are still subjected to several penalties such as not bearing titles or honors, not carrying gold, silver or precious stones, not riding horses. The corpses of those burned will be unburied and incinerated, and their titles removed from their tombs so as to erase their memory from the surface of the earth. Dated September 15, 1755. (Twenty pages)