

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary:

A Preliminary Inventory of Its Bound Manuscript Collection in the Manuscript Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Title: Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary Bound Manuscript Collection

Dates: 1301; 1515-1928

Extent: 22 document boxes, 3 oversize boxes (10 linear feet)

Abstract: The Harry Ransom Center acquired a significant collection of books and manuscripts from the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in the early 1980s, generally of a rare and fragile character and not closely related to the current programs of the seminary. The majority of materials include sermons and religious manuscripts, Spanish language manuscripts, and music and other manuscripts.

Call Number: Manuscript Collection MS-03330

Languages: English, Spanish, French, Latin, German, Italian, and Hebrew

Access: Open for research

Administrative Information

Acquisition: Purchase, 1982

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Repository: [Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin](#)

Scope and Contents

The Harry Ransom Center acquired a significant collection of books and manuscripts from the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in the early 1980s. The seminary's library was pressed for space to house its growing collection, and the material transferred to the Ransom Center, generally of a rare and fragile character, was not closely related to the current programs of the seminary.

The collection is organized in four series: I. Sermons and Religious Manuscripts, 1678-1914, II. Spanish Language Manuscripts, 1515-1841, III. Other Manuscripts, 1301-1928, and IV. Music Manuscripts, circa 1550-circa 1910. Within the first three series, items have been arranged alphabetically by author, or by title if no author is discernible. In Series IV arrangement is chronological. Titles have been supplied if none were present, and these are given within brackets. The range of languages found among the manuscripts is broad: English, Spanish, Latin, Hebrew, German, French, and Italian are all represented by multiple works.

Series I embraces collections of English-language sermons and lectures from the seventeenth to the nineteenth century, along with several related manuscripts in other languages. The materials are, in the main, in their original bindings.

The manuscripts found in Series II are divided into two subseries. Subseries A. Cartas Ejecutorias, 1515-1805, contains fourteen examples of these royal documents confirming noble descent. The specimens held in the collection are on paper or vellum; most of these are decorated with armorial devices, religious art, and initials in color. Several are in contemporary leather, others in original vellum; some bear tax stamps. Subseries B. includes other Spanish language collections of archival material and genealogical documents dating from circa 1600 to 1841.

Series III embraces an extremely variegated assortment of manuscripts, including two seventeenth century British legal documents, a nineteenth century Italian treatise on pyrotechnics, an eighteenth century work on disorders of the head, and a two-volume sixteenth century history of Zurich, Switzerland. The oldest manuscript found here is a royal privilege of King Ferdinand IV of Castile dating from 1301 and written in Old Spanish.

Represented in the final series are several manuscripts of West European origin, dating from the sixteenth to the early nineteenth centuries along with a substantial group of Hebrew scores in Latin transliteration created in L'viv, Ukraine and London. These latter were composed at least in part by Eduard and Herman Darewski.

Separated Material

Elsewhere in the Ransom Center are housed the several hundred printed books acquired along with the present manuscript collection. These titles generally comprise religious history, theology, and sermons, as well as some British history and classical literature. The center's Vertical File collection contains materials withdrawn from these books.

Series I. Sermons and Religious Manuscripts, 1678-1914

Archdeaconries of Colchester and Essex. Notes from the Minute Books of the Archdeaconries : Colchester, vol. IX, A.D. 1540, [mimeo and handwritten]	Box.Folder 1.1
Böhme, Jakob, 1575-1624. The Clavis, or, An Explanation of Some Principal Points and Expressions ..., [text in English and French; notes in French on leaves laid in, 17--?]	Box.Folder 1.2
Catechisme en Français; inscribed: Conte Edoardo della Marmora; booklabel of the Biblioteca della Marmora, [1792?]	Box.Folder 1.3
Cormier, Hyacinthe-Marie, 1832-1916. Tres Símbolos ó Compendios de la Vida Religiosa ... Traducido del Francés, 1914	Box.Folder 1.4
Crosnier, _____. Pratique Univeselle [sic] pour la Conduite de l'Ame ..., 1699	Box.Folder 1.5
[English Sermons, delivered at Rotherham, Masborough, and elsewhere, 1806?]	Box.Folder 2.1
[English Sermons, circa 1705]	Box.Folder 2.2
[English Sermons, 49 in number; circa 1695]	Box.Folder 2.3
Ethica, seu Moralis, [16--?; inscribed: Lud. Foucault]	Box.Folder 2.4
Hodge, Charles, 1797-1878. Questions on Lectures on Theology by Charles Hodge ... Princeton, 1850-51, J. R. M., [Given by Ella King Wilson, 1944, to Robert F. Gribble]	Box.Folder 2.5
Lambertenghi, Antonio. Filosofia Morale del Padre Professo[re] Lambertenghi anno 1776	Box.Folder 3.1
Lexicon Ecclesiasticum ... in Usum J. B. A. Platevoet de Valejo Dixmudsis, [Münster, Westphalia], 1729	Box.Folder 3.2
Miller, Samuel, 1769-1850. Lectures of Dr. Miller, [copied by S. D. and D. T. Stuart, 1833-36; Given to the Seminary by Rev. R. L. Dabney]	Box.Folder 3.3
Notes on Church history, cent. III, chap. 1-4th, [circa 1840?]	Box.Folder 3.4
Peirce, John. A Sermon Preach'd ... May the 8th 1720	Box.Folder 3.5
Pullen, William. [Biblical Commentaries. Signed at front: William Pullen, Barrhead, 1819]	Box.Folder 4.1

Schweinitz, David von, 1600-1667. <i>Meditations sur la Mort ... Traduit en François [and based on the edition] Imprimé à Berlin dans l'Année 1699.</i> [Epitre at front signed: Henry Charles Ragueneau, Beverley, 15 septembre 1758]	Box.Folder	4.2
Sturm, Christoph Christian, 1740-1786. <i>Reflections on the works of God in nature, and Providence for every day in the year.</i> 3 volumes, [ca. 1820]	Box.Folder	5.1-3
Thornwell, James Henley, 1812-1862. Dr. Thornwell's Lectures [copied by John M. Robinson, ca. 1860; with 3 letters from Presbyterian ministers, 1864, laid in]	Box.Folder	6.1
Tractatus de Gratia [religious commentary in Latin, 17--?; inscribed: Unus ex libris Michaelis MacCartan; inscribed: Ex libris Hughili (?) MacCartan]	Box.Folder	6.2
Vox Fletus and Vox Clamoris ... [a paraphrase from the Book of Isaiah; title page is signed Eugenia Clayton; the author's Epistle Dedicatoria is initialled R.F., 1678; signed at front: Tho. Clayton; genealogical notes of Eugenia Clayton (?) at end of text]	Box.Folder	6.3

Series II. Spanish Language Manuscripts, 1515-1841

Subseries A. Cartas Ejecutorias, 1515-1805

Barcenas, Pedro de. [Carta Ejecutoria on behalf of Pedro de Barcenas and Melchior de Barcenas]. Granada, 15 noviembre 1580; vellum leaves and wraps, initials	Box.Folder	6.4
[Carta Ejecutoria mentioning Gonçalo de Ayora de Torquemada and others of “la villa de las Posadas”]. [No place given], 24 junio 1585; on vellum, with two pages of religious and armorial art, initials (all of superior quality), bound in blue velvet	Box.Folder	6.5
[Carta Ejecutoria on behalf of unidentified persons of “la villa de Medellín”]. Granada, octubre 1515; vellum leaves and wraps, ornate initial and border on first leaf, other initials throughout	Box.Folder	7.1
Gadea, Cristobal Francisco. [Carta Ejecutoria]. Seville, 14 septiembre 1754; 3 vellum leaves in color (one armorial, two religious), bound in gold-stamped red leather	Box.Folder	7.2
Gonçales, Pedro. Executoria de Hidalguia de Sangre ... de Pedro Gonçales Vecino de llugar de Alberite. Valladolid, 24 noviembre 1628; vellum leaves and wraps; frontispiece, royal arms, initials	Box.Folder	7.3
Gonçales de Rio, Pedro. [Carta Ejecutoria concerning Pedro Gonçales de Rio and Rodrigo Salcedo de Rio]. Valladolid, 15 marzo 1548; vellum leaves and wraps, ornate initial and border on first leaf, other initials throughout	Box.Folder	7.4
Gutierrez, Diego. Sentencia y Carta Executoria de Hidalguia Apedimiento de Diego Gutierrez Vecino de la Villa de Caçual. Valladolid, 5 abril 1565; vellum leaves and wraps; initials	Box.Folder	7.5
Herriega, Juan. [Carta Ejecutoria]. Granada, 16 enero 1556; vellum leaves and wraps; armorial title-page, initials	Box.Folder	7.6
Hospital General de Santa María de la Ciudad de Plasencia. Ejecutoria para que el hospital pueda tener botica pública. Madrid, 28 noviembre 1805; on paper, in vellum-covered boards	Box.Folder	8.1
Pamagua, Juan. [Carta Ejecutoria]. Granada, 25 agosto 1568; vellum leaves and wraps, ornate armorial leaf on vellum mounted at front	Box.Folder	8.2
Perea, Sebastian de. [Carta Ejecutoria on behalf of members of the Perea family of Carmona]. Granada, 11 junio 1672; on vellum, with 3 leaves in color (two armorial, one religious), initials, bound in gold-stamped brown leather	Box.Folder	8.3

Ramos Alvarez de Arellan, Felipe Santiago. [Carta Ejecutoria]. Quesada, 16 febrero 1643; 3 vellum leaves in color (armorial, religious, title), vellum wraps

Box.Folder 8.4

Saleçan, Tomás de. [Carta Ejecutoria on behalf of “Thomas de Saleçan” of Seville]. Madrid, 20 mayo 1689; 4 pages vellum with armorial headpiece in color followed by 106 numbered leaves on paper beginning “Dionissio de Salezan,” bound in gold-stamped red leather

Box.Folder 8.5

Tiedra, Pedro de. Executoria original de Hidalguia de Pedro de Tiedra Vecino de la Ciudad de Salamanca. Valladolid, 12 diciembre 1554; vellum leaves and wraps, never illuminated

Box.Folder 8.6

Subseries B. Other Spanish Language Manuscripts, 1600?-1841

Archivo Municipal de Valladolid. Inventario de los privilegios y franquezas de Valladolid que se hallaron en los archivos. Compiled by Geronimo de Vitoria, Geronimo de Salazar, Juan Fanega, and Gomez Fanega, [17--?]

Box.Folder 9.1

Cuaderno donde están las baronias de la Casa Real de Portugal y Casa de Santa Eufemia y Casa de la Guardia. Escriptas en 15 fojas. Sacadas de las historias y anales de Aragón. 1641

Box.Folder 9.2

Historia del Duende de Palacio y de la Corte, [after 1737; inscribed: Gregorio Escosura]

Box.Folder 9.3

Melendez, Francisco. Memoria de las escrituras y papeles que yo Gabriel Melendez al presente hallo en mi poder de Fran[cis]co Melendez mi señor y padre que a la gloria, [16--?]; on paper, in vellum wraps, indexed at front

Box.Folder 9.4

Molinillo y Cepero, Pedro María. [Documents relating to the ancestry of Pedro and of his sister María del Desconsuelo]. Granada, 1841; on paper, with armorial leaf in color, tax stamps, bound in gold-stamped russet leather

Box.Folder 9.5

Ortigosa y Cantalejos, Valentin. Testimonio de las informaciones de legitimidad, nobleza, y literatura del Lic. Dn. Valentin Ortigosa y Cantalejos. Mexico City, 1809; on paper with tax stamps and notarial seals, pedigree on folio sheet inserted at end, bound in half leather with marble boards and printed endpapers

Box.Folder 9.6

Papeles Varios. [spine title; comprises Cartas Primera-Quarta, together with Carta de un Académico á uno de sus Amigos Sobre las Impugnaciones de la Historia de Fr. Gerundio ..., [17-- ; ex libris Valentin Ruiz-Senén]

Box.Folder 10.1

Tavira, Fernando de. [Detached vellum leaf with text concerning Fernando de Tavira el viejo, 15--?]

Box.Folder 9.7

Yniguez de Valdosera, Diego. [Documents and depositions relating to the family of Diego Yniguez de Valdosera “de la villa de Villoslada”], 1783; on paper and with tax stamps dated 1783

Box.Folder

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Series III. Other Manuscripts, 1301-1928

Anatomia Corporis Humani, [17--?]	Box.Folder 11.1
Bullinger, Heinrich, 1504-1575. Histori von den Tigurineren und der Statt Zürich Sachen	
Vol. 1, copy 1	Box.Folder 10.2
Vol. 2, copy 1	Box.Folder 11.2
Vol. 2, copy 2	Box.Folder 12.1
Capbreu original de Molins de Rey; Parroquia de Santa Cruz del orden y quadra de S.n Bartolome, 1718; text in Latin, title from caption of index, on paper and with tax stamps dated 1718, bound in blind-stamped russet leather, with clasps	Box.Folder 12.2
Castile (Kingdom). Sovereign (1295-1312 : Ferdinand IV). [Royal Privilege of Ferdinand IV to the Dominicans in the Kingdom of Leon, 1301, Reconfirming the Rights and Privileges Granted in 1285. Written in Old Spanish, chancery hand, on vellum]	Box.Folder osb 23
Catechismo de Cortigiani, [17--?]	Box.Folder 12.3
Celesia, Paolo. Guaderno di Greco di Paolo Celesia [scholastic notes], 1887	Box.Folder 12.4
Il Conclave del 1774 : Dramma per Musica da Recitarse nel Teatro delle Dame nel Carnevale del 1775	Box.Folder 13.1
De Morbis Capitis, [17--?]	Box.Folder 14.1
De Oblig[atio]nibus que ex Delicto Nascuntur, 1663 ["Ad usum Antonii ex Dnis de Passano ..."]	Box.Folder 13.2
Des Vertus, 1775. [French text; stamped: De l'Institut de Sourds-Muets de Lyon, D. Comberry Fondateur et Directeur; ex libris Maurice Darantière]	Box.Folder 13.3
Epitome Romanae Historiae a Romulo ad Carolum Magnum ... Abregé de l'Histoire Romaine depuis Romulus jusqu'a Charlemagne, [Latin and French on facing pages, 17--]	Box.Folder 14.2
Fraterna monitione della Francia al Italia, [16--?]; caption title, on paper, disbound	Box.Folder 14.3
[French poems by Hugo, Racine, and others; illuminated text on vellum; inscribed: Pour ma chére Florence avec mes meilleures affections, Marcelle Holdey]	Box.Folder 14.4

[German-English phrase-book in 2 volumes; inscribed: James Watts, January 1872-May 1874]	Box.Folder 14.5
[Home Remedies : copybook with handwritten remedies and with printed and handwritten slips laid in, British, 18--?]	Box.Folder 14.6
Hurlstone, William. [Deed of Sale to Samuel Nicholas of Property at Deal, Kent, 28 September 1619; text in Latin, on vellum, with wax seal attached]	Box.Folder osb 24
Leti, Gregorio, 1630-1701. Relazione della Vita, e Morte, di Sisto V, [17--], engraved portrait of Sixtus at front; bookplate of Fintray House Library]	Box.Folder 15.1
[Long Island Property and the Morris Family : Transcribed Deeds, 1639 to 1843; front cover embossed with name: Zborowsky]	Box.Folder 15.2
M[anu]s[criptum] de Nummis, [binder's title for German text on medals and coins, 18--]	Box.Folder 15.3
Manuscrit Latin du XVIIe siècle : Physique Générale, De Caelo, In Libros Metheororum Aristotelis, Institutio Astronomica, [title from dealer's catalog description]	Box.Folder 15.4
Manuscritti Diversi, [spine title; half-title: Il Concerto nelli Sconcerti overo il Parnasso Transfigurato, 17--]	Box.Folder 16.1
Le Patrie e Luoghi Dove Nacquero o Morirono li Pittori Contenuti nell' Abecedario Pittorico del P.M. Orlandi Car'o, [geographical index to Orlandi's Abecedario Pittorico, 17--]	Box.Folder 16.2
Pecellin, Rodrigo. Executoria para la Provision de Media Racion en d. Rodrigo Pecellin. Una Bula sobre el Mismo Asunto. Otra idem idem. [Three Latin documents, one dated 1563, relating to Pecellin. The vellum documents are sewn into a paper folio, from which the title has been taken. One document retains its wax and wood seal]	Box.Folder osb 25
Porzio, Camillo, 1526?-1580? La Congiura de Baroni del Regno di Napoli contra il Re Ferdinando I. Napoli, 28 Decembre 1705, [Ex libris Iacobi Iosephi Comitis de Mahony; inscribed: Ex libris ... Pennacchio]	Box.Folder 16.3
St. John, Orford. The Impatient Age, [poems, with illustrations, circa 1928]	Box.Folder 16.4
[Scrapbook of Christmas and New Year's Cards, Together with other Chromolithographs, circa 1900]	Box.Folder 16.5
Siri, Vittorio, 1608-1685. Memorie Recondite di Vittorio Siri dall'anno 1601 sino all anno 1640, [in two volumes]	Box.Folder 17-18

Sonzogno, Cesare, fl. 1846. L'Arte di Fare i Fuochi d'Artifizio. Seconda edizione. Milano, 1823, [handwritten transcription]	Box.Folder 16.6
Terreno sul Castello d'Altafronte di [?]jeta di Bagnesi, [16--?]; text in Latin and Italian, on paper and in portfolio with title "Bagnesi copie di documenti (1290-1371)"	Box.Folder 19.1
Troubadour Français, [illustrated verses, circa 1820]	Box.Folder 19.2
Vita e morte della Caterina Canacci, e d. Bartolomeo suo figlio seguita in Firenze l'anno 1638, [circa 1800?]	Box.Folder 19.3
Wellford, Richard. [Indenture between Wellford and Thomas Warren, 1640]	Box.Folder 19.4
Fragments, leaves, miscellany	Box.Folder 19.5-6

Series IV. Music Manuscripts, circa 1550-circa 1910

	Box.Folder
Processional for Holy Week; Purification of the BVM, Italy, [15--?]	20.1
Franciscan antiphonals, Italy, [16-- or 17--]	Box.Folder 20.2-3
Music primer and tenor part book, John Paine Jr., Chelsea, 1771	Box.Folder 20.4
A 4-part harmony book, England, [circa 1820]	Box.Folder 20.5
Liturgical chant book for Vienne, France, 1829	Box.Folder 20.6
Hebrew song books, in Latin transliteration, from L'viv and London, [circa 1880-1910]	Box.Folder 21.1-5, 22.1-3