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## SUMMARY

<b>Size.</b>	5 linear feet
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Puerto Rico.
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1550-1940.
<b>Bulk dates.</b>	1760-1900.
<b>Language.</b>	Spanish, English.
<b>Summary.</b>	Court transcripts, personal and business correspondence, poetry and plays, newspapers, legal documents, inventories, mining reports, military records, and recipes of the colonial and national periods of Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, and Mexico.
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**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Hispanic American collection contains a wide variety of records ranging from the colonial period through the revolutionary and national periods of Latin America. Geographically, the collection is narrower than its chronological span, covering only the activities of New Spain and New Granada, later to become Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, and Mexico. Most records are economic and legal in nature, and the bulk of the collection covers the history of colonial and national Mexico. The Mexican series is divided into subseries facilitating access to this part of the collection. The dates for the Mexican series range from 1582 to 1940 and contain information regarding colonial race relations and economic activities, military records of the revolution period, and constitutional and legal records of the state of Puebla, 1825-1895. A final element to the Mexican series is the Frans Bloom correspondence (1928-1940). Frans Bloom was the director of the Middle American Research Institute at Tulane University during the 1930s.

Another strength of the collection is the literary records from Guatemala and Mexico. Poetry and plays from Guatemala and Mexico, 1830-1900, include Guatemalan poets Ricardo Carrasquilla, Eduardo Bustillo, and Jose Joaquin Palma and Mexican playwrights T. A. Herrera, Palamena, and P. Maranon. All of the literary records are in manuscript form and represent a variety of themes

**LIST OF SERIES AND SUBSERIES**

**Series I. Colombia, 1830-1831.**

**Series II. Ecuador, 1729-1892; 1868-1921.**

**Series III. Guatemala, 1821-1930.**

Subseries 1. Correspondence, 1812-1821.

Subseries 2. Literature, 1872-1895, 1931.

Subseries 3. Legal documents, 1850-1870

**Series IV. Mexico, 1582-1940.**

Subseries 1. Colonial Race Relations, 1582-1769.

Subseries 2. Colonial economic activities, 1605- 1809.

Subseries 3. Revolutionary period, military, 1810-1824.

Subseries 4. National period, records of the state of Puebla, 1818-1901,  
1933.

Subseries 5. National period, Frans Bloom Correspondence (1928-  
1940).

**Series V. Puerto Rico, 1823.**

**Series VI. Latin American Literature, 1830 -1900.**

**SERIES AND SUBSERIES DESCRIPTIONS****Series I. Colombia, 1830-1831.**

Two documents regard a personal debt of three reales owed to Isidora Romero by Jose Gomes.

**Series II. Ecuador, 1729-1892, 1868-1921.**

Court transcripts and legal papers pertain to debts, property disputes, thefts, and other legal matters.

**Series III. Guatemala, 1812-1931.****Subseries 1. Correspondence, 1812-1821.**

Personal and business correspondence of Francisco Planas, Guatemalan merchant, deal with shipment of goods to Leon, Sonsonate, and Antigua from Guatemala City between 1812 and 1821. Letters also discuss the shipment of cacao, the Comision del Cacao de Guayacil, rebel activities and social and economic conditions of the Captaincy General of Guatemala.

**Subseries 2. Literature, 1872-1895, 1931.**

Poetry, newspapers, and one manuscript volume, A History of the Revolution of Guatemala, by Federico Larrainzar, 1872, are included in this subseries. Poets include Elena Valmu, Jose Joaquin Palma (1844-1911), Ricardo Carasquilla (1827-1886), Manuel Maria Giron, Manuel Llordon, Manuel Valle G., Manuel Dardon, Eduardo Bustillo (1836-1908), Mariano Carreras y Gongales, F. L. Cheron, Arturo Cuyas (1845-1925), Martin Cesar Fincaz. Newspapers found in this subseries are La Semana in Broma and La Parajoja. The newspapers contain some articles and many cartoons. The cartoons satirize twentieth century Latin American and United States politics.

**Note: See appendix A for list of Guatemalan and Mexican writers.**

**Subseries 3. Legal Documents, 1850-1870.**

Contained in this subseries is an untitled manuscript volume detailing the duties and responsibilities of the Juicios Ordinarios and Juicios Criminales and some discussion of legal precedents from the colonial period. Other legal documents in this subseries are four manuscripts prepared by surveyor Jose Maria Ramirez for the Department of San Salvador. Most of the land titles pertain to the towns of Chacalapam, Ahuechapam, and Santa Ana, all located near Sonsonate, Guatemala.

**Series IV. Mexico, 1582-1940.****Subseries 1. Colonial Race Relations, 1582-1769.**

Lawsuits and court proceedings regard freedmen and slaves and proceedings of purity of blood (limpieza de sangre) trial of Joseph Carreto's family to prove they were untainted by Moorish, mulatto, Jewish, or Indian blood. Documents relating to freedmen and slaves deal with possession of weapons, slave ownership and recovery of run-away slaves.

**Subseries 2. Colonial Economic Activities, 1605-1809.**

This subseries consists of hundreds of items including inventories and expense lists of churches, hospitals, and private property, wills, trust funds, and accounting papers of the Intendancy of Puebla. Records document assaults, accusations, and other activities dealing

with insurgents and the army in the Intendancy of Puebla. Mining reports for the Guanajuato silver mine, some in English, are also found in this subseries. Inventory and expense list of the church at Los Angeles, Mexico, 1663 to 1694 and a report of possessions and list of expenses of Bernardo de la Vega as well as other items document colonial economic history.

**Subseries 3. Revolutionary Period, 1810-1824.**

Records document assaults, accusations, and other activities dealing with insurgents and the army in the Intendancy of Puebla. Information on the assault of Saint Francis of Iztacamaztitlan by 100 armed men with shotguns and other weapons and the assault upon one Jose Cervantes by five insurgents provide insights into the Mexican revolution. Other kinds of records include petitions and accusations regarding supposed insurgents and others connected to the revolutionary movement. Other nonmilitary records include miscellaneous information regarding disputes over the reading skills of a school teacher, edicts about the closing of the alguacil of Huejocingo written and signed by Viceroy Bernardo de Galvez, 1786. There are also some papers relating to sale of offices, 1792-1794, and the trials of accused adulterers, soldiers, and the tobacco monopoly of Puebla.

**Note:** Some documents are bound together into volumes.

**Subseries 4. National Period, State of Puebla Decrees, 1818-1901, 1933.**

The bulk of this subseries consists of personal and business correspondence of Jose Maria Correto with associates and members of his family, especially his son who was a student in Mexico City from 1835 to 1837. The letters reveal many insights into the social conditions of the capital city. Correspondence with associates are from Toluca, Atlixo, and Coyoacan. Also in this subseries are many decrees of the state of Puebla ranging from 1869 to 1895. In addition, there are several recipes in Spanish (undated). This series contains a potpourri of items from recipes describing methods of soap making to recipes for soups, pastries, breads, and mole among other things. Also included in the recipe books are instructions for making watercolors. Other miscellaneous items include a travel account of Mexico and Cuba, 1831 to 1832, written for the *London Chronicle*, one page of undated sheet music, and a death notice for Juana Romero de Gonzáles (1933).

**Note:** Some documents are bound together into volumes.

**Subseries 5. Frans Bloom Correspondence, 1928-1940;**

Frans Bloom was the director of the Middle American Research Institute at Tulane University. While in Mexico, Bloom corresponded with other noted archaeologists and anthropologists regarding archaeological finds. Letters from Bloom and other scholars are found in this subseries.

**Series V. Puerto Rico, 1823.**

One page communication in Spanish to the U. S. Commander of an Anglo-American squadron from Miguel de la Torre the Captain General of Puerto Rico, March 1823.

**Series VI. Latin American Literature, 1830 -1900.**

One manuscript volume of poetry and eight plays, five of which are by Mexican playwrights. The authorship of the three remaining plays is unknown.

**Note:** See appendix A for list of Guatemalan and Mexican writers.

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				<b>Series III. Guatemala, 1812-1931.</b>
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				<b>Subseries 2. Literature, 1872-1895, 1931.</b>
	C:19	3	10a-12f	Poetry, newspapers, and one manuscript volume of various Guatemalan poets including Ricardo Carasquilla, Eduardo Bustillo, and Jose Joaquin Palma.
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<b>C:22</b>	10	65	<b>Series V. Puerto Rico, 1823.</b> One page communication in Spanish to the U. S. commander of Anglo-American squadron from Captain General of Puerto Rico, March 1823.
<b>C:23</b>	11	66-76	<b>Series VI. Latin American Literature, 1830-1900.</b> One manuscript volume of poetry and eight plays, five of which are by Mexican playwrights. The authorship of the three remaining plays is unknown.

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