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Abstract: Letters and documents obtained by H.H. Bancroft for his History of California, relating mainly to Bonilla's career as justice and alcalde of San Luis Obispo, and to lands in southern California, particularly those of the Mission San Miguel. A few papers of Manuel Larios also included.

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Draft containing notes re Manuel Larios, anonymous, undated, Doc. 27, removed to BANC MSS C-D 113.

Scope and Content

The greater part of Jose Mariano Bonilla's papers were lost in a storm. The few preserved here were presented to The Bancroft Library in 1878 by his widow, Doña Dolores García Bonilla. Also included are a few papers of Manuel Larios.

A chronological calendar and an index are appended.

Biographical Sketch

Bonilla, born in Mexico City in 1807, came to California in 1834 with the Hajar and Padres colony. He held various responsible public offices in San Luis Obispo — alcalde, judge, and district attorney. He died in 1878.

Indulgence for María Antonia Pacheco (later Mrs. Manuel Larios). Printed. 1802. Doc. 36

Indulgences granted María Antonia Pacheco. Printed, filled in. 1815. Doc. 43

Iturbide, Agustín de, Emperor of Mexico, 1783-1824

Acta de la declaracion de independencia de Mejico proclamada por la junta gubernatorial ... Sept. 21, 1821. Also signed by many others. Copy, in writing of Bonilla. Doc. 2-5

[Larios, Manuel, 1798-1865]

Draft of letter to the Comandante General de Artillería, listing his experiences since 1815, and requesting to be relieved and assisted since a wound received in 1819 renders one leg useless. Jan. 18, 1831. Doc. 32-33

Alvarado, Juan Bautista, 1809-1882

Passport, signed as governor of Alta California, Feb. 1, 1840, for Juan Higuera to go to the Sandwich Islands. Also signed by Manuel Jimeno. Doc. 44

Bonilla, José Mariano, 1807-1878

Document, written as Juez, San Luis Obispo, Dec. 1, 1842, granting to Odon, an Indian, a house and small garden. Doc. 10-11

Draft of statement made before Juan Antonio Vallejo for power of attorney from José María Castañares to Francisco Castañares. Unsigned, Dec. 7, 1843. Written by Bonilla? Doc. 14-15

Jimeno Casarín, José Joaquín, 1804-1856

Certificate, Jan. 22, 1844, stating that José María Aguilé had worked for the Mission of Santa Inés in 1841, and went to San Luis Obispo where he died, even though no record was made in the Book of Burials. Doc. 16

Pico, José de Jesus, 1807-

Statement, Apr. 27, 1846, re sale of land from José María Varcucuela to Tomás Herrera and Miguel Marque. Copy. Doc. 18-19

Frémont, John Charles, 1813-1890

Proclamation, Dec. 16, 1846, appointing Bonilla Justice of the Peace or Alcalde for San Luis Obispo. Doc. 20

Smith, William Taylor

Pass for Manuel Larios, Jan. 19, 1847. Printed form, filled in. Doc. 45

Halleck, Henry Wager, 1816-1872

Letter to Bonilla, Sept. 15, 1847, concerning title to the lands of Mission San Miguel. Translation into Spanish by Hartnell. Doc. 24-25

Mason, Robert Barnes, 1797-1850

Letter, Nov. 30, 1847, to Bonilla, re lands of Mission San Miguel. Translation into Spanish. Doc. 26

Mason, Robert Barnes, 1797-1850

Proclamation, Dec. 27, 1847, forbidding entrance into California of inhabitants of Sonora, unless on official business. Doc. 28

Hernandad de Jerusalem

- Indulgences for Manuel Larios, June 27, 1850. Printed form filled in. Doc. 38**
Carrillo, Pedro C.
Letter to Bonilla, Aug. 19, 1869, re question of title to lands granted by Micheltoarena. Doc. 30
- Coronel, Ignacio F[rancisco], 1817-1893**
Letter to Manuel Larios, Dec. 6, 1859. Doc. 29
- Larios, Estalano Felipe, 1855-1941**
Letter to H. H. Bancroft, sending documents of his father, Sept. 21, 1877. Doc. 39-42.
- Savage, Thomas 1823-**
Note about loss of the bulk of the J. M. Bonilla documents in a storm. ca. 1878. Doc. 1
- [Bonilla, José Mariano]**
Undated, incomplete draft of article. Doc. 6-9
- [Bonilla, José Mariano?]**
Draft of letter, undated Doc. 12
- Viader, José, 1765-**
Certificate of baptism of Manuel Salvador Larios. Also attested to by Fr. Buenaventura Fortuni. undated Doc. 34
- Higuera, Juan José**
Copy of poem. undated Doc. 31
- Perpetual calendar. Doc. 35**
- Alvarado, Juan Bautista, 1809-1882**
Passport, Feb. 1, 1840. Doc. 44
- Bonilla, José Mariano, 1807-1878**
Document, Dec. 1, 1842. Doc. 10-11
Undated incomplete draft of article. Doc. 6-9
Undated draft of letter. Doc. 12
- Carillo, Pedro C.**
Letter, Aug. 19, 1869. Doc. 30
- Coronel, Ignacio**
Letter to Manuel Larios, Dec. 6, 1859. Doc. 29
- Fortuni, Buenaventura, d. 1840**
Co-author of certificate testifying to the baptism of M. S. Larios, undated Doc. 34
- Frémont, John Charles, 1813-1890**
Proclamation, Dec. 16, 1846. Doc. 20
- Halleck, Henry Wager, 1816-1872**
Letter to Bonilla, translated into Spanish. Doc. 24-25
- Hartnell, William Edward Petty, 1798-1854**
Translator of Halleck letter. Doc. 24-25
- Higuera, Juan José**
Copy of poem, undated Doc. 31
- Iturbide, Agustín, Emperor of Mexico, 1783-1824**
Acta de declaración de independencia, Sept. 21, 1821. Copy. Doc. 2-5
- Jimeno Casarín, José Joaquín, 1804-1856**
Death certificate for José María Aguile, Jan. 22, 1844. Doc. 16
- Jimeno Casarín, Manuel, d. 1853**
Cosigner of passport for Juan Higuera, Feb. 1, 1840. Doc. 44
- Larios, Estalano Felipe, 1855-1941**
Letter to H. H. Bancroft, Sept. 21, 1877. Doc. 39-42
- Larios, Manuel, 1798-1865**
Draft of letter, Jan. 18, 1831. Doc. 32-33
See also notes re Larios. Doc. 27
- Mason, Richard Barnes, 1797-1850**
Letter, Nov. 30, 1847. Doc. 26
Proclamation, Dec. 27, 1847. Doc. 28
- Pico, José de Jesús, 1807-**

Statement, Apr. 27, 1846. Doc. 18-19
Savage, Thomas, 1823-
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