Collection Summary

Title: Santa Clara de Tulillo Hacienda Records
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Bulk Dates: (bulk 1580-1750)
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Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
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Summary: Bound volumes of correspondence, royal decrees, deeds of gift, estate inventories, fiscal accounts, bills of sale, land grants, legal suits and countersuits, mortgage loans, rental agreements, wills and testaments, and other records kept by the Jesuit owners of the hacienda. Subjects include the acquisition and sale of land, ownership disputes, property boundaries, water rights, rental of property, agricultural production, livestock and livestock brands, the role of women in the operation of the estate, and relations with the Indians of Mexico. Later records relate to the acquisition of the hacienda by others.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Arteta y Verganza, Francisco de.
Bustamante, Domingo de.
Cárdenas, Gerónimo Gil de.
Cárdenas, Leonor de.
Espinosa Monzón, Diego de.
Peña, Andrés de.
Pérez Gallegos, Baltasar.
Rea, Juan de la.
Rebolledo, Gregorio González de.
Roca, Fausto Francisco de la.
Sámano y Sesati, Leonor de.
Sánchez Paniagua, Juan.
Villaseñor, Juan de.

Organizations
Catholic Church--Mexico.
Colegio de Valladolid (Mexico)
Jesuits--Mexico.

Subjects
Agriculture--Mexico.
Haciendas--Mexico.
Indians of Mexico.
Inheritance and succession--Mexico.
Land tenure--Mexico.
Law--Mexico.
Livestock brands--Mexico.
Livestock--Mexico.
Loans--Mexico.
Mortgages--Mexico.
Real property--Mexico.
Rent--Mexico.
Right of property--Mexico.
Water rights--Mexico.
Women--Mexico.

Places
Mexico--History--Spanish colony, 1540-1810.
Michoacán de Ocampo (Mexico)--History.
San José de Queréndaro Hacienda (Mexico)
Santa Clara de Tulillo Hacienda (Mexico)

Provenance
The records of the Santa Clara de Tulillo Hacienda were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1997.

Processing History
The records of the Santa Clara de Tulillo Hacienda were processed in 1998. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Related Material
These records are intricately linked to the San José de Queréndaro Hacienda records also housed in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress.

Copyright Status
It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of domestic copyright laws and international treaties and conventions.

Access and Restrictions
The records of the Hacienda de Santa Clara de Tulillo are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation
Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Santa Clara de Tulillo Hacienda Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note
The records of the Santa Clara de Tulillo Hacienda consist of two bound volumes of material relating most broadly to Mexico and specifically to the areas surrounding La Laguna de Cuitzeo, Michoacan, 1580-circa 1800. Written in Spanish, the bulk of the documents spans the years 1580-1750. Each volume is separated into cuadernos, subdivisions based on subject content. They are intricately linked to the records of the San José de Queréndaro Hacienda also housed in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress.
Documents in the volumes served as supporting evidence in multiple disputes between various owners of portions of the lands contained in the Hacienda de Santa Clara as well as with the Hacienda de San José de Queréndaro, operated by the Jesuits of the Colegio de Valladolid, and the pueblos of Zinápécuaro and Queréndaro. The items include various Real Provisiones (royal decrees), Audiencia rulings, mercedes (land grants), acts of land possession, various suits and countersuits, correspondence, estate inventories, last wills and testaments, bills of sale, rental agreements, donation of lands to religious corporations, mortgage and loan records, and fiscal accounts. Subjects include the acquisition and sale of land, ownership disputes, water rights, property boundaries, rental property, relations with indigenous villages, legal procedure, the role of women in estate operations, inheritance, and agricultural production.

During much of the period covered in this collection the Hacienda de Santa Clara de Tulillo is not the main focus of attention. Most documents discuss several smaller haciendas and estancias near Zinápécuaro which, then owned by various individuals, raised livestock and cultivated wheat, maize, chiles, and beans. Some of these properties included the Hacienda de Santa Clara, the Hacienda de Pansacola, the Hacienda de Tarifa, and the Rancho de San Antonio de los Tiradores. Seventeenth-century owners of these properties included Leonor de Cárdenas, Gerónimo Gil de Cárdenas, Diego de Espinosa Monzón, Baltasar Pérez Gallegos, Juan de la Rea, Gregorio González de Rebolledo, Juan Sánchez Paniagua, and Juan de Villaseñor.

In 1702 under the ownership of Francisco de Arteta y Verganza and Doña Leonor de Sámano y Sesati, the Hacienda de Santa Clara begin to expand considerably into neighboring estates. Their sons-in-law, Fausto Francisco de la Roca and Domingo de Bustamante, sold all of these lands to Andrés de Peña [sic: Andrés de Pina] in 1745. The Peña family continued to occupy the Hacienda de Santa Clara, as evidenced by their participation in numerous lawsuits with both the Jesuits of the Colegio de Valladolid and subsequently with the Heras/Pimentel family.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged into two volumes, each separated into cuadernos, subdivisions based on subject content.
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