



The Martinez Collection

Finding aid

L.40.7

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Private collection

Title: The Martinez Collection

Dates: 1660's-1790's

Quantity: 26 books total

Abstract: This collection makes up some of the oldest items within the DHS's collection. Donated to the society in 1940, these primary source Spanish and Latin texts describe legal, religious, philosophical, linguistic, and more topics within the 17th and 18th century Spanish colonial world.

Identification: L.40.7

Location: Shelf A, Archives of the Dallas Historical Society

Language: These books are in Spanish, Latin, or both Spanish and Latin.

Repository: The archives of the Dallas Historical Society

Biographical Sketch or Administrative History

These books were donated to the Dallas Historical Society by the City of Dallas (Public Welfare Department) in 1940.

Scope and Contents Note

These books are a collection of Spanish and Latin books that were published primarily within the 17th and 18th centuries and stand as some of the oldest items within the DHS's collection. Largely published within the Spanish colonial world, these volumes cover topics such as the organization of the Franciscans, the structure of contemporary Spanish politics, religious theory, philosophical theory, etc. There are also some reference books, such as L.40.7.1, which is a detailed Spanish to Latin dictionary.

Arrangement

The collection is listed in chronological order.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

The collection is available for research by appointment.

Use Restrictions

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Related Material

NA

Separated Material

NA

Other Finding Aids

NA

Index Terms

Subjects: Organization of the Franciscans, structure of contemporary Spanish politics, religious and philosophical theory (16th-18th century).

Places: Spain, Mexico, United States

Document Types: Archival

Administrative Information**Preferred Citation**

From the archives of the Dallas Historical Society

Acquisition Information:

The collection was a donation

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Description of Series

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection/papers/records.

Box #	Acc #	Title/Description	Date
1	L.40.7.1	Latin - Spanish Dictionary, by Antonio Nabrixa Description: This book is a comprehensive Spanish Latin Dictionary. The production of the book was sponsored by the Spanish crown, and it seems to have been owned by many different people over time, indicated by the transcriptions on the first page.	Published in 1674
2	L.40.7.2	History of the Conquest of Mexico, Population, and Progress of North America, known by the Name of New Spain (Translated from Spanish), by Antonio De Solis Description: This book was originally published in 1684 in Madrid Spain and seems to be a comprehensive history on how the Spanish conquered Mexico from the viewpoint of the Spanish. It also seems to contain information regarding the current events regarding Spain's influence over Mexico during De Solis's lifetime.	Published in 1732
2	L.40.7.4	Brief Instruction of the Method and Practice of the Four Judgments (Breve Instruccion Del Methodo y Practica De Los Quatro Juicios) by Isidoro Alcaraz y Castro. Spanish Text. Description: A summary of various Spanish law codes from the era.	Early Edition, Published in 1770
2	L.40.7.6	Summary of Moral Matters (Suma de Todas Las Materias Morales), Book 2, by Torrecilla de Martin. Spanish Text. Description: This book discusses the contributions Popes Alexander VII and Innocent XI made to moral theology in the Catholic church. It includes texts made my other authors as well as text written by Martin.	Published in 1696
3	L.40.7.7	General Government, Moral and Political, Found in Birds Most Generous and Noble (Gobierno General, Moral y Politico Hallado en las Aves mas Generosas y Nobles) Spanish text, by Father Fray Andres Ferrer de Valdecebro. Description: This book was commissioned by Dr. Don Francisco Forteza for the purpose of	Published in 1683

		comparing good governing practices to the natural characteristics of birds.	
3	L.40.7.8	The Perfect Test for Confessors (El Perfecto Examen De Confessores) by Anselmo Gomez. Spanish Text. Description: This book is designed to act as a guide to teach everyone from common Christians to bishops how to perform confession properly.	Published in 1676
3	L.40.7.9	Discourse on the History of the Universe, to Explain the Continued Perpetuity of Religion, (Discurso Sobre La Historia Universal, Para Explicar la Continuacion Perpetua de la Religion) Spanish text, by Jacobo Benigno Boffuet. Description: The author of this book details the history and origins of the church as well as its contemporary place of continued prominence.	Published in 1762
3	L.40.7.10	Manual of the Moral Theology (Prom(n)tuario de la Theologia Moral) by Francisco Larraga. Description: This book acts as a guidebook for Christian practitioners with regards to the methods of performing confession during Penance.	Published in 1712
4	L.40.7.11	The Institution of Civil Law by Theophilo Antecessor (institutionum iuris civilis a Theophilo Antessore). Latin Text. Description: This book is a text that discusses the history of Roman law.	Published date unknown, likely c. 1590-1650.
4	L.40.7.13	Thomistic Philosophy (Vol. 2), (Philosophia Thomistica: Juxta Inconcussa) Latin text, by Antonio Goudin. Description: This book is a philosophical and theological discourse on Thomism.	Published in 1762
4	L.40.7.14	Thomistic Philosophy (Philosophia Thomistica), Latin Text, by Antonio Goudin. Description: The English label on the spine of this book is inaccurate. This book is the 3rd and 4th volume of a series on either multiple philosophical topics, or just Thomistic Philosophy. Also, the author's name is not Lemovicen, the word Lemovicensi likely refers to an order of preachers (Ordinis Praedicatorum).	Edition Published 1763.
4	L.40.7.15	Compendium of the Regular and Mystical Doctrines, Spanish Text, by Fy. Juan San Lopez, Second Edition.	Published in 1785.

		Description: This book was specifically designed to teach new, younger members of the Franciscan Order the basics of both regular Franciscan Christianity and Franciscan Mysticism.	
4	L.40.7.16	Triumph of Reason Over Dire Political and Religious Illusions in Recent Times, (Triunfo de la Razon Sobre Las Funestas Ilusiones Politicas y Religiosas de Estos Ultimos Tiempos) by S.H. Morejon, Spanish text. Description: This book contains various polemics written by the author, Dr. Sebastian Hernandez Morejon. Per the title page, Morejon is also the author of Fernandino, and the editor of the papers of the governing board of Aragon. The introduction outlines Morejon's objective to attack any subversives and generally imbue its members with a sense of fealty and love for the crown and the church of Spain.	Published in 1814.
4	L.40.7.18	New Testament (Nuovo Testamento), Latin text. Description: This book is a Latin version of the New Testament published by William Clowes and Sons.	Author and publication date unknown.
4	L.40.7.19	The Difference Between the Temporal and Eternal: Melting Pot of Disillusions (La Diferencia Entre lo Temporal y Eterno: Crisol de Desenganos) by Father Juan Eusebio Nieremberg, Spanish text. Description: This volume contains five books written with by the author to help convert sinners and open their eyes to the dangers of the temporal.	Published in 1737.
5	L.40.7.22	Portable Dictionary of the Councils (or maybe Congresses) Volume I, Spanish Text, by Perez Pastor. Explanation: This book is the first volume of a dictionary of various that defines the governmental structures of different nations, cities, towns, and provinces all over the world, as well as other political and cultural points of terminology. The definitions of each term are quite comprehensive and can often be up to a	Published in 1782.

		paragraph in length. This first volume Covers letters A through most of P.	
5	L.40.7.23	Historical Compendium of Religion (either volume 1 or 2), Spanish text, by Josef Pinton. Explanation: This text is a book about the history of "The Religion". It is a story about Christianity, but it seems to put itself in context to other Abrahamic religions of the era, specifically Judaism and Islam. However, the information in the text seems to be quite inaccurate compared to other historical pieces from the 18th century.	Edition presumably published in 1753 (based on written note at the beginning of the given text).
5	L.40.7.24	Title Unknown. Title given by the people who donated the book was "Fables by.... Selected Letters. Description of Roman General Comments on the Civil War." Spanish Text with many Latin quotations, Written by unknown author. Description: This book seems to act as a commentary for various Latin writings from the era of the Roman Empire. There are commentaries on poems, letters, political documents, and other obscure texts.	c. 1795.
5	L.40.7.25	Explanation (or maybe "Exhibition") of the Rule of Our Heavenly Father Saint Francis., Spanish Text, by Father Pedro Navarro. Explanation: This text was written for the purpose of understanding the intellectual writings of Saint Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Franciscan Order. Most of the text discusses the fundamental choices the Saint made regarding the founding of the Order itself and what it's purpose should be in the world.	Published c. 1641, this is likely the first edition.
5	L.40.7.26	Sermons of the Most Illustrious Mr. Francisco Alexandro, Spanish Text, by Bocanegra Y Xibaja and Francisco Alexandro. Second edition. Description: Series of Christian prayers and sermons devised by Francisco Alexandro. There are multiple sections in the books where there are detailed sermons that he gave at different events and church services.	Published in 1773.