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**AGUIAR (DON JESUS JOSE) COLLECTION****MS 916****November 1996****Description**

This collection consists of four boxes containing forty three folders. Each folder is inventoried on the attached sheets. The collection consists mostly of decrees from the State Governments of Occidente, Sinaloa and Sonora. There are some files of letters and memos concerning other government business and all are covered under the dates 1825-1878. The documents were collected by Don Jesus Jose Aguiar, a treasury official in Cosalá. For a detailed description, see The Aguiar Collection in the Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society by Paul and Greta Ezell, San Diego State College Press, 1964.

4 boxes, 2 linear feet.

**Related Material**

This collection is related to the collections of MS 918 (Early Northwest Mexico Printing Collection) and MS 917 (Sonora and Sinaloa Imprints). The collections were processed together in 1980, though the processor maintained the integrity of each collection so MS 916 contains series A-K, MS 917 contains series L-Q and MS 918 contains series R.

**Language**

All in Spanish.

**Acquisition**

The collection was purchased by W. J. Holliday and donated to the Society in 1954.

**Access**

There are no restrictions on access. Documents are digitized on CD, see Box 2, Folder 44 for access.

**Copyright**

Requests for permission to publish materials from this collection should be addressed to the Library/Archives Department, Arizona Historical Society.

**Processing**

The collection was originally processed by the Ezells in 1964 and then reprocessed and microfilmed in 1980. It is not known who processed the collection in 1980. This finding aid was completed by Riva Dean, Library/Archives Co-Manager.

### **Historical Note**

After Mexico achieved independence from Spain in 1821, the nation faced the task of creating not only a national government, but also the divisions of individual states. Of these new states, Occidente was created to include those provinces of New Spain which had been known as Sinaloa and Sonora. This combination was made for administrative purposes, but internal conflicts, as well as problems of poor communication and a vast and difficult geography drove the two states apart. The isolation of Sonora from the seat of government was too great and after initial opposition, the legislature of Occidente granted separate status to the two states. There was a gradual process of dissolution where Sinaloa had to create another new government. These documents demonstrate the mechanics of setting up the government; there are decrees dealing with the judicial system, the treasury, militia, etc.

### **Scope and Content Note**

MS 916 contains series A - K and miscellaneous folders #42 & 43. The arrangement is chronological though there is overlap between MS 916 and MS 917 (documents donated by Holliday to the University of Arizona and then transferred to AHS in 1966). The series are arranged as follows:

Series A : Decrees of the Congress of the State of Occidente, Decrees 30-42 (incomplete) 1825 (9 items).

Series B: Decrees of the Congress of the State of Occidente, Decrees 1-50 (incomplete), 1826-June 1828 (47 items).

Series C: Decrees of the Congress of the State of Occidente, Decrees 61-110 (incomplete), July 1828-May 1829 (70 items).

Series D: Decrees of the Congress of the State of Occidente, Decrees 111-172 (incomplete), April 1829-December 1830 (60 items).

Series E: Decrees of the Congress of the State of Occidente, Decrees 179-181, January 1831 (4 items).

Series F: Provisional Government of the State of Sinaloa, 1831 (39 items).

Series G: Decrees of the Congress of the State of Occidente, Sonora and Sinaloa, November 1831-April 1832 (32 items).

Series H: Decrees of the State of Sinaloa, Decrees 1-40 (incomplete), June 1832-March 1833 (40 items).

Series I: Decrees of Legislative Assembly of the State of Sinaloa, Decrees 1-32 (incomplete), June 1833-February 1834 (39 items).

Series J: Decrees of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Assembly of the State of Sinaloa, Decrees 1-50 (incomplete), July-December 1834 (48 items).

Series K: Decrees of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Sinaloa, Decrees 51-99 (incomplete), December 1834-October 1835 (40 items).

Folder #42 : Miscellaneous documents (not decrees) including regulations and letters (10 items).

Folder #43 : Miscellaneous documents, mostly letters and statements (13 items).

Folder #44 : Mistakes in decrees – typescript copies

Folder #45 : Digitized copies on CD of Aguiar documents