Finding Aid for the Collection of California Missions inventories, reports, and other material 0374

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Santa Ines. The remainder of the documents describe conditions at more than one mission, or refer to financial or social transactions at unidentified missions. All but one of the collection’s documents are in Spanish; one undated document, a descriptive introduction to and translation of an annual report from the Santa Cruz Mission from 1791, is written in English. About half of the documents are dated prior to the secularization of the missions in 1834, and about half are dated post-secularization.

Though limited in size, the collection shows economic and social aspects of life at the missions. Account books, inventories, and annual and biennial reports (informes) provide information about the people living and working at the missions, including numbers of baptisms, marriages, births, and deaths; number and kinds of livestock and crops; description of property and buildings; and accountings of debits and credits. Some of the documents provide a great deal of detail: for example, a set of annual and biennial reports from 1791-1833 (Folder 3) and an account book for 1792-1818 (Folder 4) each offer views of the Santa Cruz Mission's economic activities over many years.

Along with documents about the missions named above, the collection includes other types of documents that attest to various social and legal practices. These include a conversion statement, promissory notes, and documents concerning marriage. Many documents refer to Native Americans as Indios; one document mentions Coras, Yuma, and Apache.

The collection contains many signatures of figures that played a role in the history of the California missions, including Andrés Pico, Estevan Tapis, Thomas de la Pena, and Pablo Vicente de Sola; people charged with conducting inventories of the missions, such as Juan Manso; and lessees or purchasers of the missions, including Narciso Botello and José Arnaz. Other signatures found in the documents are mentioned in the Scope and Content notes for individual folders in the collection. In addition, names mentioned in the documents include Juan B. Alvarado, Narciso Duran, and Concepcion Arguello.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
- Alvarado, Juan Bautista, 1809-1882 -- Archives
- Arguello y Morago, Maria de la Concepcion Marcela, d. 1857 -- Archives
- Arnaz, José -- Archives
- Botello, Narciso -- Archives
- Duran, Narciso, 1776-1846 -- Archives
- Manso, Juan -- Archives
- Mission San Gabriel Arcangel (San Gabriel, Calif.). -- Archives
- Pena Saravia, Tomas de la, 1743-1806 -- Archives
- Pico, Andrés -- Archives
- San Buenaventura Mission. -- Archives
- Santa Clara Mission. -- Archives
- Santa Cruz Mission. -- Archives
- Santa Ines Mission (Solvang, Calif.). -- Archives
- Sola, Pablo Vicente de, b.1761 -- Archives
- Tapis, Estevan, 1754-1825 -- Archives
- Account books
- Annual reports
- Baptismal certificates
- California--History--To 1846--Archival resources
- Indians of North America--Missions--California--Archival resources
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- Inventories
- Legal documents
- Missions, Spanish--California--History--Archival resources
- Missions, Spanish--Economic aspects--California--Archival resources
- Promissory notes
Box 1, Folder 1  
[Santa Cruz Mission Inventory Fragment] undated
Language of Material: Spanish
Physical Description
A single sheet of two pages completely full of text.
Scope and Content
Undated inventory fragment that mentions Rancho del Taino (?), Rancho del Refugio and Rancho de la Punta ano Nuevo.

Box 1, Folder 2  
[Santa Cruz Mission Translation of First Informe written by Father Baldomero Lopez] 1791
Language of Material: English
Physical Description
The document consists of six legal-sized pages.
Scope and Content
Undated translation into English of a 1791 informe [annual report] concerning the Santa Cruz Mission, and an introduction to this translation. The author of the introduction and translation is not named. The introduction comprises pages one through three of the document, and the translation pages four through six. Based on the fact that it is on legal-sized paper, it is assumed that this document was created in the 20th century.
The introduction mentions the Mission Dolores [Used for: San Francisco de Asis Mission (San Francisco, Calif.)] and hundreds of neophytes residing there; it also mentions Native American populations at Aptos and Santa Cruz. The introduction describes the founding of Santa Cruz Mission, the construction of its church, its dedication ceremony, and its partial destruction, and the dedication of a second church, by Bishop Amat [Thaddeus Amat]. Other names mentioned in the introduction include Thomas Pena, Hermenegildo Sal, Fathers Crespi and Gomez, and Fathers Alonso Salazar and Baldomero Lopez.
The translated informe, a copy of the report sent on December 31, 1791 and written by Father Baldomero Lopez, describes the condition of the Mission of Santa Cruz from 1791. The informe recounts baptisms; marriages; deaths; numbers of Native Americans living in the mission and where they were baptized; number and type of cattle, horses, and mules; amount and type of grain sown; descriptions of the buildings and yards; and provision of tools and household goods.

Box 1, Folder 3  
[Santa Cruz Mission Annual Reports (Informes)] 1791-1833
Language of Material: Spanish
Physical Description
Thirty pages of documentation with some sides blank or nearly blank; taped at binding with scotch tape.
Scope and Content
Santa Cruz Mission Annual Reports (Informes). Annual and biennial reports from the mission for the years 1791, 1792, 1794, 1795, ?, 1796, 1803-1804, 1804, 1806, 1809, 1817, 1820, 1822, 1829, and 1833. Accounting includes headcounts of inhabitants in addition to baptisms, marriages, deaths, livestock, saddle animals, and crops. Signatures include those of Domingo Carranza, Baldomero Lopez, Antonio Rodriguez, and Jayme Escude.
Box 1, Folder 4  [Santa Cruz Mission Account Book] 1792-1818
Language of Material: Spanish
Physical Description
Fifty pages bound together, not necessarily in order, plus one small loose sheet with writing, mostly numbers, on both sides.
Scope and Content
Account book with some description of inventory, dated variously between January 13, 1792 and 1818 and written by various people; and slip of paper with gross salary information. Signatures include those of Estevan Tapis, Marcelino Marquino, Antonio Rodriguez, Abonado Ti Carranza (?), Domingo Carranza, and Pedro Peralta.

Box 1, Folder 5  [Santa Cruz Mission Marriage Contract] 1797
Physical Description
One sheet, two pages, mostly blank on page 2.
Scope and Content
Marriage contract, dated December 11, 1797. Document includes descriptions of the people to be married and signatures of witnesses (including cross marks).

Box 1, Folder 6  [Santa Cruz Mission Letter Stating Requirements for Marriage] circa 1804
Physical Description
One sheet, two pages, page 2 blank.
Scope and Content
Letter from the mission stating the requirements for marriage, dated circa 1804.

Box 1, Folder 7  [Santa Cruz Mission Court Document regarding Village of Branciforte] 1817
Language of Material: Spanish
Physical Description
One sheet, folded to make four pages; writing on three pages, with fourth page blank.
Scope and Content
Document regarding passage between the Village of Branciforte ("Villa de Branciforte") and Mission Santa Cruz, dated May 31, 1817 and June 4, 1817. Document includes writing by several people and is signed by Pablo Vicente de Sola, Marcelino Marquinez, and Jayme Escude.

Box 1, Folder 8  [Santa Cruz Mission Order of Payment] 1825
Language of Material: Spanish
Physical Description
One sheet, blank on page two.
Scope and Content
Order of payment of 2,767 pesos to pay for troops, dated 1825 and signed by (?) Martinez.

Box 1, Folder 9  [Santa Clara Mission Conversion Statement] 1839
Language of Material: Spanish
Physical Description
One folded sheet of four pages, each filled with writing.
Scope and Content
Conversion statement of Henrique Gilte, Santa Clara Mission, 1839. Document consists of two parts, each written by a different person, and includes several signatures, including those of Henrique Gilte, Antonio Rodriguez, Antonio z. rel Real (?), and José Maria de Jesus Gonzales. The document describes Gilte's conversion to Roman Catholicism from the Protestant faith of his parents.
Box 1, Folder 10

[San Buenaventura Mission Promissory Note, Inventory, and Account Book] circa 1839

Physical Description
Documents consist of two sheets.

Scope and Content
Promissory note, account book, and inventory dated circa 1839. Inventory covers animals, supplies, and property, including furnishings and a description of the principal building. Names mentioned in the document include José Antonio Aguirre, José Noriega, Juan B. Alvarado, Rafael Valdes, Carlos Antonio Carrillo, Narciso Duran, and Concepcion Arguello.

Box 1, Folder 11-12

[San Buenaventura Mission Inventory and Account Book] 1845

Physical Description
The document in Folder 11 consists of a folded sheet of four pages, with page 4 blank. The document in Folder 12 consists of a single sheet (two pages), with the second page blank except for the signatures and English-language note.

Scope and Content
Folder 11: Inventory dated July 15, 1845. Signatures on the document include those of Juan Manso and Andrés Pico. The document inventories the carpenter’s shop, the kitchen, furniture of the house, seeds and grain, and animals. Folder 1 of 2.
Folder 12: Inventory dated July 15, 1845. Final page of the real and personal property found at the mission. Signatures on the first page are those of Juan Manso and Andrés Pico; signatures on the second page are of Narciso Botello and Dolores Valdez. Also on the second page is an English-language note in pencil, undated, ostensibly describing the document. Folder 2 of 2.

Box 1, Folder 13

[San Buenaventura Mission Inventory] 1846

Language of Material: Spanish
Physical Description
Twelve pages, hand-sewn and numbered.

Scope and Content
Inventory dated March 24, 1846, detailing property in the main building and the main house, winery, barn, shoemaker’s shop, mill, kitchen, and more. On the last page are several lines of English-language notes [undated] describing the document, stating: “Inventory of the real and personal property turned over by Ramon Valdez, keeper, to the commissioners Narciso Botello and José Arnaz.” Signed by all three.

Box 1, Folder 14

[Santa Inés Mission (Solvang, Calif.) Inventory] 1846

Language of Material: Spanish
Physical Description
The document consists of twenty-two pages, with hand-sewn binding; some pages have separated from the binding and some are blank.

Scope and Content
Inventory of goods and furnishings, dated 1846. Inventory covers the main house, the shoemaker’s and metalsmithing shops, the gardens, croplands, livestock, farm and field tools, household goods, and more. The document lists the names of circa eighty people. Signatures include those of Miguel Cordero, Joaquin Carrillo, Augustin Davila, and José Sinares [?]; José Maria Covarrubias is also mentioned. The last page of the document includes an undated, unattributed English-language description of the document.
Box 1, Folder 15  [Mission San Gabriel Arcangel (San Gabriel, Calif.) Inventory] 1846

Language of Material: Spanish
Physical Description
One folded sheet of four pages, with page 4 blank.
Scope and Content

Box 1, Folder 16  [Report on the Condition of Four Missions--Fragment] 1794

Language of Material: Spanish
Physical Description
Written on both sides of fragment.
Scope and Content
Fragmentary sheet of an inventory and report on four missions in 1794, including some comparison with 1792. Along with Mission San Juan Capistrano, names mentioned include missions in Sonora and Baja California: Mission Santo Domingo and Mission Santa Rosalia [de Mulegé]. A mission Altamira (?) is also mentioned. The report includes headcounts of people at these missions, including of each mission's cabinet and church council, and contains figures concerning numbers of Indians and Spaniards in 1792 and 1794. The document also details number of marriages, baptisms, and deaths of Indians and Spaniards, and discusses the education of Indians. Native American cultures mentioned include Coras, Yumas, and Apaches.

Box 1, Folder 17  [General Accounting of the Missions] 1800

Language of Material: Spanish
Physical Description
One sheet, blank on page 2.
Scope and Content
A general accounting of missions' debits and credits, dated 1800 and signed by Fray Thomas de la Peña. Missions named include La Purisima Concepcion; Mission de San Antonio; Santa Cruz Mission; Mission San Gabriel Arcangel; Nuestra Señora de la Soledad; Mission San Carlos Borromeo; San Buenaventura Mission; San Juan Bautista; Mission San Miguel Arcangel; San Luis Rey Mission; San Fernando Mission; Mission de San Joseph; Santa Barbara Mission; San Diego Mission; Santa Clara Mission; San Francisco de Asis Mission; Mission San Juan Capistrano; and Mission San Luis Obispo.

Box 1, Folder 18  [Promissory Notes (Two Items)] 1825, 1832

Language of Material: Spanish
Physical Description
Each documents consists of one sheet, blank on verso.
Scope and Content
Folder contains two promissory notes. Promissory note of September 26, 1825, details funds promised by the Casas Nacionales de la Ciudad de Chihuahua to the Colegio Apostolico de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de Zacatecas; this document contains several signatures, including those of José Antonio de Anzar and José Rafael de Torres. Promissory note of 1832 also contains several signatures, including those of Juan Antonio Aragon and José Sandobal.
Box 1, Folder 19  [Promissory Note] 1833
Language of Material: Spanish
Physical Description
One sheet, blank on verso.
Scope and Content
Promissory note dated July 24, 1833, Monterrey. Document begins with stamped text that includes the names Figueroa and José Rafael Gonzalez and is dated 1831. The document is signed by José Rafael Gonzalez.

Box 1, Folder 20  [Certificate of Baptism] circa 1840
Language of Material: Spanish
Physical Description
One sheet with writing on both sides.
Scope and Content
Certificate of Baptism, circa 1840. The document includes the Mexican seal, with its image of an eagle and a serpent. Names mentioned or appearing in signatures include Antonio Maria Orio [?]; José Maria Suarez del Real, and José Maria Aguilar, as well as the Colegio de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de Zacatecas.