Pablo Macedo Collection of Mexican Notorial, Mining and Colonial Documents

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Descriptive Summary
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Title: Pablo Macedo Collection of Mexican Notorial, Mining and Colonial Documents
Creator: Macedo, Pablo
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Physical Description: 0.4 Linear feet (1 archives box)
Date (inclusive): 1600 - 1908
Abstract: The collection contains 17th century Mexican colonial documents relating to land tenure in the Itzmiquilpa region of Mexico; inspection reports from Mexican mines dating from the late 18th and early 19th centuries; two papal documents, dated ca. 1806 and 1811; a handwritten supplement to a manual of Mexican agriculture, dated 1869; and an autograph letter signed by Pablo Macedo in 1908. The materials are written in Spanish. They relate largely to Mexican legal matters and mining interests, although other subjects are represented.
Processing History
9 documents from this collection have item-level catalog records and can be found by searching the call number "MSS 35" in Roger.
Scope and Content of Collection
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The first item in the collection is a letter from Pablo Macedo, dated January 29, 1908, which discusses some of the materials in the collection. According to Macedo, some of the papers concern the Hacienda of Nuestra Senora del Rosario (Our Lady of the Rosary), otherwise known as "Los Reyes" (the Kings), the estate of Macedo's father. According to this letter, the estate was taken from the elder Macedo by Governor Joaquin Martinez in 1867 "by evil means." It is likely that the Macedo family collected these documents in an effort to prove Mariano Macedo's title to the property.
Historical Background
Pablo Macedo was born in Mexico City on February 1, 1851. His father may have been Mariano Macedo (d. 1869), a minister in the government of General Mariano Arista. A disciple of Gabino Barreda (1818-1881), Pablo Macedo became a lawyer and served as a professor of political economy at the Escuela de Leyes (School of Law). He was the author of "La evolucion mercantil," "Communicaciones y obras publicas," and "Tres monografias que dan idea de una parte de la evolucion economica de Mexico" (Mexico: J. Bollesca, 1905). He died in Spain on December 25, 1918.
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Acquisition Information
Based on a letter in the collection from Pablo Macedo, it may be assumed that the materials originally belonged to the Macedo family, though the date and circumstances of their transfer to UC San Diego is unknown. The materials were originally enclosed in a rustic leather portfolio and found in the vault of the Mandeville Special Collections Library in 1986. It is possible the papers were included in one of the many book collections acquired by the Library prior to 1986.
Digital Content
This collection was digitized in 2016 for inclusion in the Adam Matthew subscription database Frontier Life: borderlands, settlement & colonial encounters. The documents are viewable in that resource when accessed from a UC San Diego IP address, or via any institution that subscribes to that resource.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Mines and mineral resources -- Mexico
Land tenure -- Mexico
Haciendas -- Mexico
LETTER FROM PABLO MACEDO

Box 1, Folder 1  
Letter from Pablo Macedo 1908 January 29
General note
Includes translation

MINING DOCUMENTS

Scope and Content of Series
MINING DOCUMENTS dating from the late 18th and early 19th centuries, which contain reports about the exploitation of mines in several regions of Mexico. This type of document normally includes accounts of expenses and records earnings from the sale of minerals. Folder 5 contains a title document to a mine called "Peregrina," dated 1788.

Box 1, Folder 2  
Inspection Reports 1795 - 1802
General note
Silver Mines of Capula

Box 1, Folder 3  
Inspection Reports 1789
General note
San Antonio del Dotor

Box 1, Folder 4  
Inspection Reports 1802 - 1803
General note
Real de Capula

Box 1, Folder 5  
Property title to the Peregrina mine near San Antonio del Dotor 1788
General
1 item ([6] leaves) ; 30 cm.

NOTARIAL DOCUMENTS

Scope and Content of Series
NOTARIAL DOCUMENTS date from the 17th century and are bound into a leather portfolio. They are the product of "Escribanos," or Spanish public notaries, who produced a large quantity of such documents in the Spanish colonies. The documents in the collection relate to property titles of lands in the region of Itzmiquilpa, in the countryside near Mexico City, and can be divided into three categories. The first category, called "escribanias de merced" or "mercedes," are related to feudal customs in the occupation of land in the Spanish Empire. The "merced" was a kind of feudal title bestowed on a colonial aristocrat by the viceroy. The beneficiary of a merced acquired economical and judicial rights over a specific territory. The second category of NOTARIAL DOCUMENTS are "cartas de venta," and refer to the sale of the feudal rights acquired with the property of a merced. According to Pablo Macedo's 1908 letter, this collection includes notarial documents signed by three of Mexico's viceroyos: the marqués de Salinas, Don Luis de Velasco, dated 1609; the marqués de Guadalázar, Don Diego Fernandez de Córdova, dated 1614; and the conde de Monterrey, Don Gaspar de Zúñiga y Acevedo, dated 1601.

Box 1, Folder 6  
Notarial Documents 1600 - 1699
MISCELLANY

Scope and Content of Series

MISCELLANY includes an account book from the town of Purisima Concepcion de Landa, dated 1798; two papal bulls to the Spanish-American kingdoms, dated 1711 and 1806; and a kind of handwritten appendix to a practical agricultural manual, written around 1869, which provides many details on 19th century Mexican agronomy. Also included in the MISCELLANY are legal documents relating to the state of Queretaro (1861).

Box 1, Folder 7

**Mexican colonial affidavits 1773 - 1779**

General

Includes the cataloged items, below.

Affidavit of Juan Landerio de Paso in the case of Juan Antonio Velasquez vs. Juana Lorenza de Arellano. Cadereyta Jiménez, Mexico 1778-1779

Affidavits in the case of Juan Antonio Velasquez vs. Juana Lorenza de Arellano. Cadereyta Jiménez, Mexico 1773

Box 1, Folder 8

**Municipal Account Book for the Town of Purisima Concepcion de Landa 1789**

General

1 item ([6] leaves) ; 30 cm.

Box 1, Folder 9

**Papal documents ca. 1806-1811**

General

Includes the cataloged items, below.

Martínez de Bustos, Patricio. Bula de vivos para los reynos de indias, MDCCCVI y MDCCCVII. Mexico 1806

Lanez Bahamondes, Francisco. Sumario de quarta clase: bienio de MDCCCXI y MDCCXII. Seville, Spain 1811

Box 1, Folder 10

**Manual practico de agricultura, horticultura y jardineria, suplemento 1869**

General

1 item ([51] leaves) ; 29 cm. Handwritten appendix to a practical agricultural manual, dated 1869, which provides detailed descriptions of many 19th century Mexican agricultural practices.

Box 1, Folder 11

**Testament of Manuela Jiménez of Querétaro, Mexico 1861**

General

1 item ([7] leaves) ; 32 cm.