

Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico, 1832-1867
Title:	Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico Collection
Dates:	1856-1868, undated
Extent:	3 boxes (1.26 linear feet)
Abstract:	Includes approximately 400 letters exchanged by Maximilian I, Emperor of Mexico (born Archduke Ferdinand Maximilian Joseph of Austria) and his consort Empress Carlota (Princess Charlotte of Belgium). The letters commence during the couple's engagement and end shortly before Maximilian's execution in Querétaro in 1867 and provide insight into the political situation in Mexico, the precariousness of the Empire, and the controversy with the church, the Mexican landowners, and the Juárez revolution.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-2733
Language:	German and Spanish
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by:	Joan Sibley and Michael Ramsey, 2011 Note: This finding aid replicates and replaces information previously available only in a card catalog. Please see the explanatory note at the end of this finding aid for information regarding the arrangement of the manuscripts as well as the abbreviations commonly used in descriptions.
Repository:	Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin

Letters:

310 ALS, 1 AL / draft, 34 telegrams to Charlotte, Consort of Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico, 1856-1867, undated. . Included are 2 telegrams to Charlotte from F. O. Horan, 1866; a telegram to Charlotte and Maximilian from Pedro Valdes, 1866; and a telegram from Los Socios del Club, 1866. Also present are 2 invitations, a Menu du diné servi, 2 newspapers clippings, and other printed matter, 2 leaves.

3 November 1856 - 7 January 1857.	Container 1.1
10 February - 10 March 1857.	Container 1.2
4 April - 17 June 1857.	Container 1.3
4 July - 21 December 1857.	Container 1.4
26 February - 31 May 1858.	Container 1.5
2 June - 30 June 1858.	Container 1.6
2 July - 31 August 1858.	Container 1.7
4 January - 30 January 1859.	Container 1.8
1 February - 18 February 1859.	Container 1.9
3 March - 30 April 1859.	Container 1.10
2 May - 16 May 1859.	Container 1.11
18 May - 31 May 1859.	Container 1.12
1 June - 18 June 1859.	Container 1.13
19 June - 30 June 1859.	Container 1.14
1 July - 13 July 1859.	Container 1.15
1 January - 8 April 1860.	Container 1.16
19 July - 27 July 1860.	Container 2.1
1 August - 31 September 1860.	Container 2.2
1 January - 15 January 1861.	Container 2.3
5 June - 27 June 1861.	Container 2.4

30 August - 11 December 1861.	Container 2.5
15 April 1862 - 17 February 1864.	Container 2.6
12 August - 30 September 1864.	Container 2.7
4 October 1864 - 28 April 1865.	Container 2.8
1 May - 31 August 1865.	Container 2.9
7 November - 28 December 1865.	Container 2.10
7 February - 26 March, 1866.	Container 2.11
21 April - 27 May 1866.	Container 2.12
12 June - 31 August 1866.	Container 2.13
20 September 1866 - 8 January 1867.	Container 2.14
Items included with the letters.	Container 2.15

Recipient:

Charlotte, Consort of Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico. 89 ALS to Maximilian, 1864-1866. Included are AL from Charlotte to unidentified recipient, 1864; AL / copy from Barzine to Charlotte, 1864; ALI from unidentified author to Charlotte, 1865; handwritten manuscript Discurso pronunciado en la instacion de la junta de beneficencia el 19 de Abril de 1865, 3 pages; handwritten manuscript A los veteranos, 1 page; and untitled handwritten manuscript, 1 page. Also present are 6 seating plans for dinners, 5 newspaper clippings, and other printed matter, 7 pages.

11 August - 19 October 1864.

Container 2.16

19 April - 30 May 1865.

Container 3.1

1 June - 22 December 1865.

Container 3.2

5 February - 26 September 1866.

Container 3.3

Miscellaneous:

15 handwritten letters, lists, and documents, and 7 telegrams relating to Maximilian and Carlota, 1866-1868. Gift, 1989 (G8072); not described in card catalog. **Container** 3.4

Explanatory Note Concerning Manuscript Collections Cataloged in the Card Catalog

Prior to 1990 when archival cataloging procedures were adopted at the Ransom Center, all manuscript collections were described in a card catalog.

Organization of Collections:

- Manuscripts for each author collection were organized into four categories:
- **Works:** manuscripts by the author, arranged alphabetically by title;
- **Letters:** the author's outgoing correspondence, arranged alphabetically by recipient name;
- **Recipient:** the author's incoming correspondence, arranged alphabetically by the author of the letter; and
- **Miscellaneous:** all other manuscripts and correspondence, arranged alphabetically by creator.

Materials that did not fit into these categories, such as art, photographs, books, and near-print materials such as newspaper clippings, were dispersed to other Ransom Center collections for cataloging and storage.

Abbreviations Used in Descriptions:

The symbols below were used in combinations. For example **ALS** means autograph letter signed; **Tccms** means typed carbon copy manuscript, etc.

- **A** = autograph (i.e., handwritten)
- **T** = typed
- **S** = signed
- **I** = initialed
- **Ms** = manuscript
- **Mss** = manuscripts
- **L** = letter
- **FL** = form letter
- **N** = note
- **D** = document
- **C** = card
- **PC** = post card
- **cc** = carbon copy
- **p** = page
- **pp** = pages
- **l** = leaf
- **ll** = leaves
- **nd** = no date
- **inc d** = incomplete date