DESCRIPTION
Chiefly consists of three items: One is a typescript of a manuscript by Figueroa about the history of the Yuma, Ariz. area from 1859 to 1893 which is dated 1917, along with correspondence between Figueroa and the Arizona Historical Society staff regarding publication of this manuscript in the Arizona Historical Review. There is also a four-page holograph decree of Charles III of Spain, dated 1780, asking donations from the Spanish Americas to help with the cost of Spain’s participation in the United States war for independence. The third item is a baptismal register from the pueblo of San Antonio de Oquitoa, dated 1778 to 1820.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE
Figueroa was born Nov. 9, 1856 at San Gabriel, California. His parents Gertrude Contreras Figueroa and D. Pablo Figueroa moved to the Colorado River area in 1862 and settled in Yuma in 1866. He was a Catholic Priest in Los Angeles, Calif.

ACQUISITION
Gift of Paul Figueroa.

ACCESS
The original Spanish decree is restricted, a photocopy is available for public use. The baptismal register is very fragile so patrons must use Microfilm #0632 in its place.

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PROCESSING
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