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FINDING AID**

TITLE: Samuel Lopez papers

DATE RANGE: 1930s-1950s

CALL NUMBER: MS 1477

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.5 linear ft (3 boxes)

PROVENANCE: Donated by Samuel R. Lopez in 1996.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Samuel Lopez, born in Tucson in 1909, where he went to school at Roskrue Elementary. In 1926 he was one of the original members of The Little Flower Club, and for the next several years served as a member of the club both in an official capacity, as librarian and later as president, as well as acting in the several plays put on by the club.

Lopez continued to be a member of the Little Flower Club until the club was disbanded in 1957. After this details of his life are not well known save the fact that he never married. More details on his biography can be found on *AV 0511 01*.

HISTORICAL NOTE: The Little Flower Club was a group set up in 1926 by Father Carmelo Corbella in Tucson, Arizona. This club was dedicated to Saint Therese of Liseux (Santa Teresita), sainted in 1925, and was primarily a social group for the young people in the church, whose mission was one primarily of entertainment, putting on three to four plays a year along with other activities such as baseball. The mission of the club was one of "Piety, entertainment, and culture."

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Contains three boxes of materials. The first box contains several play scripts, both published material from Spain and unpublished, original work. The second box contains several small Catholic prayer pamphlets, primarily in Spanish. Many of these little prayer books are devotionals to Saint Therese (Teresita). This continues into the third, which also contains several catechisms, also in

Spanish, in a published book form, as well as some papers with songs and poems, additional published material, and immigration documents belonging to individuals whose relationship to Lopez is unknown.

This collection is arranged in three series: Series I: Plays; Series II: Prayer Pamphlets and Books; and Series III: Ephemera. Boxes are arranged by published materials alphabetically, then unpublished materials, following the same format. See Container List below.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
1		Series I: Plays	undated
	1	Programs	undated
	2	Scripts (Spanish)	undated
	3	Scripts (Spanish)	undated
	4	Scripts (Spanish)	undated
	5	Scripts (Spanish)	undated
	6	Scripts (Spanish)	undated
	7	Original Scripts	undated
2		Series II	undated
	1	Catholic Prayer Cards	undated
	2	Catholic Prayer Pamphlets (Spanish)	undated
	3	Catholic Prayer Pamphlets (Spanish)	undated
	4	Catholic Prayer Pamphlets (Spanish)	undated
	5	Catholic Prayer Books	undated
	6	Catechisms (Spanish)	undated
		Series III	1930s, 1950s, undated
	7	Poems and songs	undated
3	1	Published materials (Spanish and English)	undated
	2	Immigration papers	1930s
	3	Inspirational clippings	1950s