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José Martínez Sotomayor Papers, 1929-1960 (bulk 1930-1932): Finding Aid

Summary Information

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| Abstract: | José Martínez Sotomayor was a Mexican lawyer, judge, and writer who published novels, short stories, and nonfiction. His personal papers includes correspondence and autograph and typescript manuscripts of three of Martínez Sotomayor's books. |

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Biography of José Martínez Sotomayor

José Martínez Sotomayor was a Mexican lawyer, judge, and writer who published novels, short stories, and nonfiction. Born in Guadalajara, Jalisco, he was affiliated with the literary magazines *Bandera de Provincias*, published in Guadalajara in 1929-1930, and *Contemporáneos*, published in Mexico City from 1929 to 1931. The founders and editors of the latter magazine were referred to as "Los Contemporáneos." This literary group was interested in exploring new forms of expression in prose, poetry, and the visual arts and in introducing North American and European writers to a Mexican audience.

Description

Consists of personal papers of Biography of José Martínez Sotomayor. Martínez Sotomayor's correspondence includes letters from other members of the "Contemporáneos" group, such as José Gorostiza, Jaime Torres Bodet, and Xavier Villaurrutia. Also included are letters from Mexican novelists and essayists Agustín Yáñez, Efraín González Luna, and Alfonso Gutiérrez Hermosillo.

The papers contain autograph and typescript manuscripts of three of Martínez Sotomayor's books: *La Rueda de Aire* (novel), *Lentitud* (short stories), and *Locura* (short stories). The manuscripts for *La Rueda de Aire* (The Twisting of the Wind) include a copy of the printed book, published in 1930. There are subseries of correspondence related to each of these three books, and a separate series of general correspondence and documents, covering the period 1930-1932, primarily.

Series 1: *La rueda de aire*, (1930)

Subseries 1A: Manuscripts and Printed Book

Subseries 1B: Related Correspondence

Series 2: *Lentitud*, (1933)

Subseries 2A: Manuscripts

Subseries 2B: Related Correspondence

Series 3: *Locura*, (1939)

Subseries 3A: Manuscripts

Subseries 3B: Related Correspondence

Series 4: General Correspondence and Documents

Subseries 4A: Letters, Cards and Printed Material

Subseries 4B: Telegrams and Mailgrams

Series 5: Additional Material

Arrangement

Organized into the following series:

Series 1: *La rueca de aire*, (1930)

Subseries 1A: Manuscripts and Printed Book

Subseries 1B: Related Correspondence

Series 2: *Lentitud*, (1933)

Subseries 2A: Manuscripts

Subseries 2B: Related Correspondence

Series 3: *Locura*, (1939)

Subseries 3A: Manuscripts

Subseries 3B: Related Correspondence

Series 4: General Correspondence and Documents

Subseries 4A: Letters, Cards and Printed Material

Subseries 4B: Telegrams and Mailgrams

Series 5: Additional Material

Access and Use

Access

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Processing and Other Information

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Processing Information

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Encoding

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Descriptive Rules Used

Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Subject Headings

These materials have been indexed in the [Princeton University Library online catalog](#) using the following terms. Those seeking related materials should search under these terms.

- Mexico -- Intellectual life -- 20th century.
- Contemporáneos (Literary group).
- Critics -- Mexico -- 20th century -- Correspondence.
- Mexican fiction -- 20th century.
- Mexican literature -- 20th century.
- Novelists, Mexican -- 20th century -- Correspondence.
- Poets, Mexican -- 20th century -- Correspondence.
- Correspondence.
- Manuscripts.
- Bandera de provincias (Magazine).
- Contemporáneos (Magazine).
- Latin American literature

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Series 1: *La rueca de aire*, (1930)

Subseries 1A: Manuscripts and Printed Book

| <u>TITLE</u> | <u>BOX</u> | <u>FOLDER</u> |
|---|------------|---------------|
| Three manuscripts of <i>La rueca de aire</i> : AMs, TMs, and TMs (carbon), see also series V. Additional Material | 1 | 1 |
| Printed book (México: Imprenta Mundial, 1930) | 1 | 2 |

Subseries 1B: Related Correspondence

| <u>TITLE</u> | <u>BOX</u> | <u>FOLDER</u> |
|---|------------|---------------|
| Correspondence (62 items, spanning 1930-1932, with a few undated) | 1 | 3 |

Series 2: *Lentitud*, (1933)

Subseries 2A: Manuscripts

| <u>TITLE</u> | <u>BOX</u> | <u>FOLDER</u> |
|---|------------|---------------|
| Three short stories: “Lentitud,” “Hontanar,” and “Neocentauro,” AMss, TMs, and TMss (carbons) | 1 | 4 |

Subseries 2B: Related Correspondence

| <u>TITLE</u> | <u>BOX</u> | <u>FOLDER</u> |
|---|------------|---------------|
| Correspondence (41 items, spanning 1933-1934) | 1 | 5 |

Series 3: *Locura*, (1939)

Subseries 3A: Manuscripts ... (Continued)**Subseries 3A: Manuscripts**

| <u>TITLE</u> | <u>BOX</u> | <u>FOLDER</u> |
|--|------------|---------------|
| Two typescript manuscripts of book, comprised of five short stories, "Locura," "El timbalero," "Por las nubes," "Timidez," and "Estrella doble." TMs with holograph corrections, 120 pp. and TMs (carbon), 119 pp. | 1 | 6 |
| Various drafts of the short stories "Locura" and "Por las nubes" (the latter originally titled "Obsesión," but published as "Por las nubes"), AMs and TMs (carbon). Includes plan for the short story "Obsesión." | 2 | 1 |
| Plan for short story "Estrella doble"; two manuscripts for "Estrella doble," AMs and TMs with holograph corrections (incomplete); one manuscript for short story "Timidez," AMs | 2 | 2 |
| See also series V. Additional Material. | | |

Subseries 3B: Related Correspondence

| <u>TITLE</u> | <u>BOX</u> | <u>FOLDER</u> |
|---|------------|---------------|
| Correspondence (29 items, spanning 1939-1940) | 2 | 3 |

Series 4: General Correspondence and Documents**Subseries 4A: Letters, Cards and Printed Material**

| <u>TITLE</u> | <u>BOX</u> | <u>FOLDER</u> |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Primera Parte/Part One (74 items) | 2 | 4 |
| Segunda Parte/Part Two (70 items) | 2 | 5 |
| Tercera Parte/Part Three (83 items) | 2 | 6 |
| Cuarta Parte/Part Four (61 items) | 2 | 7 |

Subseries 4B: Telegrams and Mailgrams

| <u>TITLE</u> | <u>BOX</u> | <u>FOLDER</u> |
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Subseries 4B: Telegrams and Mailgrams ... (Continued)

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| Part Four (continued): Telegrams and Mailgrams (77 total) | 2 | 8 |
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Series 5: Additional Material

| <u>TITLE</u> | <u>BOX</u> | <u>FOLDER</u> |
|---|------------|---------------|
| (AM 1998-58; 1998-75): | | |
| Fleury, Lauro to José Martínez Sotomayor, TLS, 1931 | 2 | 9 |
| Almazán, Leonides Andreu, governor of the state of Puebla to “Ciudadano Juez Cuarto de Distrito,” TD, 1930 | 2 | 9 |
| Almazán, Leonides Andreu to Martínez Sotomayor, telegram, 1931 | 2 | 9 |
| Romo, Ismail Luquin to Martínez Sotomayor, TLS, 1957 | 2 | 9 |
| Martínez Sotomayor to Ismail Luquin Romo, TL (carbon), 1957 | 2 | 9 |
| (AM 1998-102): | | |
| Additional manuscripts, and related correspondence, 1931-1938, for <i>La rueda de aire</i> , <i>Locura (La venganza)</i> , and the novella <i>La mina</i> (1968), and miscellaneous writings. See the finding aid in Spanish. | 3 | 1-5 |