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Collection Summary

Collection Title: José Dario Argüello Documents,

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Creator: Argüello, José Dario, ca. 1753-1828

Extent: Number of containers: 6 items and 1 oversize folder

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Abstract: The documents, primarily from the T.W. Norris and the Cowan Collections, include 1792 census record for Monterey, San Jose and some of the missions; copy of a report, 1797, re Indians of the Colorado River area; an order, 1801, re boundaries between the pueblo of San Jose and Santa Clara Mission; a certificate of service issued to a cadet, 1804; and census data and reports on missions, 1812 and 1815.

Languages Represented: Collection materials are in Spanish; Castilian

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Acquisition Information

The José Dario Argüello Documents are primarily from the T. W. Norris and the Cowan collections.

Brief Biographical Sketch

Argüello served as comandante at the presidios at San Francisco, Monterey and Santa Barbara, and as acting governor of California, 1814-1815.

item 1 **Estado que manifiesta el numero de vasallos que tiene el Rey en esta Jurisdic[ci]ón..., Dec. 31, 1792.**

Physical Description: 1 p. D.S.

Additional Note

Contains census information for Monterey, the missions of San Carlos, San Antonio, San Luis, Soledad, and for the pueblo of San José. From the Cowan Collection.

item 2 **Informe q[u]e el Then[ien]te Dn. José Argüello presenta al Sor. Governador Dn. Diego de Borica en virtud de su superior Or[de]n del numero de naciones de Yndios gentiles q[u]e sitan las marjenes del Río Colorado desde el desemboque al mar del Golfo Californico hasta el terreno de que tiene conocim[ien]to al que subscribe segun el que adquirio en el t[iem]po q[u]e se mantubo destacado en aquel pais con las demas circunstancias q[u]e observo en aquellos naturales. 1797.**

Physical Description: 7 p. Ms. 30 cm.

Additional Note

Copy of a report, Feb. 28, 1797, to the governor of California concerning the Indians of the Colorado River area. Based on his travels with Frs. Juan Diaz and Francisco Garces in 1779, to establish the ill-fated missions of La Purísima Concepción and San Pedro y San Pablo. Certified as a true copy of the one at the Presidio, Loreto, by José Joaquín de Arrillaga. Oct. 6, 1797. From the Cowan Collection.

item 3 **[Order, as comandante of the presidio of San Francisco] July 24, 1801.**

Physical Description: 1 l. D. 30 cm.

Additional Note

Concerning the marking of boundaries of land designated for the church, between the pueblo of San José and Mission of Santa Clara.

item 4 **[Certificate of service issued to Cadet José Manuel Echavarría], Dec. 1804.**

Physical Description: 1 l. D.S. 30 cm.

Additional Note

Printed form filled in and signed.

item 5 **[Noticias de los misiones que ocupan los Religiosos del Colegio de San Fernando de Mexico], Dec. 31, 1812.**

Physical Description: 2 p. D.S. 30 cm.

Additional Note

Includes data concerning the Presidio of Santa Barbara, pueblo of Los Angeles, and Missions of Buenaventura, Purísima, Santa Barbara, San Fernando, and Santa Ines. Two copies, one from the Cowan Collection.

item 6 **Noticia de las misiones... [y] Resumen..., May 1815.**

Physical Description: 3 p. D.S. (phot.) Positive prints of documents in private possession.

Additional Note

Report of the Franciscan missionaries in California, 1813-1814, and the state of the missions, submitted as acting governor of California. With photocopy of explanatory letter from Father Maynard Geiger to Warren Howell, Apr. 1963. See also Resumen... in oversize portfolio.

oversize Oversize Folder **Resumen gral. g. manifiesta el estado en q. se hallan los nuevos Establecimientos de esta Provincia... May 1815 in Santa Barbara.**