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MS 341

Stephenson-Flores family papers

Inclusive dates 1858-1993
Bulk dates 1862-1973

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Historical Sketch

The origins of the Stephenson-Flores family stem from the marriage of José María Flores to Margarita Stephenson Ascarate on June 19, 1858. José María Flores was the son of Teresa Valdéz and José Nicolás Flores, members of early San Antonio families. José María Flores arrived in El Paso, Texas in 1852, where he met Margarita Stephenson Ascarate. She was one of the daughters of El Paso pioneers, Hugh Stephenson and Juana María Ascarate.

José María and Margarita had six children: Hugo, Nicolás, Margarita, Luisa, Isabel and José Jesús. Most of these children married the children of other prominent El Paso families, including the Daguerres and the Samaniegos. Many descendants of José María and Margarita Flores held elected positions in the city governments of El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua.

José Jesús Flores became the first elected mayor of Ciudad Juárez after the Madero Revolution. He married Josefina Samaniego Siqueiros, the daughter of Fernando Samaniego and Guadalupe Siqueiros. Josefina's mother, Guadalupe Siqueiros, was the sister of Jesusita Siqueiros, who married Simeon Hart, an important figure in El Paso history. It is through this connection that the Flores family claims relation to the Hart family. José J. and Josefina had six children: Fernando, Enrique F., José M., Carlos F., Maria Luisa and Ana Margarita.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

The Stephenson-Flores family papers are arranged in three series:

Series I. Photographs, 1862-1973.
Arranged in two sub-series - Photograph Albums and Photographs

Series II. News clippings, 1918-1993.
The newspaper clippings are arranged alphabetically by either the name of the individual subject or family, or by the subject.

Series III. Papers, 1858-1973.
This series is arranged alphabetically by subject.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Stephenson and Flores families, El Paso pioneers, were joined by marriage in 1858 in El Paso, Texas. The Stephenson-Flores family papers are composed primarily of family photographs and news clippings relating to family members. There is

a small amount of family correspondence, some documents, and several pages of the family tree.

The first series, **Photographs**, contains photographs and photograph albums of various family members. The collection is rich in family photographs, portraying many prominent Mexican families in the El Paso Borderlands, such as the Samaniego, Flores, Daguerre, Meana, French-Stephenson, Davis, Hart, and Siqueiros families, among others. Other subjects include the families' properties in Ciudad Juárez and El Paso, including the Simeon Hart home site, known today as Hart's Mill or La Hacienda Café.

In the **News clippings** series, many news articles contain information on various family members. The clippings date back into the early years of the twentieth century. The majority of the news clippings deal with the death and final resting place of Simeon Hart, a distant relative of the Stephenson-Flores family.

The **Papers** series contains family correspondence and several legal documents relating to various family members, such as birth and baptismal certificates, and wedding invitations. The journal of José María Flores is an important source of first-hand information about early El Paso history. Among other things, the journal contains letters, photographs, newspaper articles and Jose María's notes. Several genealogical charts tracing the origins and branches of the Stephenson-Flores family are also in this series.

PROVENANCE

In 1996, Hilda F. Kern, daughter of Enrique Flores, donated family papers, photographs, news clippings and a journal to the University of Texas at El Paso Library Special Collections Department. Maria Luisa Flores, aunt of Hilda F. Kern, collected much of the material. Additional materials were donated by Hilda Kern in 2001.

RESTRICTIONS

No restrictions.

LITERARY RIGHTS

Permission to publish material from the Stephenson-Flores Papers, MS 341, must be obtained from the C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, The University of Texas at El Paso Library.

RELATED COLLECTIONS

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CONTAINER LIST

PHOTOGRAPHS

	Photograph Albums	
Box	Folder	Title or Description
1		Photo Album of Hart or French Family
2		Photo Album of Josefina Samaniego Flores
3		Photo Album of Josefina Samaniego Flores

	Photographs	
Box	Folder	Title or Description
Over size box		El Paso County Courthouse judges and staff, c. 1920s
Over size box		Hart, Jesusita S.
Over size box		Overview of Hart's Mill (later La Hacienda Café)
4	1	Castillo Girls
4	2	Daguerre Family
4	3	Davis Family
4	4	Flores Family
4	5	Flores, Maria Louisa
4	6	Friends of Family
4	7	Hart Family
4	8	Meana Children
4	9	Ortíz, Antonio
4	10	Samaniego Family
4	11	Scrapbook about Juan S. Hart

4	12	Siqueiros Family
4	13	Solis, Joaquin (y Siqueiros)
4	14	Stephenson Family
4	15	Unidentified
4	16	Urrutia, Bernado

NEWS CLIPPINGS

Box	Folder	Title or Description
4	17	Ascarate Family
4	18	Davis Family
4	19	de Stephenson, Juana Maria Ascarate
4	20	Flores Family
4	21	Griggs, Edward
4	22	Hart, Jesusita Siqueiros
4	23	Hart, Juan S.
4	24	Hart, Simeon
4	25	Siqueiros Family

PAPERS

Box	Folder	Title or Description
5	1	Ascarate and Stephenson Families
5	2	Davis Family
5	3	Flores Family, includes José Jesus Flores
5	4	José María Flores: Letters and Journal
5	5	Juan S. Hart
5	6	Hart's Mill, includes photographs and correspondence
5	7	Letter to Chihuahua Governor from José Flores, May 12, 1913
5	8	Various Legal Documents

5	9	Various News clippings
5	10	Samaniego Family
5	11	Stephenson-Flores Genealogy Charts