DESCRIPTION
The collection consists of Alianza Hispano- Americana documents relating to their organization. Official acts from AHA meetings, financial documents, printed material: posters, ritual books, pamphlets, newsletters, flyers, and programs. A secretary’s manual, and also an oversized material section composed of financial ledger books and a poster are available. The collection’s time span covers the beginning of the fraternal organization in 1894 to 1962. The majority of the documents in this assortment are in Spanish only with some translations into English in a few papers.

Four Boxes, One wrapped paper package, One oversized bound ledger book. 4.0 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE
The Alianza Hispano - Americana was a fraternal organization founded with the Fundadora lodge in Tucson AZ, on January 14, 1894. Similar to other fraternal societies, it was created around life insurance. The AHA’s motto translates into English as Protection – Morality – Instruction. The organization developed into a network of more than 200 lodges, spread throughout Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas. Through the course of the existence of the AHA the motive for its progression was to improve the economic and social status of Spanish Americans, Mexican Americans and Hispanics living in the U.S. With a peak of membership of 15,000 in 1930’s, membership decreased following a scandal after WWII, eventually bringing the AHA to an end.

ACQUISITION
Donated by Alianza Hispano – Americana and Aida Gonzalez.

ACCESS
There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING
The collection was processed by Ricardo Quiroz under the supervision of Riva Dean in September 1998.

LANGUAGE NOTE
The bulk of the collection is typewritten in Spanish
F.1  Sesion del Consejo Ejecutivo Supremo. January (Enero) 14 -16, 1946
    Acta Oficial- XVIII Convencion Suprema Aug. 16 – 21, 1948
    (English translation of proceeding document)

F.2  Acta de Sesión Extraordinaria del consejo Ejecutivo Supremo. June (Junio)  
     29 – 30, 1950 (2 copies)
    Acta oficial – Covencion Extraordinaria Suprema. Sept. 20 – 22, 1950
    Acta de la Sesión Ordinaria del Consejo Ejecutivo Supremo Feb. 23, 1951
    Acta de la Sesión Ordinaria del Consejo Ejecutivo Supremo March (Marzo)  
     17 – 19, 1952
    Acta Oficial Sesión Extraordinaria Sept. 10, 1952

F.3  Acta Oficial de la Sesión Ordinaria del Consejo Ejecutivo Supremo May  
     (Mayo) 13 –14, 1957
    Acta Oficial de la Sesión Ordinaria del Consejo Ejecutivo Supremo May  
     (Mayo) 26 –27, 1958
    Acta Oficial de la Sesión Ordinaria del Consejo Ejecutivo Supremo March  
     (Marzo) 25 – 26, 1961
    Acta Oficiales:
        Sesión Extraordinaria del Consejo Ejecutivo Supremo. Sept. 16,  
        1961
        Convención Extraordinaria Sept. 17, 1961

Series 2: Financial Documents

    (7 ledger books: possibly records of dues paid)

F.4 -7  vol. 1-4 1930 - 1936
       *vol. 5: Oct, 1937 to Sept, 1938
       *vol. 6: Jan to Dec, 1941
       *vol. 7: Aug, 1938 to Dec, 1949

Series 2 continued

*Volumes 5 – 7 are oversized material and are listed and found under Series

5: Oversized Material

Box 2

F.8 –12 Cashier Receipts Dated 1950 - 1951

Box 3

F.13  Cashier Receipts Dated 1951 Oct 31 – Dec 28
F.14 Financial Lists for Savings and Insurance. Not Dated
*Bound Cashier Receipts Dated 1953, found and listed under Series 5: Oversized Material

Series 3: Printed Material

F.15 Rule Books: (1894, 1913, 1930, 1948 – 50)
F.16 Statistics: Fraternal Societies - 6 Books (1932, 1933, 1937, 1939, 1940 and 1943)
F.17 Newspaper: Alianza Hispano – Americana 1921
F.18 Cronicas by Serrano, Tomas Cabo. 1929
F.19 AHA Ritual book. 1928
   Ritual para las Logias Surcursales. 1934
   Ritual para las Legiones Juveniles. 1935
F.20 Fraternal Pamphlets: Salud y Cuidado del Niño(1942),  Guide to a Better Life(No Date), Toward the Education of a People(No Date)
F.21 Magazine: The Fraternal Monitor. 1947
F.22 Suplemento de Iniciacion. Ritual de AHA. April 1, 1950
F.23 Program of AHA’s Queen Coronation. Nov 17-18, 1951
   Flyer for: Instalacion de la Logia #68 Sept 28, 1952
F.24 History of AHA. Dec 31, 1953
   Financial Security Plan Newsletter (No Date)
   Magazine Cover (No Date)

Box 4

Series 4: Miscellaneous Material

F.25 Incorporate - Administrative Material
F.26 Membership List
F.27 Manual del Secretario (Secretary’s Manual) English/Spanish. Aug 1, 1948
F.28 Victory Poster. Oct 2, 1943 festival
F.29 Manila Envelope containing PHOTOCOPY of Report of Official Counselor. 1918-1921 presented to 10th convention of the Supreme Lodge Session held Jan 17-22, 1921
F.30 Blank AHA Forms
F.31 Benefit Certificates

2 AHA Meeting Record Binders
F.32-33A-1 Jan 5, 1936 -1947

Series 5: Oversized Material

3 Ledger books part of Series 2: Financial Documents
*vol. 5: Oct, 1937 to Sept, 1938
*vol. 6: Jan to Dec, 1941
*vol. 7: Aug, 1938 to Dec 1949

*1 logbook, possibly of AHA meetings. Dec 7,1913 – Feb 3, 1914
*Victory Poster
*These 5 items are wrapped in a paper package