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Biographical Sketch

General Marcelo Caraveo Frías was born on 11 March 1886 in San Isidro, Municipality of Guerrero, Chihuahua, Mexico. He fought in the Mexican Revolution starting in 1910 and rose to the rank of “General de División.” From 1928 to 1929, Caraveo served as Governor of the Mexican state of Chihuahua, but after his involvement in an ill-fated military revolt, he left his position and moved to the United States where he was involved in business in El Paso, Texas. His army rank was restored in 1948 and he retired from the Mexican army in 1951. Caraveo later briefly served as the head of the Cd, Juarez Customs Office. He died on 15 March 1955 at the Hotel Dieu hospital in El Paso, Texas.

The Mexican Revolution “is often characterized as the most important sociopolitical event in Mexico and one of the greatest upheavals of the 20th century.” General Caraveo witnessed not only the Revolution, but also the armed outbreaks, military actions, and disorders that occurred in Mexico during the chaotic decade that followed the establishment of the Constitution of 1917.

Sources:

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Series Description or Arrangement

Consists of one bound photocopied typescript of 263 leaves.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of a bound photocopy of a Spanish-language typescript of General Caraveo’s memoirs, as prepared in 1931 by journalist Rodolfo Uranga, editor for Lozano Newspapers. The heading for the manuscript as transcribed on the first page is *Memorias del General Marcelo Caraveo : Caraveo relata sus memorias desde la revolucion de Madero hasta la de Escobar. El mas antiguo de los generales revolucionarios, ahora expatriado, cuenta a la prensa como se inicio el movimiento armado contra el regimen de general Diaz y relata los primeros combates con tropas federales... / Tomadas por el Sr. Rodolfo Uranga.*

The manuscript is an account of General Caraveo’s participation in politics and military

actions during the Mexican Revolution and the post-revolutionary era. It is based on a series of interviews done by a journalist, Rodolfo Uranga, at *El Continental*, the Spanish-language newspaper of El Paso. Throughout the narrative, Caraveo is referred to in the third person.

Provenance Statement

Donated as a bound typescript to the UTEP Library by the son of General Caraveo, also named Marcelo Caraveo, in December 1975. Compiled from a series published in *El Continental*.

Restrictions

Excerpts from this memoir have also been published in *Marcelo Caraveo: Crónica de la Revolución Mexicana* (México, 1992: Editorial Trillas) and may be protected by that publisher's copyright.

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Notes to the Researcher

This memoir is also available at the UTEP Library on microfilm as item MF511, and a bound copy on onionskin paper is available in RARE-L at F1234 C373 M446. No English-language translation of this memoir is available with the collection. The typescript is well edited, but contains occasional typographical and proofreading errors. Researchers should also be aware that the memoir contains few or no specific dates for events that are mentioned.

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