

# Guide to the Jean Louis Berlandier Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** WA MSS S-300

**CREATOR:** Berlandier, Jean Louis, -1851

**TITLE:** Jean Louis Berlandier papers

**DATES:** 1745–1860

**BULK DATES:** 1815–1850

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 8.76 linear feet (20 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** In Spanish, French, and English.

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of diaries and accounts written or collected by Jean Louis Berlandier, including works by Rafael Chovell, Manuel de Mier y Teran, José Francisco Ruiz, Stephen F. Austin, Juan Pedro Walker and others. The papers include maps, letters, diaries, histories, and government documents containing geographical, ethnographic, and historical information about the Mexican Republic, particularly the region between the Sabine River and Sierra Madre, with extensive coverage of the areas that today comprise Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon, Coahuila, and Texas.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Henry R. Wagner, 1919; H. P. Kraus, Inc., 1986; and gift of William Reese (Yale 1977), 1993.

## **Custodial History**

The bulk of the material in the papers was originally part of a larger collection purchased in 1853 by Darius Nash Couch in Matamoros, Mexico, later acquired by the English firm of Bernard Quaritch and the collector Sir Thomas Phillipps. Karl Hiersemann of Leipzig purchased most of the Berlandier papers at the Phillipps auctions in 1913 and 1919, Henry R. Wagner purchased them from him, and the library purchased the papers from Wagner in 1919.

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## **Conditions Governing Access**

The materials are open for research.

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## **Conditions Governing Use**

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## **Preferred Citation**

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## **Processing Information**

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In 2015 this collection received a basic level of reorganization and some augmented description, including consolidation of former call numbers into a single call number: WA MSS S-300.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from legacy descriptive information created by Sir Thomas Phillipps, Henry R. Wagner, Thomas W. Streeter, and the Library. Some titles have been supplied by staff during processing. Catalog numbers created by Phillipps have been noted for the items, where possible. The Phillipps numbers were published in Phillipps' catalog of his collection and in auction catalogs; they are also present on the items for which they are noted.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for revisions in arrangement and description.

Former call numbers: WA MSS S-300-325, WA MSS S-328, Uncat WA MS 56, Uncat WA MS 178, and Uncat WA MS File Berlandier.

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## **Existence and Location of Copies**

Portions available on microfilm.

## Jean Louis Berlandier

Jean Louis Berlandier (circa 1805-1851), French botanist, trained under Cuvier in Paris and Auguste Pyrame de Candolle in Geneva, who sent him to Mexico in 1826 to collect botanical specimens. In 1827, he joined the Mexican Comisión de Límites, an international boundary commission between the United States and Mexico. Berlandier conducted botanical, environmental, and social surveys of the border region for the Comisión. He later settled in Matamoros, where he worked as a doctor. During 1845-1846 he worked as a hospital administrator and, after the American invasion during the Mexican War, 1846-1858, acted as interpreter for the United States Army.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers consist of diaries and accounts written or collected by Jean Louis Berlandier during his travels in Texas and Mexico. The papers include maps, letters, diaries, histories, and government documents containing geographical, ethnographic, and historical information about the Mexican Republic, particularly the region between the Sabine River and Sierra Madre, with extensive coverage of the areas that today comprise Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon, Coahuila, and Texas. Included in the collection are Juan Pedro Walker's diary of expeditions in 1815-1816 from Monterey into Texas, Jean Louis Berlandier's writings on Mexico, and letters from Manuel Gayasos de Lemos to William Dunbar concerning the Florida border. Other writers include Rafael Chovell, José Francisco Ruíz, and Manuel de Mier y Terán.

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## General note

Articles describing the collection and its history can be found in *The Yale University Library Gazette* 31(1957):130-32, 32(1958):71-76.

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## Arrangement

Organized into four series: I. Henry R. Wagner Berlandier Papers, 1745-1860. II. Materials Purchased from H. P. Kraus, Inc., 1826-1844. III. Material Donated by William S. Reese, circa 1850. IV. Miscellaneous Berlandier Manuscripts, 1827-1849. Series correspond to acquisitions.

Researchers should note that material within each acquisition may overlap with or relate to material found in other acquisitions. For instance, diaries from Berlandier's expeditions may be found in multiple acquisitions. In order to locate all relevant material within this collection, researchers will need to consult each acquisition described in the Collection Contents section.

Researchers should also note that similar material can be arranged differently in each acquisition, depending on how the material was organized when it was received and cataloged by the library.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Henry R. Wagner Berlandier Papers, 1745-1860

This portion of the collection contains diaries, ledgers, maps, and drawings primarily created or collected by Jean Louis Berlandier and the Mexican Comision de Limites in Texas and Mexico from 1826-1860. This material provides geographical, ethnographic, historical, and visual documentation of the Mexican Republic and the Mexican-American War. The series also includes a twenty volume set titled "Gazetteer of Mexico," with entries for Mexican and Texan pueblos and cities.

Series I is arranged in the order in which it was originally cataloged by the library.

	Berlandier, Gazetteer of Mexico <i>2.71 linear feet (7 boxes)</i> French; French (Latin script) French	circa 1840-1860
	Twenty autograph manuscript volumes of a geographical index of Mexico. Includes information on the location of pueblos and cities, as well as information on their government, inhabitants, languages spoken, and climate. Areas surveyed include Cuernavaca, San Miguel, Veracruz, Oaxaca, Coahuila, and Nuevo Leon. There is also an extensive entry for Goliad, Texas present in volume 9. The title of the series is taken from the labels on spines, apparently affixed by Sir Thomas Phillipps.	
	Former call number: WA MSS S-300 1-20	
b. 1	Gazetteer of Mexico	circa 1840-1860
b. 2	<a href="#">Gazetteer of Mexico</a>	circa 1840-1860
b. 3	Gazetteer of Mexico	circa 1840-1860
b. 4	Gazetteer of Mexico	circa 1840-1860
b. 5	Gazetteer of Mexico	circa 1840-1860
b. 6	Gazetteer of Mexico	circa 1840-1860
b. 7	Gazetteer of Mexico	circa 1840-1860
b. 8	Berlandier, Voyage au Mexique, Année 1826 <i>1 Folder</i> French; French (Latin script) French	1826
	Autograph manuscript journal of a trip from Havre de Grace, Maryland to Tampico, Mexico. Includes "Observations physiques" of ocean location and travel on pages 123-188.	
	Phillipps number 15475	
	Former call number: WA MSS S-301	

- b. 8 [Berlandier, Voyage au Mexique: Itineraires, ports, cotes, baies, etc. de la Republique Mexicaine](#) circa 1855  
French; French (Latin script)  
French  
Two volumes containing approximately 38 maps and plans of the Gulf of Mexico, Tampico, Bexar, and other Mexican areas, apparently made for the Comision des Limites.  
Phillipps number 16485  
Former call number: WA MSS S-302
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- b. 9 [Berlandier, Voyage au Mexique: Vues](#) circa 1830  
*1 Folder*  
French; French (Latin script)  
French  
25 ink drawings of views and plans of various areas in Mexico, including Chapultepec Castle, San Luis Potosí, and Goliad, Texas. Accompanied by a letter, apparently signed by Berlandier.  
Phillipps number 16545  
Former call number: WA MSS S-303
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- b. 8 [Berlandier, Pencil and ink drawings and maps of Tampico, Nuevo Leon, Coahuila y Texas, and other Mexican areas](#) undated  
French; French (Latin script)  
French  
Phillipps number 16454  
Former call number: WA MSS S-304
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- b. 10 Berlandier, Diario 1831  
*1 Folder*  
Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script)  
Spanish  
Autograph manuscript diary containing meteorological observations.  
Phillipps number 20747  
Former call number: WA MSS S-305
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- b. 10 Berlandier, Voyage de Matamoros a Goliad, Bexar, Rio Grande, etc. [1834]  
*1 Folder*  
French; French (Latin script)  
French  
Two incomplete portions of a manuscript diary documenting an 1834 journey from Matamoros to Goliad and an 1834 trip from Bexar to the Rio Grande. Includes three maps of rivers, including the Rio de Medina.  
Phillipps number 24069  
Former call number: WA MSS S-306
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b. 10	Journal and notes on a trip from Mexico to Texas The following are bound together in one volume, and are listed in alphabetical, rather than actual, order. Phillipps number 15477 Former call number: WA MSS S-307	
b. 10	Berlandier, Note des Observations a Faire dans les Voyages French; French (Latin script) French  Manuscript journal containing geological and biological observations, including a section titled Aspect Botanico-Agricole de la Route de Mexico à Saint Luis Potosi, 1827 December.	1827-1828
Mexico. Comision de limites		
b. 10	Diary of the journey from Mexico to the Trinity River, Texas Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish  According to Wagner, this diary may have been kept by Manuel Mier y Teran.	1827 November 10-1828 May 24
b. 10	Diary of the journey from Mexico to the Trinity River, Texas Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish  According to Wagner, this diary was kept by Rafael Chovell.	1827 November 10-1828 June 18
b. 11	<a href="#">Berlandier, Antiquities found in the ruins of Tula, Tamaulipas</a> French; French (Latin script) French  12 drawings of Indian sculptures and artifacts Phillipps number 16455 Former call number: WA MSS S-308	undated
b. 11	<a href="#">Berlandier, Planos topograficos de diferentes fortificaciones, etc.</a> Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish  48 maps and plans of fortifications, including fortifications in Texas. Phillipps number 34450 Former call number: WA MSS S-309	1829-1846
b. 11	Notebook concerning the Mexican-American War The following are bound together in one volume, and are listed in alphabetical, rather than actual, order. Phillipps number 15587 Former call number: WA MSS S-310	



## Notebook concerning the Mexican-American War (continued)

Berlandier, Jean Louis

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| b. 11 | Autograph letter, signed, to General Francisco Mejía, from Matamoros, Mexico<br>Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script)<br>Spanish<br><br>Docketed: Apuntes para la formacion de los mapas militares de las imediaciones de Matamoros.  | 1846 March 1    |
| b. 11 | Reconocimiento de las Principales Labores Imediatas a la Villa de Ampudia, Matamoros<br>Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script)<br>Spanish<br><br>Signed L. B. [Louis Berlandier]   | 1846 March 10   |
| b. 11 | <a href="#">Itinerario: Campana de Palo Alto y Resaca de Guerrero</a><br>French; French (Latin script)<br>French<br><br>Covers operations from 1846 March 10-June 12.   | [1846]          |
| b. 11 | <a href="#">Estracto de un diario escrito durante la ocupacion de Matamoros por las tropas Americanos</a><br>Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script)<br>Spanish<br><br>See also: "Estracto de un diario escrito durante la ocupacion de Matamoros por las tropas Americanos," Box 14. Possibly written by Berlandier. | [1846]          |
| b. 11 | Report from Matamoros, transmitting information on United States forces at Corpus Christi<br>Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script)<br>Spanish<br><br>The name of the informant was inked out but may have been Briol.   | 1846 March 23   |
| b. 11 | Report of the advantages of the Sierra San Carlos, Tamaulipas, as a theater of military operations, Matehuala<br>Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script)<br>Spanish   | 1847 January 27 |
| b. 11 | Briol, Declaration on United States forces at Corpus Christi<br>Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script)<br>Spanish  | [1846]          |
| b. 11 | <a href="#">Hamilton, Fowler, Statement on the reason for the American advance to the Rio Grande</a><br>Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script)<br>Spanish<br><br>Signed by F. Hamilton, 2d Dragoons.   | [1846] March 15 |

## Notebook concerning the Mexican-American War (continued)

b. 11	Toqui, Juan Bautista, Autograph letter, signed, to Berlandier from Matamoros, Mexico Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish	1846 March 16
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b. 11	Villareal, José M. Report on United States forces at Corpus Christi Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish	[1846]
b. 11	Summary of his information on American forces at Corpus Christi Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish	1846
b. 11	[Toqui, Juan Bautista,] Two autograph letters, signed with a cross, to Berlandier, concerning information on United States forces in Texas Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish	[1846]
b. 12	Mexico, Comision de limites, Journal de voyage aux limites N.E. de la republique mexicaine, par ordre du Congres de l'union, sous la direction du General Manuel de Mier y Teran French; French (Latin script) French Travel journal and astronomical observations. Phillipps number 15501 Former call number: WA MSS S-311	undated
b. 12	Notebook by Berlandier and the Comision de Limites The following are bound together in one volume, and are listed in alphabetical, rather than actual, order. Phillipps number 21674 Former call number: WA MSS S-312 [Berlandier, Jean Louis]	
b. 12	Notas Sobre la Revolucion de Mexico Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish Probably compiled by J. L. Berlandier.	undated
b. 12	Notas para Servir a la Historia de la Provincias Internas Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish Notes on the divisions and governance of the province, including the Spanish Indian Policy. Probably compiled by Berlandier.	undated

## Notebook by Berlandier and the Comision de Limites (continued)

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| b. 12            | Mexico, Comision de limites, Adiciones y Correcciones a los Diarios de Viaje<br>Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script)<br>Spanish<br><br>Relates to Indians in Texas, American settlers, forest conservation, and related matters. Possibly written by Teran.  | undated                                 |
| b. 12            | Mexico. Comision de limites. Texas Por Teran: Su Viaje 1828-29<br>Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script)<br>Spanish<br><br>Manuscript diary in an unidentified hand concerning Manuel Mier y Teran's journey to Texas in 1828-1829. The diary contains descriptions of Indians and governmental relations between Mexico and the United States.<br><br>Former call number: WA MSS S-313  | [1828 April 13 -<br>1829 March 7]       |
| b. 12            | Mexico. Comision de limites. Journal de Voyage de la Commission de limites de la Republique Mexicaine, aux ordres de S. E. le General de Division Manuel de Mier y Teran<br>Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script)<br>Spanish<br><br>Manuscript diary, possibly in the hand of Manuel Mier y Teran, covering an expedition to Nacogdoches, two excursions to the Sabine, and an expedition to the coast of Tamaulipas.<br><br>Phillipps number 15467<br><br>Former call number: WA MSS S-314 | 1827 November<br>10 - 1828 August<br>13 |
| b. 13            | Mexico. Comision de limites. Diario de Viage de la Comision de limites a las Fronteras N.E. de la Republica Mexicana y en varios estados de la federacion<br>Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script)<br>Spanish<br><br>Part 1 covers 1827 November 29 - 1828 June 2. The other 4 parts cover 1827 November 10 - 1828 December 14.<br><br>Phillipps number 15465<br><br>Former call number: WA MSS S-315   | [1827-1828]                             |
| b. 14 (Oversize) | <a href="#">Mexico. Comision de limites. Diario de Viage de la Comision de limites a las Fronteras N.E. de la Republica Mexicana y en varios estados de la federacion. Maps.</a><br>Former call number: WA MSS S-315a, Z111.0014<br><br>Materials rehoused in 2023.   | 1821 and<br>undated                     |
| b. 13            | Berlandier and Chovell notebook<br><br>The following are bound together in one volume, and are listed in alphabetical, rather than actual, order.<br><br>Former call number: WA MSS S-316<br><br>[Berlandier, Jean Louis], compiler   |   |

## Berlandier and Chovell notebook &gt; [Berlandier, Jean Louis], compiler (continued)

b. 13	<p>Historia: notes on phases of Mexican history French; French (Latin script) French</p> <p>Includes notes on viceroys of Mexico; Mexican revolutions; the revolution of the negroes, 1634; the Inquisition; the Mexican councils; printing in Mexico; and mines. Also includes a table of exports from Mexico, 1826-1828.</p> <p>Phillipps number 15504</p>	undated
b. 13	<p>Texas: Statistical and descriptive notes from various sources French; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script); French (Latin script) In Spanish and French.</p> <p>Partial contents include: Villa de Goliad [R. Chovell]; Estadística de Tejas por el Cd. Almonte, 1834; Censo y Estadística. Departamento de Bejar, 1832 [Ramon Musquiz]; Censo y estadística. Departamento de Bejar, 1831 [R. Musquiz]; Rivières du Texas; De l'agriculture des environs de Bejar; Campaña de Texas.</p> <p>Phillipps number 15500</p>	undated
Chovell, Rafael		
b. 13	<p>Apuntes Sobre el Viaje desde Goliad a Matamoros Pasanda por Bejar, Rio Grande, y las Villas del Norte Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish</p>	1834 May 26 - July 27
b. 13	<p>Catalogo de las Rochas Tomadas en los Caminos de Bejar a Rio Grande (villa Guerrero) y de este a Matamoros Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish</p>	undated
b. 13	<p>[Chovell, Rafael], Considerations Generales sur le Departement de Texas Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish</p> <p>Discusses the geography, topography, agriculture, cattle, missions, and Mexican settlements of Texas. Also discusses the Austin Colony and the DeWitt Colony, particularly their commerce and slaves.</p> <p>Phillipps number 15594</p> <p>Former call number: WA MSS S-317</p>	undated
b. 15	<p>Notebook on Texas</p> <p>The following are bound together in one volume, and are listed in alphabetical, rather than actual, order.</p> <p>Former call number: WA MSS S-318</p>	
b. 15	<p>Conduite d'Elizondo et du General Arredondo après la Bataille de Medina. French; French (Latin script) French</p>	undated

## Notebook on Texas (continued)

b. 15	Mier y Teran, Manuel de, Apuntes relativos a las colonias de Texas en el año de 1830 Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish	[1830]
b. 15	Marin, Primo Feliciano, Visite de l'Eveque du Nouveau Leon au Texas en 1805 - Volcan d'air en Sicile - Samogite French; French (Latin script) French  Possibly compiled by Rafael Chovell. Bishop Marin's account was published in 1830 as Supplement No. 4 of <i>Voz de la Patria</i> . Cf. Streeter, <i>Bibliography of Texas</i> , No. 758.	undated
b. 15	Notes sur la premiere Revolution de Texas French; French (Latin script) French	1813
b. 15	Notes sur la Revolution de Texas en 1813, fournis par une femme de Bejar, victime des exces des royalistes Espagnols French; French (Latin script) French	undated
b. 15	Reparticion de terras en Tejas hasta 1830 Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish	undated
b. 15	Rodriguez, J. M., Notes du cure Dn. J. M. Rodriguez sur l'invasion des Insurges du Texas l'année 1812 et celle de 1813 Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish	undated
b. 15	Sanchez, José María, Fenomeno: An account of "water witching" at Nacogdoches, Texas Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish	1828 June 23
b. 15	Saucedo, José Antonio, Autograph letter, signed, to Victor Blanco, Vice Gobernador of Coahuila and Texas, from Bexar, Texas Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish  States that George Orr has been elected alcalde of Atascocito and requests confirmation in his office	1826 September 3
b. 15	Wilkinson à la Frontière du Texas en 1806: Notes on the movements of United States and Spanish troops during the boundary dispute French; French (Latin script) French	undated

- b. 15 [Chovell, Rafael?], Extraits d'astronomie nautique et de quelques considerations sur les moyens dont se servent les marins de leur art undated  
French; French (Latin script)  
French  
Ascribed to Chovell by Thomas W. Streeter.  
Phillipps number 15473  
Former call number: WA MSS S-319
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- b. 15 [Chovell, Rafael], Journal of scientific observations made in Venezuela [after 1803]  
French; French (Latin script)  
French  
The first 16 pages contain outlines of general research topics under the headings "Des recherches physiques et chimiques sur les eaux," "Autres recherches sur les eaux," "Recherches météorologiques," "Sur l'électricité atmosphérique," "Physique," and "Considérations géologiques." The second part is divided into four sections labelled "Chapitre VII," "Chapitre VIII," "Livre IV," "Chapitre X" and "Chapitre XI," and contains detailed notes on geology, meteorology, natural history, and other scientific observations made while traveling in Venezuela.  
Phillipps number 15472  
Former call number: WA MSS S-320
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- b. 15 [Berlandier], Extracto de un diario escrito durante la ocupacion de Matamoros por las tropas Americanos 1846 May 17-21  
Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script)  
Spanish  
Phillipps number 15526  
Former call number: WA MSS S-321  
See also: "Extracto de un diario escrito durante la ocupacion de Matamoros por las tropas Americanos," Box 11. Possibly written by Berlandier.
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- b. 15 Rivera y Villalon, Pedro de, Journal du General de Brigade Don Pedro Rivera, escrit durant sa visite des provinces internes du Mexique undated  
Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script)  
Spanish  
Published in Guatemala, 1736, with the title Diario y Derrotero. Includes notes on his travels to the presidios of the Provincias Internas, Nuevo Toledo, Nueva Galicia, Nuevo Mexico, Nuevas Filipinas, Nuevo Leon, and Texas.  
Phillipps number 15591  
Former call number: WA MSS S-322

b. 16	<p>Ruiz, José Francisco, Relacion que Manifiesta las Observaciones y Adiciones que Hace el que Avajo se Suscrive Sobre la Noticia de las Diferentes Tribus de Salvajes Conocidos que Havitan en el Departamento de Tejas Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish</p> <p>Manuscript volume containing information on Indian tribes in Texas, particularly the Comanche.</p> <p>Phillipps number 15482</p> <p>Former call number: WA MSS S-323</p>	undated
b. 16	<p>Garcia, Diego Martin, Breve y Legal Noticia de las Calidades y Costumbres de los Indios: Metodo que han de observar con ellos, y consigo mismos: los obreros evangelicos que quieren ganar sus alma para Dios. Escrita por el P. F. Diego Martin Garcia, predicador apolstolico, hijo del seminario de propaganda side de la ssma. Cruz de Queretaro. Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish</p> <p>Manuscript volume, signed by Diego Martin Garcia, on the qualities and customs of Indian tribes, particularly pertaining to efforts to convert them to Christianity.</p> <p>Former call number: WA MSS S-324</p>	1745
b. 16	<p>Notebook on Texas and the Austin Colony</p> <p>The following are bound together in one volume, and are listed in alphabetical, rather than actual, order.</p> <p>Phillipps number 15458</p> <p>Former call number: WA MSS S-325</p>	
b. 16	<p>Anahuac, Texas, Committee of Vigilance, Al Pueblo de Esta Jurisdiccion Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish</p> <p>Manifesto in favor of Santa Anna, signed by John Austin, Henry Smith and others, together with an account of the rising at Anahuac, apparently written for <i>L'Abeille</i>, New Orleans.</p>	1832 June 21
b. 16	<p>Apuntos Relativos a la Colonia de Austin, formados en el mes de Junio de 1828 Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish</p> <p>Notes on Moses and Stephen F. Austin, including their colonization attempts and their contract with the Baron de Bastrop.</p>	[1828 June]
b. 16	<p>Fisher, George, Four autograph letters, signed, to Manuel Mier y Teran from Anahuac, Texas Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish</p> <p>On customs administration in Texas; discusses the difficulty of being opposed by the Austin colonists and not supported by Mexican officials.</p>	1832 January 8-13

## Notebook on Texas and the Austin Colony (continued)

b. 16	Mier y Teran, Manuel de, Letterbook containing letters to General Teran and copies of letters written by him, mainly concerning political affairs in Texas Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish	1828-1832
b. 16	Austin, Stephen Fuller, Five autograph letters, signed, to Manuel Mier y Teran from Austin, Texas Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish  Discussing the Austin Colony's climate, industry, and trade, particularly in cotton and slaves.	1828 May-September
Mier y Teran, Manuel de		
b. 16	Autograph letter to Felipe de la Garza from Matamoros, Mexico Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish  Concerning affairs in Texas, particularly Mier y Teran's feeling of helpless and lack of aid from customs officers.	1830 March 2
b. 16	Two autograph letters, signed, to José Batres from Nacogdoches, Texas Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish	1828 July-August
b. 16	Autograph letter to Guadalupe Victoria from Bexar, Texas Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish  Concerning affairs in Texas; includes a description of Texas, its extent, population, local Indians, the Austin Colony, the Mexican population in Texas, and recommendations for action in Texas. Notes that if the Americans are permitted to own slaves, Mexicans should have the same privilege.	1828 March 28
b. 16	Autograph letter to Vicente Guerrero from Matamoros, Mexico Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish  Concerning affairs in Texas; advises Guerrero to ask Congress to send 10,000 Mexican families to colonize Texas.	1829 July 23
b. 16	Lista de los Libros y Cuadernos que Cita El Padre Puelles en su Memoria o Informe Impresa en Zacatecas Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish	undated
b. 16	Tarnava, Constantino de, Copy of letter to Ministro de Guerra y Marina from Mexico Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish  Gives General Teran's view on affairs in Texas.	1830 January 7



b. 16	<a href="#">Notebook on Mexico and Texas</a> The following are bound together in one volume, and are listed in alphabetical, rather than actual, order. Former call number: WA MSS S-328	
b. 16	Azcárate y Lezama, Juan Francisco, Voto del que Suscribe Cómo Individuo de la Junta de Limites Sre. las Tres Preguntas Propeostas por el Gobo Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish Signed: Mexico, Juan Franc. de Azcarate. Es copia, Mexico, Oct 5 de 1827. J. M. Duran.	1827 October 5
Berlandier, Jean Louis		
b. 16	Itinerario a Bexar desde Durango Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish On verso: "Couvents et missions de la province de Zacatecas."	undated
b. 16	Histoire: Notes Pour Servir á l'Histoire de la Revolution de la Nouvelle Espagne French; French (Latin script) French	undated
b. 16	Principales Epoques de l'Histoire Mexicaine, avec une Courte Description des Localites qui en Furent le Théâtre French; French (Latin script) French	undated
b. 16	Tamaulipas: Notes on the coast lands between Matamoros and Refugio Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish	undated
Mexico (Viceroyalty)		
b. 16	Texas, Autos de Revilla Gigedo: Copy of proceedings of a Junta de guerra y hacienda in 1754 relative to French encroachments in Texas Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish Copy of proceedings of a Junta de guerra y hacienda in 1754 relative to French encroachments in Texas.	undated
b. 16	Testimonio del Espediente ... Sobre Investigar los Verdaderos Limites de la Provincia de Texas Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish 2 copies made for the Comision de limites.	1816
Mexico, Comision de limites		

## Notebook on Mexico and Texas &gt; Mexico, Comision de limites (continued)

b. 16	<p>Recapitulacion de los Hechos que han Precedido al Tratado de Sr. Onis con Respecto a la Frontera Mexicana. Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish</p> <p>From San Antonio de Bexar. Possibly in Manuel de Mier y Teran's handwriting.</p>	1828 April 8
b. 16	<p>Sketched map of the Texas boundary in the vicinity of Nacogdoches Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish</p>	undated
b. 16	<p>Texas, Bahia de Galveston Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish</p> <p>Possibly in Manuel de Mier y Teran's hand.</p>	undated
b. 16	<p>Mier y Teran, Manuel de, Apuntes para la Comision de limites Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish</p> <p>Signed: Mexico, M. de M. y Teran.</p>	1827 October 26
b. 16	<p>Vargas, Tomas, Lista de las Tropas que Entraron en Accion en Reotitla el dia 15 de Junio Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish</p>	[1817]
b. 17	<p><a href="#">Walker, Juan Pedro, Diary of expeditions from Monterey into Texas</a> Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish</p> <p>Manuscript diary of Pedro Walker made in accordance with the commands of Joaquin de Arredondo. Walker traveled from Monterey to Laredo, Carrizo, the Nueces River, Bexar, Revilla (where he fought Indians), and Soto la Marina.</p> <p>Former call number: WA MSS S-329</p>	1815-1816
	<p>Texas surveys manuscripts Former call number: WA MSS S-330</p>	
b. 18, f. 1	<p>Berlandier, Voyage a les Parties N.O. du Texas French; French (Latin script) French</p> <p>Account of the expedition of the northwest part of Texas. Includes description of the land, its flora and fauna, and an encounter with the Comanche. The party included Berlandier, Rafael Chovell, and Francisco Ruiz.</p>	1834 November-December
	Mexico, Comision de limites	

## Texas surveys manuscripts &gt; Mexico, Comision de limites (continued)

b. 18, f. 2	<p>Calculos de Observaciones Hechas desde el 16 de Oct Hasta el 31 de Dicho, 1832 Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish</p> <p>Astronomical calculations made by Berlandier and Chovell.</p> <p>Phillipps number 15460</p>	1832
b. 18, f. 3	<p>De San Antonio de Bexar á la Rivera sur del Rio de la Trinidad Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish</p> <p>Describes Gonzales, colonial infrastructure, and Autin's colony and its attitude toward slavery. Signed by Rafael Chovell and Luis Berlandier.</p> <p>Phillipps number 15481</p>	1828 April-June
b. 18, f. 4	<p><a href="#">Sketched maps: Bahia de Matagorda; Barra de Aransas; La costa desde Matagorda hasta la boca del Rio Bravo del Norte; Bahia de Galveston; Itinerario de Laredo a Bexar</a> Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish</p> <p>Six maps; includes table of distances.</p>	undated
b. 18, f. 5	<p>[Mier y Teran, Manuel de], Nota Medico-Statistique de Matamoros Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish</p> <p>Ascribed to Teran by Henry R. Wagner.</p>	undated
b. 18, f. 6	<p>Gayoso de Lemos, Manuel, Sixteen autograph letters, signed, to William Dunbar from New Orleans and Natchez, concerning running the United States-Florida boundary line English; English (Latin script) English</p> <p>Description of letters available in the folder. Dates include: 1797 January 10, March 9 (2 letters), April 9, and December 20; 1798 February 4, March 15, March 31, April 14, April 30, May 12, June 26, August 3, August 21, August 31, and December 11.</p> <p>Former call number: WA MSS S-331</p>	1797-1798

## Series II: Materials purchased from H. P. Kraus, Inc., 1826-1844

This portion of the collection contains three journals created by Jean Louis Berlandier detailing trips in Matamoros, Tampico, Tamaulipas, and Nuevo Leon from 1826-1844.

Purchased from H. P. Kraus, Inc. on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 1986.

Former call number: Uncat WA MSS 56

Series II is arranged in the order in which it was originally cataloged by the library.

b. 19, f. 1-2	Berlandier, Journal d'un voyage au Mexique French; French (Latin script) French  Autograph manuscript journal in two volumes detailing Berlandier's 1826-1831 trip to Mexico. Berlandier records the details of his journey and meteorological observations, particularly in Matamoros and elsewhere in Tamaulipas.  Phillipps numbers 15528 and 15483	1826-1831, undated
b. 19, f. 3	Berlandier, Excursion dans le Nouveau Leon French; French (Latin script) French  Manuscript journal detailing a trip to Nuevo Leon and describing the geography and people of the region.  Phillipps number 15589	1844
b. 19, f. 4	Berlandier, Route de Tampico de Tamaulipas a Mexico at sejour dans cette capitale 1827 French; French (Latin script) French  Manuscript journal containing meteorological, geographical, and social observations made on a trip to Tampico, Tamaulipas, Mexico.  Phillipps number 15503	

**Series III: Material donated by William S. Reese, [circa 1850?]**

Series III contains one autograph manuscript French-Spanish vocabulary.

Gift of William Reese (Yale 1977), 1993.

Former call number: Uncat WA MS File Berlandier.

b. 20, f. 1	Berlandier, Interpretates Veborum French; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script); French (Latin script) In Spanish and French. Autograph manuscript French-Spanish vocabulary. Phillipps number 22033	undated
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## Series IV: Miscellaneous Berlandier Manuscripts, 1827-1849

This portion of the collection contains assorted manuscripts from Henry R. Wagner concerning metallurgical, astronomical, medical, and historical observations made by Jean Louis Berlandier, Rafael Chovell, and others.

Possibly purchased from Henry R. Wagner, 1919.

Former call number: Uncat WA MS 178

Series IV is arranged in the order in which it was originally cataloged by the library.

b. 20, f. 2	Cuaderno No. Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish  Bound manuscript document with four entries by Rafael Chovell concerning metallurgical and astronomical observations.	circa 1830-1833
b. 20, f. 3	Yellow Fever French; French (Latin script) French  Manuscript documents pertaining to Yellow Fever in Tamaulipas and New Orleans. Also includes a newspaper clipping on Yellow Fever in New Orleans from an unidentified publication.	circa 1842-1847
b. 20, f. 4	Diseases in Matamoros French; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script); French (Latin script) In Spanish and French.  Four manuscript documents in Spanish and French on the treatment of Cholera and other diseases.	1849
b. 20, f. 5	Medecine et chirurgie French; French (Latin script) French  Three manuscript documents concerning health conditions in Matamoros and Tampico.	circa 1827
b. 20, f. 6	Del libro intitulado noticias sairas [?] de las indias occidentes, su autor Juan Diez de la Calle edit. 1646, se sacaron estas noticias Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish  Manuscript document summarizing the voyages of Christopher Columbus, the conquest of Mexico by Cortes, and the introduction of Christianity into New Spain.	undated
b. 20, f. 7	Documents relating to natural history French; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script); French (Latin script) In Spanish and French.  Manuscript copies of three documents in Spanish and French, bound together, pertaining to the establishment by the king of a collection of natural history in Madrid in 1776, the gathering of specimens for this collection, the subject of natural history more broadly, and the origin of the Indians.	undated

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b. 20, f. 8	Extracto del descubrimiento del archipelago del Norte que los Russos han dado a Luz en su Calendario Geographico de este año de 1774 Spanish; Castilian; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script) Spanish  Manuscript document concerning the Russian discovery of a northern archipelago and the exploratory activities of other countries in the north.	undated
b. 20, f. 9-10	Berlandier documents relating to Mexican cities and populations French; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script); French (Latin script) In Spanish and French.  Manuscript documents, eight in French and eight in Spanish, probably relating to Berlandier, with notes on Galeana, Tamaulipas, and Matamoros.	
b. 20, f. 11	Documents pertaining to Berlandier French; Spanish; Castilian (Latin script); French (Latin script) In Spanish and French.  Documents in Spanish and French pertaining to Berlandier. Includes several documents relating to medicine and public health; "Poesyas Varias. Sacadas de los mas selectos autores. Para el uso y gusto de Don Jose Vicente Luna"; an autograph letter, signed, to an unidentified "Dear Sir" from J. Erich Bohmann; and typescript fragments of an unidentified work.	1827-1849, undated

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## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

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Botanists -- France  
Gutiérrez-Magee Expedition, 1812-1813  
Land grants -- Texas  
Meteorology -- Mexico  
Mexican War, 1846-1848 -- Campaigns  
Public officers -- Mexico

### Geographic Names

Alamo (San Antonio, Tex.) -- Pictorial works  
Florida -- Boundaries -- United States  
Galveston Bay (Tex.)  
Matamoros (Tamaulipas, Mexico) -- Statistics, Medical  
Mexico -- Description and travel  
Mexico -- Gazetteers  
Mexico -- History -- 1810-  
Mexico -- History -- 1821-1861  
Mexico -- History -- To 1810  
Mexico -- Maps  
New Spain -- Maps  
Nuevo León (Mexico : State) -- Pictorial works  
Provincias Internas (New Spain)  
San Antonio (Tex.)  
Tamaulipas (Mexico) -- Pictorial works  
Texas -- Boundaries -- United States  
Texas -- Description and travel  
Texas -- History -- To 1846  
Texas -- Maps  
Texas -- Politics and government -- To 1846  
United States -- Boundaries -- Florida  
United States -- Boundaries -- Texas

### Genres / Formats

Diaries -- France -- 19th century  
Diaries -- Mexico -- 19th century  
Drawings (visual works) -- Mexico -- 19th century  
Maps (documents) -- Mexico -- 19th century

### Occupations

Botanists -- France -- 19th century  
Public officers -- Mexico -- 19th century

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Austin, Stephen F. (Stephen Fuller), 1793-1836  
Berlandier, Jean Louis, -1851  
Chovell, Rafael  
Dunbar, William, 1749-1810  
García, Diego Martin  
Gayoso de Lemos, Manuel, 1747-1799  
Mier y Teran, Manuel de  
Músquiz, Ramón, approximately 1797-  
Ruíz, José Francisco, 1783-1840  
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Villareal, José M.  
Wagner, Henry R. (Henry Raup), 1862-1957  
Walker, Juan Pedro

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