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MF 498

Janos Presidio collection

Dates: 1728 – 1858

Bulk dates: 1810 – 1855

Filmed by the University of Texas at El Paso in 1969.

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HISTORICAL SKETCH:

Janos, a small town in northern Chihuahua State, was the site of a Spanish presidio, or military post, in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. It continued as a military site during the Mexican period and is best known for its role in trying to control Apache Indians in the region. These documents describe part of the history of Janos, the local government, and the church.

ARRANGEMENT:

Filmed in approximate chronological order, as found, and numbered as rolls 1-37.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The microfilm collection, with documents dating from 1728 to 1858, contains correspondence, printed circulars, some church records, and documents relating to the business of operating a military outpost.

PROVENANCE:

Rex Gerald, Director of the El Paso Centennial Museum at Texas Western College (now The University of Texas at El Paso) found 37,000 documents stored in the sacristy of the Janos, Chihuahua, church in 1961. These documents describe part of the history of Janos, the local government and the church. Archivist Leon Metz and Frank Scott of the UTEP Library, accompanied by Roger Flores of Comgraphix and two students, microfilmed the collection in 1969.

RESTRICTIONS:

None.

LITERARY RIGHTS:

Permission to publish material from the Janos Presidio Collection, MF498, must be obtained from the C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, the University of Texas at El Paso Library.

NOTES TO RESEARCHERS:

All documents are in Spanish or Latin. The documents, dating 1728 – 1858, were in poor condition when they were microfilmed in 1969, and the environment where the filming took place was not ideal. The collection is also known as *Historical archives, 1810-1856: manuscripts and documents of Janos* and is cataloged as OCLC # 37150036.

The container list here was generated from notes on boxes of microfilm for the Janos Presidio collection, MF498. Most is in W. H. Timmons' handwriting. Sometimes we could not decipher the words or names because of stamps, messy corrections, etc. Those names that are just guesses have (?) after them.

Another collection of documents relating to Janos and the presidio located there may be found in the Benson Latin American Collection, University of Texas at Austin, as *Records of the Presidio de San Felipe y Santiago de Janos* with a description at <http://lanic.utexas.edu/project/lucasalaman/mexicanarchives/Janos.html>

Other information may be found in:

Mexico and the Southwest: microfilm holdings of historical documents and rare books at the University of Texas at El Paso Library / compiled by Cesar Caballero, Susana Delgado and Bud Newman; with an introduction by W.H. Timmons. El Paso, Tex.: University of Texas at El Paso Libraries, Special Collections Dept., 1984.

Griffen, William, B. *Apaches at War and Peace: The Janos Presidio, 1750-1858*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico, 1988.

Container list:

| Roll # | MF | Date | Notes |
|--------|-----|-----------|--|
| 1 | 498 | 1810-1816 | Nemesio Salcedo Correspondence (1810-) |
| 2 | 498 | 1811-1816 | Nemesio Salcedo letters-1813 |
| 3 | 498 | 1816-1819 | Includes an inventory of the 40 legajos in the archive of the presidio of Janos dated 1816 |

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| | | | S--- Bonaven (?) correspondence, 1816 Also a marriage license signed by priest of Guadalupe church Paso del Norte 1816 |
| 4 | 498 | 1829-1830 | Correspondence of the presidio commander of Janos, Juan José Bustamante 1829-1830 |
| 5 | 498 | 1831-1833 | José Felix Trespalacios 1833 |
| 6 | 498 | 1832-36 | NA |
| 7 | 498 | 18 th Century (miscellaneous) | Document written from presidio of Janos Dec 1758 Army regulations 1736 The Marquez de Casafuerte 1728 Gueyes y Horcasitas 1749 |
| 8 | 498 | Mostly 2 nd half of 18th century | O'Connor correspondence Ecclesiastical records of Janos church – baptisms, marriages-- 18 th century 1778 letter to captains of Presidio of Nueva Viscaya 1779-80 Names of military personnel of the presidio of Janos 67 letters of Hugo O'Connor 1774-1777 Correspondence of Diego de Borica 1778- 1781 |
| 9 | 498 | 1782-1789 | Diego de Borica correspondence 1782-89 Ugarte y Loyola correspondence 1789-88 |
| 10 | 498 | 1790-97 | Correspondence of Pedro de Nava 1792-97 Correspondence Urgate y Loyola 1790 |
| 11 | 498 | 1810-1816 | Nemesio Salcedo correspondence 1810 |
| 12 | 498 | 1815-1820 | Mostly 1815 1820 Document written from Tucson |

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| 13 | 498 | 1820-1822 | "Gringos destroy Janos church archive" Correspondence of Alejo (?) Garcia Conde 1820-1821 |
| 14 | 498 | 1823, 1797-1801 | 1823 documents correspondence of Pedro de Nava |
| 15 | 498 | 1802-1809 | Correspondence of Nemesio Salcedo 1803-09 |
| 16 | 498 | 1809, 1820, 1824 | Mexican government documents for 1823-24 Nemesio Salcedo correspondence 1809 Also 1805 esp. presidial accounts |
| 17 | 498 | 1824-1827 | Copy of Constitution of 1824 |
| 18 | 498 | 1827-1828; 1800-1807 | Correspondance Pedro de Nava 1800-02 Nemesio Salcedo 1803-1807 |
| 19 | 498 | 1810-1819 | Salcedo documents 1813 Some Bonavia letters 1817 |
| 20 | 498 | 1818-1834 | NA |
| 21 | 498 | 1828-1829 | Printed Santa Anna proclamation from Perote Sept 11, 1828 |
| 22 | 498 | 1829 | Printed proclamation signed by Juez Cortázer against Santa Anna—Sept. 17, 1828 Printed proclamation written by deputy of New Mexico 1829 Vicente Guerrero Proclamation Aug 2, 1829 Numerous printed proclamation signed by Guerrero and Zavala |
| 23 | 498 | 1829-1812-1830 | Numerous printed proclamations of 1830 Some by A. Bustamante and Lucas Alemán |
| 24 | 498 | 1831, 1832, 1836 | Alcance No 54 – April 9, 1836 Chihuahua documents concerning Santa Anna's victories in Texas (See also Periódico Oficial de Chihuahua Reel 1) |
| 25 | 498 | 1832-1834 | Trespalacios--Comandante General de Chihuahua Trespalacios Correspondence 1833 Guias--Estevan Curcier (?) |
| 26 | 498 | 1834-1836 | Trespalacios correspondence 1834 |
| 27 | 498 | 1836-1838 | Circular dated Mexico City May 19, 1836 Tells of Santa Anna's capture. Numerous issues of El Noticioso of 1836, many of |

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| | | | which deal with events in Texas |
| 28 | 498 | 1835-1840 | NA |
| 29 | 498 | 1840-1842 | NA |
| 30 | 498 | 1842-1844 | NA |
| 31 | 498 | 1844-1846 | NA |
| 32 | 498 | 1846-1849 | Letter of Angel Trias, Nov 8, 1848. Plan to establish frontier colonias July 20, 1848 |
| 33 | 498 | 1849-1852 | Angel Trias correspondence 1851 |
| 34 | 498 | 1851-54 | Angel Trias letters |
| 35 | 498 | 1854 | NA |
| 36 | 498 | 1854-1856 | Angel Trias correspondence 1855 |
| 37 | 498 | 1856-1858 | Includes various newspapers of the 1850's |