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CLAIMS COMMISSIONS

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## INTRODUCTION

The subject of claims is important in the history of relations between the United States and Mexico. Mexico's troubled history, its proximity to the United States, and the presence there of a considerable number of United States citizens making large financial investments have given rise to irritating controversies, many of which have resulted in claims. While some of these claims have been settled through regular diplomatic channels, the usual method of settlement has been through international tribunals. Often claims have accumulated for a number of years before the Governments of the two countries agreed to establish an international claims commission to settle them. Such a claims commission has consisted of one or more commissioners from each country and a neutral person serving either as umpire or chairman. It has been customary for commissioners to be appointed by each nation's Chief Executive and the umpire or chairman to be selected by mutual agreement between the two Governments. The commissioners have been responsible for hearing and deciding all claims, sometimes with assistance from the neutral person. If the neutral person served as chairman he would sit with the national commissioners as presiding member and take part in the hearing and deciding of all cases, but if he served as umpire he would be called upon only to decide the disputed points in cases of disagreement between the commissioners. In addition it has been customary for each nation to appoint an agent and counsel and a secretary. The agent has been responsible for preparing and presenting to the commission all claims of the Government he represented. The secretary has been responsible for keeping and maintaining the records of the commission. After claims were settled on an international level and the total amount of awards were determined, the work of an international commission would come to an end. At this point the usual pattern has been the establishment of a domestic claims commission to effect a just distribution among individual claimants of whatever funds had been received as indemnity.

United States participation in the international commissions has been carried on under the auspices of the Department of State pursuant to congressional authorization. The resulting records have usually been preserved as a body in the Department and comprise part of the records in Record Group 76, Records of Boundary and Claims Commissions and Arbitrations.

This inventory has been organized according to the commission or entity that created the records, and consequently records are described as those of a particular organizational unit that produced or accumulated them.

This inventory covers all the records in the National Archives in Record Group 76 that relate to claims of the United States and Mexico. They amount to 1,035 cubic feet and were received from the Department of

State. Records relating to unsettled claims less than 50 years old and all records dated later than December 31, 1929, may be examined only by permission of the Department of State.

Records relating to those described in this inventory are in Record Group 59, General Records of the Department of State; Record Group 84, Records of the Foreign Service Posts of the Department of State; records of the United States Commissioners of the American and Mexican Joint Commission, 1916, in Record Group 43, Records of United States Participation in International Conferences, Commissions, and Expositions; records of the Committee on Foreign Relations To Investigate the Matter of Outrages on Citizens of the United States in Mexico (Senator Albert B. Fall, Chairman), in Record Group 46, Records of the United States Senate; Record Group 39, Records of the Bureau of Accounts (Treasury); and records relating to claims of Mexican citizens arising out of the landing of United States Marines at Veracruz in 1914 and General Pershing's Punitive Expedition of 1916, in Record Group 153, Records of the Office of The Judge Advocate General (Army).

## RECORDS OF UNITED STATES AND MEXICAN CLAIMS COMMISSIONS

### RECORDS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO, CREATED UNDER THE CLAIMS CONVENTION OF APRIL 11, 1839

When the United States established diplomatic relations with Mexico in 1825, various incidents had already given rise to claims of citizens of one country against the other country. During the next decade these claims, some of which dated back to Mexico's struggle for independence, continued to increase. Many were based on allegations that United States vessels had been fired upon, that United States citizens had been illegally arrested and maltreated, and that their property had been confiscated.

To correct this situation the United States and Mexico signed a claims convention on April 11, 1839. It provided that all claims based on injuries to persons and property of citizens of the United States suffered before April 11, 1839, should be referred to a Board of four Commissioners, two to be named by the President of each country. The Board was to meet in Washington and was given a period of 18 months to decide upon the justice of the claims and the amount of compensation, if any, due from the Mexican Government. In case of differences between the Commissioners, the King of Prussia or his representative was to act as Umpire.

An act of Congress, approved June 12, 1840 (5 Stat. 383), provided for the appointment of the two United States Commissioners and a Secretary. On June 16, 1840, President Martin Van Buren appointed William L. Marcy and John Rowan as the United States Commissioners; Alexander Dimitry was appointed Secretary. On June 20, 1840, the Mexican President, Anastasio Bustamante, appointed Pedro Fernández del Castillo and Joaquin Velázquez de León as Mexican Commissioners; Lucas de Palacio y Magarola was appointed Secretary. The King of Prussia appointed Baron Roenne, then minister resident of Prussia at Washington, as the Umpire.

The Board met in Washington from August 25, 1840, to February 25, 1842. During this time a total of 109 claims was presented to it. The Board, however, reached final decisions in only 72 cases. Awards totaling \$439,393.82 were granted in 11 cases, 4 cases were rejected, and 57 cases were transferred to the Umpire. The Umpire rejected 4 of the 57 cases while awarding to the 53 others \$1,586,745.86.

At the end of the 18-month period much unfinished business remained. Besides the 37 undecided claims that were under consideration as the

Board expired, there were several additional claims of United States citizens ready for presentation that the Board was unable to accept or examine because of the lack of time (see entry 9). These additional claims as well as the 37 undecided claims were later taken up by the United States Board of Commissioners established in 1849.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS. Aug. 25, 1840-Feb. 25, 1842. 3 vols. 5 in. A1-1

Approved minutes, in English and Spanish, of the proceedings, containing date and place of each meeting, names of Commissioners present, and a concise statement of the business transacted during the meeting. Signed by both the United States and the Mexican Secretaries. Arranged chronologically. Volumes 1 and 2 are labeled "Day Book."

INDEX TO MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS. 1840-42. 1 vol. 2 in. A1-3

A name and subject index to the minutes of the proceedings described in entry 1. The index gives volume and page references. Names and subjects are arranged alphabetically.

COPIES OF MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS. 1840-42. 4 in. A1-2

Draft copies of the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners (described in entry 1). Included also are copies of documents read or presented to the Board during the meeting. The minutes and many of the other documents are in Spanish, some of which are accompanied by English translations. Arranged according to the two languages used, and thereunder roughly chronologically.

LETTERS SENT BY THE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS. Sept. 8, 1840-Mar. 15, 1842. 1 vol. 2 in. A1-4

Letter book containing copies of letters sent by the United States Commissioners and the United States Secretary to claimants or their attorneys requesting additional information or acknowledging receipt of documents regarding their claims; letters sent to the Umpire, Baron Roenne, answering questions or transmitting reports; and letters sent to the Secretary of State transmitting copies of awards and other documents or reporting to him on the work of the Board of Commissioners. Arranged chronologically, Indexed by name of addressee.

LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS. 1840-42. 1 in. A1-5

Mostly letters received from the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Relations, the Mexican Commissioners, the Umpire, and United States citizens seeking employment or recommending persons for employment by the Board of Commissioners. Included are some drafts of letters sent, mostly to the Secretary of State.

PAPERS OF THE AMERICAN COMMISSIONERS [NOTES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS. 1840-41 and undated. 2 in. A1-6

MEMORANDUMS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS OF THE MEXICAN COMMISSIONERS. 1840-41. 1 in. A1-7

CASE FILES FOR CLAIMS HEARD. 1825-43. 5 ft. A1-8

Case files containing all or most of the following papers relating to each claim: a memorial; a statement of claim usually consisting of a chronological narration of all pertinent matters tending to establish a valid claim; papers containing information regarding the claimant's nationality, the nature of the property involved, the acquisition of the property, acts or incidents giving rise to the claim, and the nature and extent of loss or damage for which the claim was made; and a list of the papers in the folder that relate to the claim. Arranged by claim number.

INDEX TO CASE FILES FOR CLAIMS HEARD. n.d. 6 in. A1-9

A 3" x 5" card index showing names of United States claimants' claim numbers, and in some cases the nature of the claims. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant. Relates to records described in entry 7.

CASE FILES FOR CLAIMS NOT HEARD ("MISCELLANEOUS CLAIMS"). 1839-43. A1-10  
2 ft.

Case files for United States claims not presented to or examined by the Board of Commissioners before its expiration date, containing correspondence with the Department of State and other material to be used as supporting evidence in establishing a valid claim. Arranged numerically.

INDEX TO CASE FILES FOR CLAIMS NOT HEARD. n.d. 4 in. A1-11

A 3" x 5" card index showing names of United States citizens whose claims were not presented to or examined by the Board of Commissioners, claim numbers, and in some cases the nature of the claims. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant. Relates to records described in entry 9.

DECISIONS AND AWARDS. 1841-42. 1 in. A1-12

Certified copies of decisions rendered by the Board of Commissioners on United States claims. They usually indicate the nature of the claims and the amounts awarded. The English and the Spanish versions appear in different columns of the same page. Signed by both Secretaries of the Board of Commissioners. Arranged chronologically by date of award.

RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY. 1840-42. 1 in. A1-14

Signed copies of vouchers and a receipt book indicating that payment was made by Alexander Dimitry, United States Secretary of the Board



of Commissioners, for certain items purchased for use by the Board of Commissioners. The receipt book contains a list of documents which had been filed with the Secretary but were returned to the claimants. Also included are signed oaths of office of the Mexican members of the Board of Commissioners.

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS. 1840-42. 1 in.

A1-15

Letters, depositions, and other documents accumulated by the Board of Commissioners in connection with its work of adjudicating claims of United States citizens; lists of these documents; several brief statements regarding the final disposition of certain claims, the number of claims decided by the Board, and the number of claims decided by the Umpire; and a printed copy of the convention between the United States and Mexico.

LISTS OF DOCUMENTS REGARDING CLAIMS. n.d. 2 in.

A1-13

Lists of State Department documents delivered to the Board of Commissioners by order of the Secretary of State, assembled in two folders labeled "List of documents delivered to Commissioners by order of the Secretary of State" and "List of documents accompanying claims before the Commission." Many of the documents on the latter list were included in the case files of individual claimants. The lists are, with few exceptions, arranged alphabetically by name of claimant.

GENERAL RECORDS. 1833-42. 5 in.

A1-16

A variety of records including:

- drafts of letters sent by the America commissioners;
- tabulation of U.S. claims (1841-42). A printed tabular statement of the final action taken by the Board or Umpire on the claims of United States citizens against Mexico, arranged in eight parts as follows: (1) claims allowed by the Board, (2) claims disallowed by the Board, (3) claims decided by the Board not to be within its jurisdiction, (4) claims allowed by the Umpire, (5) claims disallowed by the Umpire, (6) claims decided by the Umpire not to be within the jurisdiction of the Board, (7) claims undecided by the Umpire, and (8) late claims. Entries under each part are arranged chronologically by final date of action;
- reports of the U.S. commissioners (1842). A copy of a report prepared by the United States Commissioners and submitted to the Secretary of State on March 14, 1842, regarding the work of the Board of Commissioners and including a list of the awards issued; and also a draft copy of the final report, dated April 23, 1842, describing the work of the Board of Commissioners, the many problems encountered, and details of important. The final report has been printed in Senate Document No. 320, 27th Congress;
- report from the Treasury Department regarding payments.

RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,  
ESTABLISHED BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS OF MARCH 3, 1849

The treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, signed February 2, 1848, which

ended the war between the United States and Mexico, provided for the assumption by the United States of all unliquidated claims between the two Governments to an amount not exceeding \$3,250,000. Thus the United States Government freed Mexico from all pending claims of United States citizens that arose before the date of signing the peace treaty. The claims included those that the Board of Commissioners, 1840-42, had decided in favor of United States citizens but that the Mexican Government had failed to pay in full, claims that had not been presented or had remained undecided under the convention of 1839, and new claims that had arisen during the period 1839-48. The United States agreed to set up a domestic Board of Commissioners to decide upon the validity of the claims and the amount of compensation, if any, due to each claimant.

The Board was established by an act of Congress approved March 3, 1849 (9 Stat. 393), which provided for three Commissioners and a Secretary to be appointed by the President of the United States. The Board was to be in session for a period of 2 years. President Zachary Taylor appointed George Evans, Robert T. Paine, and Caleb B. Smith as the three Commissioners. William Carey Jones was appointed Secretary.

The Board was in session from April 16, 1849, to April 15, 1851. During this time it awarded \$3,208,314.96 in 198 cases and rejected 70 cases.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS. Apr. 16, 1849-Apr. 15, 1851. 1 vol. 2 in.

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Approved minutes of the proceedings, containing the date of each meeting, names of Commissioners present, and a concise summary of the business transacted during the meeting. There are some marginal notes indicating that additional details may be found among the opinions and decisions described in entry 28. Also included is a copy of the final report submitted by the Commissioners to the Secretary of State regarding the work accomplished by the Board. The minutes are signed by the Secretary of the Board. Arranged chronologically by date of meeting.

INDEX TO MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS. n.d. 1 vol. 1 in.

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Index to the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners described in entry 17, consisting of an alphabetical list of names of persons and subjects with appropriate page references.

LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. 1849-50. 1/2 in.

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Original letters and reports submitted by the Board of Commissioners and its Secretary to the Secretary of State concerning the work of the Board, with some progress reports or statements about the number of claims decided by the Board of Commissioners. Copies of some of these communications can be found in the "letters sent" described in entry 20. Arranged in reverse chronological order.

- LETTERS SENT BY THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. Apr. 16, 1849-Mar. 12, 1851. 1 vol. 1 in. 20  
Copies of letters sent, mostly to claimants, their attorneys, and the Secretary of State. These were written by the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners in answer to the "letters received" described in entry 21. Arranged chronologically.
- LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE SECRETARY. 1848-51. 2 in. 21  
Letters received by members of the Board of Commissioners and the Secretary, mostly from claimants and their attorneys who inquired about documents filed with the Commissioners, dates for filing claims, the progress of specified claims, and similar matters. Also included are some letters from the Secretary of State. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent. Also present is an alphabetical typed list of the names of the correspondents, with the dates of the letters. Answers to many of these letters can be found in the "letters sent" described in entry 20.
- FINAL REPORT. Apr. 16, 1851. 1/4 in. 22  
This report, signed by the three Commissioners and transmitted to the Secretary of State, reviewed briefly the activities of the Board and summarized the work accomplished, including the number of claims decided and the total amount awarded.
- RULES AND PROCEDURES. Apr. 23, 1849. 1/4 in. 23  
Printed rules and procedures that governed the activities of the Board of Commissioners in adjudicating claims, including information as to the kind of documents that had to be prepared and the kind of proof submitted in order to establish a valid claim.
- CASE FILES FOR CLAIMANTS. 1848-51. 9 ft. 24  
Case files containing all or most of the following papers relating to each claim: a memorial; a statement of claim consisting of a narration of all pertinent matters tending to establish a valid claim; papers containing information regarding the nature of the property involved, the acquisition of the property, acts or incidents giving rise to the claims, and the nature and extent of loss or damage for which the claim was made; and a list of the papers that are contained in each file. Arranged by session, and thereunder by claim number.
- INDEX TO CASE FILES FOR CLAIMANTS. n.d. 10 in. 25  
An index on 3" x 5" cards showing names of claimants and claim numbers and indicating whether claims were filed during the June or the November session. Names arranged by session and alphabetically thereunder. Relates to case files described in entry 24.
- CASE FILES FOR UNDOCKETED CLAIMS. 1848. 3 in. 26  
Case files for claims of United States citizens not docketed with

the Board of Commissioners because claimants withdrew their claims or because the evidence submitted did not contain enough information to establish a valid claim. Each file contains letters or other papers submitted as evidence. Arranged by file number.

INDEX TO CASE FILES FOR UNDOCKETED CLAIMS. n.d. 1 in. 27

An index on 3" x 5" cards, each showing the name of a person wishing to establish a claim, the number of the file containing the documents submitted as evidence of claim, and an indication that the claim was not docketed. Relates to records described in entry 26. Arranged alphabetically by name of person.

OPINIONS AND DECISIONS. June 6, 1849-Apr. 15, 1851. 3 vols. 6 in. 28

Final opinions rendered by the Board of Commissioners. Each opinion contains the Commissioners' decision regarding the validity of a claim and the reasons for arriving at such a decision. The amount of an award was left for future action of the Board (see entry 30). Arranged chronologically by date of opinion.

INDEX TO OPINIONS AND DECISIONS. n.d. 2 vols. 1 in. 29

An alphabetical name index to the opinions and decisions described in entry 28, giving names of claimants and page references.

AWARD BOOKS. 1849-51. 2 vols. 3 in. 30

Award books showing the amounts of compensation, with brief statements indicating that the facts presented in given cases constituted valid claims. Signed by the three Commissioners. Arranged chronologically. Volume 2 contains a name index.

LIST OF AWARDS. 1849-51. 1 vol. 1/2 in. 31

A list of awards made by the Board of Commissioners on claims, showing names of claimants and amounts awarded. Arranged alphabetically by name.

DOCKET. 1849-51. 1 vol. 2 in. 32

A docket of the claims filed with the Board of Commissioners giving the following information for each claim: docket number of claim, name of claimant, a brief statement of events giving rise to the claim, date claim was filed, dates when additional documents were filed, date and nature of the decision rendered, and, if allowed, the amount awarded. Arranged by docket number for the June and the November sessions. The volume contains an alphabetical index by name of claimant.

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS ON CLAIMS. 1842-51. 2 in. 33

Synopses of certain claims of United States citizens against Mexico for losses or injuries allegedly committed against them by Mexican authorities; some correspondence relating to unsettled claims; two original

opinions of the Board, one of which concerns the expulsion cases; and other papers concerning certain claims and attorneys. Unarranged.

LIST OF PAPERS FILED WITH CLAIMS. n.d. 1 vol. 2 in. 34

A list of papers that were filed with the Board of Commissioners, most of which are now in the case files described in entry 24. This list, however, does not include all the contents in each case file, as more documents were added at a later date. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant. A number has been assigned to each claimant and an index keyed to this number is described in entry 35.

INDEX TO PAPERS FILED WITH CLAIMS. n.d. 1 vol. 1 in. 35

An index to a list of papers that were filed with claims, described in entry 34. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant.

"SECRETARY'S JOURNAL" AND LISTS OF PAPERS FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. 1849. 3 vols. 4 in. 36

A journal kept by the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners listing in order of receipt documents relating to claims against Mexico that were received by the Board. Also present is a volume containing a list of memorials that were filed with the Board; and a volume labeled "Index to Minutes of the Proceedings" containing a list of papers on file with the Board of Commissioners on November 9, 1849.

LIST OF PAPERS FROM THE CONSULAR BUREAU. n.d. 1 vol. 1/2 in. 37

A list of documents that the Consular Bureau of the Department of State sent to the Board of Commissioners for use in adjudicating claims against Mexico. Documents are listed under the name of the claimant to whom they relate. Claimants' names are arranged alphabetically. Apparently some of these papers were later returned to the Consular Bureau.

RECORDS OF THE COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO,  
CREATED UNDER THE CLAIMS CONVENTION OF JULY 4, 1868

On July 4, 1868, a convention was concluded between the United States and Mexico for the adjustment of all claims of the citizens of either country against the Government of the other that had arisen since the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, February 2, 1848. The convention provided for the submission of all claims to two Commissioners, one to be appointed by each Government. The two Commissioners were to name a third person as Umpire to decide those claims on which the two Commissioners could not reach an agreement.

An act of Congress approved April 7, 1869 (16 Stat.7), contained provisions for carrying the convention into effect. The Commission was organized at Washington on July 31, 1869. William Henry Wadsworth was appointed Commissioner for the United States, George G. Gaither was appointed Secretary (succeeded in 1870 by Randolph Coyle), and J. Hubley Ashton was appointed Agent and Counsel to represent United States interests. Mexico was represented first by Francisco G. Palacio as Commissioner (succeeded in 1872 by León Guzmán and in 1873 by Manuel María de Zamacona), J. Carlos Mexía as Secretary, and Caleb Cushing as Agent and Counsel to represent Mexican interests (succeeded in 1872 by Manuel Aspiroz and in 1873 by Eleuterio Avila). On June 10, 1870, the Commissioners offered William Cullen Bryant the office of Umpire, but he declined the offer. The position remained vacant until June 24, 1870, when Francis Lieber of New York City accepted it. He served until 1872, when he was succeeded by Edward Thornton.

Randolph Coyle, United States Secretary, and J. Carlos Mexía, Mexican Secretary, were the custodians of all documents and records of the Commission, and it was their duty to keep them systematically arranged. The Secretaries also had to furnish each Agent copies of pleadings, notices, and other papers filed with the Commission by the other Agent. Thus the United States Agent received from the United States Secretary copies of pleadings of Mexican claimants filed with the Commission by the Mexican Agent. The United States Agent also accumulated documents regarding United States claims against Mexico which he presented before the Commission. The duties of the Agent, who sometimes acted as Counsel also, are further explained under the heading "Records of the Agent of the United States," and the records he accumulated are described thereunder in entries 61-87.

The United States filed before the Commission a total of 1,017 claims, totaling \$470,126,613.40, of which 186 claims were awarded a total of \$4,125,622.20 and 831 were rejected. Mexico filed 998 claims totaling \$86,661,891.15, of which 167 claims were awarded a total of \$150,498.41 and 831 were rejected.

The Commission was to function for 2 1/2 years from the day of its first meeting, but it was extended by conventions between the United States and Mexico signed April 19, 1871, November 27, 1872, November 20, 1874, and April 29, 1876. The Commissioners adjourned on January 31, 1876. The Umpire, however, under the convention of April 29, 1876, was given additional time to decide the cases referred to him during the last days of the Commission. The Umpire completed his work on November 20, 1876. Records regarding payments to individual United States citizens, however, are dated as late as 1890 because Mexico paid the amount assessed against her in 14 yearly installments. When an installment was received the Department of State took the necessary steps to distribute the money to individual claimants.

- MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS. July 31, 1869-Nov. 20, 1876. 2 vols.  
4 in. 39  
A concise statement of the business transacted by the Commission during each meeting, with place, date, and names of members present. Arranged chronologically by date of meeting. Signed by both Secretaries. Contents are indexed in volume 2.
- DRAFTS OF MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS. Sept. 5, 1870-Mar. 7, 1876.  
3 in. 40  
Draft copies of minutes described in entry 39.
- CASE FILES FOR UNITED STATES CLAIMANTS. 1869-76. 50 ft. 41  
Case files for United States claimants against the Mexican Government. Each file contains documents submitted by the claimant as evidence of injury or property losses. The documents relate to such matters as proof of citizenship of claimant, nature of injury or loss of property involved, proof concerning ownership, and other details regarding the acts and incidents giving rise to claims and include memorials and initial statements of claim. Final opinions and decisions are usually filed separately (see entry 47). Each file usually contains an itemized list of the documents contained in it. (Similar lists are described in entry 44.) Case files are arranged by docket number. Documents within a case file are assigned a number and are arranged numerically within it.
- MASTER INDEX TO CASE FILES FOR UNITED STATES CLAIMANTS. n.d. 2 ft. 42  
A master index, on 3" x 5" cards, to case files for United States claimants against the Government of Mexico. Each card shows the name of the claimant, the docket number of the claim, and usually a brief statement regarding the nature of the claim. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant. Relates to records described in entry 41. Similar to material described in entry 43.
- INDEX TO CASE FILES FOR UNITED STATES CLAIMANTS. n.d. 2 vols.  
1/4 in. 43  
A two-volume index to case files for United States claimants. Relates to records described in entry 41. Names are arranged alphabetically and docket numbers of claims are shown. One volume, labeled "Index to American Docket," gives notice docket number in addition to the claimant's name and docket number of claim. The notice docket number indicates the order in which the cases were scheduled to be heard by the Commission.
- LISTS OF PAPERS IN CASE FILES FOR UNITED STATES CLAIMANTS. n.d.  
3 vols. 6 in. 44  
A listing of documents contained in each of the case files described in entry 41. Each document within a case file is identified by type, date, and document number. Arrangement is by docket number. A name index to this material is described in entry 45.

INDEX TO UNITED STATES CLAIMANTS WHOSE PAPERS ARE LISTED. n.d. 1 vol.  
1/4 in. 45  
An index to claimants whose lists of papers are described in entry  
44. Given are the names of claimants and docket numbers of claims. Ar-  
ranged alphabetically by name of claimant.

BRIEFS IN SUPPORT OF CLAIMS OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS. 1869-76. 46  
3 in.  
Mostly printed copies of briefs, but also written pleadings such  
as motions, arguments, and replies, addressed to the Commission by the  
United States Agent and Counsel in support of certain legal contentions  
advanced in behalf of the claimant. In some cases these were prepared  
to refute statements or motions presented by the opposition. Arranged by  
docket number, with some gaps.

OPINIONS AND DECISIONS. 1870-76. 6 ft. 47  
Opinions rendered by the Mexican and United States Commissioners  
or, in case of conflict, the final opinions of the Umpire, on United  
States claims. Each opinion contains the Commissioners' or Umpire's de-  
cision regarding the validity of the claim, the reasons for arriving at  
such a decision, the amount of compensation, if any, due the claimant,  
and, if awarded, the date from which interest was to be computed. Ar-  
ranged by docket number, with some gaps. Individual opinions are cross-  
referenced to the opinions described in entry 69.

DOCKET OF UNITED STATES CLAIMS ("AMERICAN DOCKET"). 1869-76. 1 vol. 49  
2 in.  
The docket of claims filed by United States claimants against the  
Government of Mexico, giving information on the progress of each claim  
from the time it was referred to the Commission until a final decision  
was rendered. The information includes the name of claimant, docket  
number of claim, nature of claim, date the claim was referred to the  
Commission, dates important documents were filed, and reference to the  
appropriate volume and page number where the final opinion and decision  
can be found. Opinions and decisions referred to are described in entry  
69. Numbers written in red ink refer to notice docket numbers described  
in entry 50. Entries are arranged by docket number of claim.

NOTICE DOCKET OF UNITED STATES CLAIMS. 1870-71. 2 vols. 3 in. 50  
The notice docket was designed to serve as a trial calendar indica-  
ting the order in which the cases would be presented to the Commission.



The information given for notice docket numbers 1-760 includes the name of claimant, docket number of claim, notice docket number, date claim was referred to Commission, dates certain documents were filed, and in some cases final disposition of claim. The notice docket book gradually fell into disuse and after notice docket number 760 the only information recorded is name of claimant, docket number, and notice docket number. Arranged by notice docket numbers, from 1 to 1027.

REPORT ON PROGRESS OF THE COMMISSION. Jan. 31, 1873. 4 in. 51

A report in tabular form prepared by Randolph Coyle, United States Secretary of the Commission, showing the claims that had been adjudicated by the Commission from its establishment to January 31, 1873, as well as those which still remained unadjudicated. The following information is given for decided claims: name of claimant, docket number, notice docket number, nature of claim, amount of claim, date and nature of decision, and amount awarded. The information given for undecided claims is similar except that the date and nature of decision and amount awarded are omitted. Arranged by docket number.

LIST OF UNITED STATES CLAIMANTS WHOSE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

n.d. 6 vols. 2 in. 52

A list of names of United States claimants whose documents were received by the United States Secretary of the Commission. Many of these documents were transmitted as enclosures in letters received by the Secretary, described in entry 55. Arranged alphabetically by name of the claimant to whom the records pertain.

LIST OF RECORDS RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. Dec. 30, 1876.

1/4 in. 53

A copy of the letter prepared by Randolph Coyle, United States Secretary of the Commission, which transmitted to the Secretary of State the records accumulated by the Commission. It enumerates the main series of records being returned and describes their arrangement and content. With the letter are papers concerning the necessity of preparing a memorial for each claim being submitted to the Commission. These papers were not formally filed with the Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN COMMISSIONERS WADSWORTH AND GUZMAN. July 12-22, 1872. 1 in. 54

Letters exchanged between Mexican Commissioner León Guzmán and United States Commissioner William H. Wadsworth regarding their disagreement over Indian depredation cases. These cases represented a group of Mexican claims against the United States Government, based on alleged raids and depredations in Mexico by Indians living in United States territory. In addition to the correspondence there are several other documents regarding the views of the Commissioners on the disposition of these cases. Documents in Spanish are accompanied by English translations. Arranged chronologically.

LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY. Aug. 7, 1869-Dec. 7, 1876. 5 vols. 2 ft.

55

Letters received by Randolph Coyle, United States Secretary of the Commission, mostly from United States citizens inquiring about the proper procedure for filing claims and from claimants or their attorneys submitting additional evidence or inquiring about the progress and date of final settlement of their claim. Included also are letters received from the Department of State and from the Umpire. Arranged chronologically and indexed within each volume by name of correspondent. Answers to letters from the Department of State and the Umpire are described in entry 56. Answers to other letters are described in entry 64.

LETTERS SENT BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY. Aug. 11, 1869-Dec. 4, 1876. 3 vols. 6 in.

56

Copies of letters sent mostly to the Department of State, the Umpire, and other officials directly concerned with the work of the Commission. Many of these letters are answers to letters received from the Umpire and the Secretary of State, described in entry 55. Arranged chronologically and indexed within each volume by name of correspondent.

LETTERS SENT BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY AND THE AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES. Oct. 13, 1869-Dec. 12, 1876. 4 vols. 5 in.

57

Press copies of letters sent by the United States Secretary of the Commission and by the Agent of the United States. Most of these are answers to letters received, described in entries 55 and 65. Some are illegible. Arranged in chronological order. The three volumes after May 1870 are indexed within each volume by name of addressee.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS. 1869-75. 5 in.

58

Papers relating for the most part to the rules and practices adopted by the Commission to carry on its work. Included are printed copies of the rules and orders, printed copies of form letters sent to claimants, copies of memoranda relating to the rules and practices of the Commission, applications for employment with the Commission, resignations, lists of claims, and motions by claimants or their attorneys requesting additional time for filing evidence with the Commission. Unarranged.

NOTICES OF FILING DEFENSIVE EVIDENCE. 1870-71. 1 in.

59

Form letters addressed to Randolph Coyle, United States Secretary of the Commission, by Caleb Cushing, Agent of Mexico, informing the Secretary that defensive evidence regarding the claims specified was being filed with the Commission. Claims are identified by name of claimant and docket number. Arranged by docket number.

ORDERS REFERRING CLAIMS TO THE UMPIRE. 1871-75. 2 in.

60

Printed form letters used for referring claims to the Umpire for final decision when the two Commissioners had failed to agree on a final settlement. Claims are identified by name of claimant and docket number. Arranged by docket number.

Records of the Agency of the United States

In view of the traditional theory that the claims before an international commission are claims of one government against another, individual claimants or their attorneys have not been allowed to appear before a commission to present their claims. This has led to the appointment of a person, designated as agent, whose duty was to present before a commission all claims in behalf of his government and its citizens.

The duties of the Agent of the United States appointed under the claims convention of July 4, 1868, were to serve as counsel for the Government in all matters relating to claims, to prepare the claims of United States citizens, to present them before the Commission, and to prepare defensive arguments against the claims made by the Mexican government. The Agent was required to work closely with the United States Secretary of the Commission, the State Department, and individual claimants and their attorneys. In carrying out his duties, the Agent, J. Hubley Ashton, accumulated and produced a considerable quantity of records relating to claims of United States citizens against Mexico and to claims of Mexican citizens against the United States. Some of these records are duplicated in the Commission records. Most of the records of the Agency (the office of the Agent) are described below either as those relating to claims of United States citizens or as those relating to claims of Mexican citizens.

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS. July 6, 1870-Sept. 25, 1876. 1 vol. 2 in. 61

A tabular statement regarding final disposition of the claims of United States citizens against Mexico as well as the final disposition of claims of Mexican citizens against the United States. The following information is given: name of client, docket number of claim, date of decision, final disposition of claim, and, if claim was approved, amount of award. Arranged by date on which the decision was rendered.

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES. Oct. 28, 1874. 1 vol. 62  
1/2 in.

A printed copy of the report submitted to the Secretary of State by the Agent of the United States, describing the work accomplished by the Commission by October 28, 1874. It relates both to United States claims against Mexico and Mexican claims against the United States. The following information is given for each claim: name of claimant, docket number, nature of claim, time and place the claim arose, amount claimed, amount of award, if made, and whether the final disposition was made by the Commissioners or by the Umpire. Arranged by docket number. Indexed by name of claimant.

FINAL REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES. Jan. 29, 1877. 63  
1 vol. 1 in.

A printed copy of a 103-page report submitted to the Secretary of

State by the Agent of the United States. The report was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and printed as Senate Executive Document No. 31, 44th Congress, 2d Session. It contains a schedule of all the claims presented to the Commission by citizens of the United States against Mexico as well as of all claims by citizens of Mexico against the United States. The following information is given for each claim: name of claimant, docket number of claim, nature of claim, time and place the claim arose, amount claimed, nature of final decision, whether decided by the Commissioners or by the Umpire, and amount of money awarded. Arranged by docket number. Indexed by name of claimant.

#### Records Relating to United States Claimants

LETTERS SENT BY THE AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES. Oct. 13, 1869-  
Dec. 9, 1876. 2 vols. 3 in. 64

Copies of letters written mostly by the Agent of the United States. Many of these communications are answers to the "letters received", described in entry 65, and contain information regarding submission of evidence and the progress being made on specified claims. Some are addressed to the Department of State. Arranged chronologically. Indexed by name of recipient.

LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES. July 7-Aug. 9,  
1866; June 28, 1869-Dec. 6, 1876. 3 vols. 1 ft. 65

Letters received by the Agent of the United States from claimants or their attorneys requesting information about particular claims, submitting additional evidence in support of their claims, or inquiring about final decisions and other details regarding the progress being made in reaching a final settlement. Included are some letters received by the Department of State before June 28, 1869. Arranged chronologically. Indexed within each volume by name of correspondent. Answers to some of these letters may be found in the records described in entries 57 and 64.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS TO CLAIMANTS. 1870. 1 in. 66

Letters sent to claimants by the Agent that were returned. Most of the letters transmit printed copies of Circular 3 to United States citizens whose claims were on file with the Commission but who had yet to file memorials and other necessary evidence. Claims are identified by name of claimant and docket number. Arranged by docket number.

MEMORIALS OF UNITED STATES CLAIMANTS. 1869-76. 3 vols. 1 ft. 67

Printed copies of memorials of United States citizens filing claims against Mexico. Each memorial gives a succinct statement regarding the nature and amount of the claim, the time and place the claim arose, and the citizenship of the claimant. Arranged by docket number. If a memorial was not prepared for a claim, a note to that effect is in the proper place in the volume. Spanish translations of these memorials are described in entry 68.

TRANSLATIONS OF MEMORIALS OF UNITED STATES CLAIMANTS. 1869-76. 1 ft. 68

Printed Spanish translations of the memorials described in entry 67. Arranged by docket number, with some gaps.

CERTIFIED COPIES OF OPINIONS. July 6, 1870-Nov. 20, 1876. 10 vols. 2 ft. 69

Certified copies of opinions, including decisions, rendered by the Commissioners or the Umpire concerning the validity of United States and Mexican claims. Arranged chronologically. Three of the volumes of opinions are designated A, B, and C, and are indexed within each volume; the other volumes are numbered from 1 to 7. These opinions duplicate those described in entries 47, 82, and 83.

SUBJECT LIST OF UNITED STATES CLAIMS. Oct. 1, 1873. 1 vol. 1 in. 70

A list of claims of United States citizens against Mexico, arranged under 12 headings, as follows: (1) claims for acts of the Imperial Government; (2) claims for acts of the Government under the "Plan of Tacubaya"; (3) claims for acts before February 2, 1848, and after January 1, 1869; (4) claims growing out of contracts; (5) claims for goods taken at the action of Santa Gertrudis; (6) claims for the sacking of Bagdad; (7) claims growing out of the violation of section 3 of article 19 of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo; (8) claims for drafts made by Manuel Doblado, Secretary of State of Mexico, upon the United States Treasury in the event the treaty made with M. Corwin in 1862 went into effect; (9) claims growing out of the siege of Matamoros, November 1861 to February 1862; (10) claims growing out of seizures and overcharged duties; (11) claims for personal outrages; and (12) claims for damage to property by civil and military authorities. Under each of these headings are given the claimant's name, docket number of claim, and a brief statement about the incident giving rise to the claim. There is an index by kind of claim as well as an alphabetical index by name of claimant.

UNITED STATES CLAIMS NOT FILED WITH THE COMMISSION. ca. 1870-72. 3 in. 71

Memorials, depositions, correspondence, and other documents accumulated as evidence by the United States Agent in behalf of United States citizens wanting to file claims against the Mexican Government. Most of this material pertains to the claims of Francis F. Dana and George Lewis. Presumably the records remained in the custody of the Agent because they were received after the time limit for filing claims with the Commission.

CLAIMS PAPERS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. ca. 1850-79. 3 in. 72

Mostly copies of letters but also other documents received by the Department of State from United States citizens or their attorneys or from Senators and consuls regarding alleged incidents, injuries, or losses affecting citizens of the United States that might be grounds for

claims against the Government of Mexico. Presumably these records were kept on file by the Department of State until the Claims Commission was organized and were then turned over to the Agent of the United States. Some of this material was not used. Arranged in part alphabetically by name of claimant or place where claim arose; the rest is unarranged.

LISTS OF STATE DEPARTMENT PAPERS REGARDING CLAIMS. 1848-69. 2 in. 73

Several lists of papers that were in the files of the Department of State and contained information regarding claims of United States citizens against the Government of Mexico. The largest of these lists consists of 36 pages and gives the following information for each document listed: name of writer, date written, name of claimant, nature of claim, and amount claimed, if any. There is also a space for "remarks" applicable to each claim. Arranged chronologically. Other lists titled "List of Papers on File in the Diplomatic Bureau" and "Consular List" give names of the embassy or consulate that had submitted information. Most of the listed documents presumably became part of the case files for the claims to which they pertained.

RECEIPTS FOR PAYMENTS TO CLAIMANTS ("MEXICAN INDEMNITY RECEIPTS").

1878-90. 14 vols. 2 ft.

74

The Department of State received from the government of Mexico amounts of money in 14 annual installments from which United States claimants were paid. These volumes, one for each installment, contain the receipts from United States claimants for money received from the Secretary of State as payment for the awards made by the Commission. Receipts identify claimant by name and docket number, indicate the amount of money received and number and date of check, and are signed by the claimant or his attorney. Arranged chronologically within each volume.

RECORD OF PAYMENTS TO CLAIMANTS. 1878-90. 1 vol. 2 in.

75

A record of money paid by the Department of State to individual United States claimants on awards made by the Commission. The following information is given for each claimant: name of claimant, docket number of claim, name of person having power of attorney, amount of money awarded, amount paid in yearly installments, and usually the total amount paid. Arranged by docket number.

Records Relating to Mexican Claimants

MEMORIALS OF MEXICAN CLAIMANTS. 1869-76. 3 vols. 6 in.

76

Printed copies of memorials of Mexican citizens filing claims against the Government of the United States. Memorials are grouped by class of claim, such as Indian depredations, cattle claims, Bagdad claims, or William Walker invasion claims, and under these classifications memorials are arranged by notice docket number. Each memorial contains a brief statement of the origin and nature of the claims, the time and place the

claim arose, and amount claimed. Arranged by class of claim and there-  
under by notice docket number.

INDEX TO MEXICAN MEMORIALS. 1869-76. 1/4 in. 77

A name index to Mexican memorials described in entry 76, giving names  
of claimants and volumes and page numbers where memorials can be found.  
Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant.

NOTICES FROM THE MEXICAN SECRETARY. Sept. 21, 1870-Jan. 30, 1871.  
4 in. 78

Printed notices in Spanish from the Mexican Secretary to the Agent  
of the United States, informing him that the claims specified in the  
notices were being filed with the Commission. The claims are identified  
by name of claimant, docket number, and date filed with the Commission.  
Arranged chronologically.

DEFENSIVE ARGUMENTS OF THE AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES. 1870-75.  
2 vols. and loose papers. 6 in. 79

Copies of the defensive arguments, depositions, and other evidence  
obtained and filed with the Commission by the Agent of the United States.  
Usually these consist of answers to allegations made by the Mexican Gov-  
ernment in presenting the claims of its citizens against the Government  
of the United States. The arguments and evidence relating to claims  
arising from the Walker expedition, the Bagdad, Piedras Negras, and Villa  
Aldama incidents, and the cattle claims are printed and bound in two  
volumes. Other material is unbound and includes several copies of defen-  
sive arguments of the Mexican Agent. Presumably the originals of these  
arguments are found with the case files of Mexican claimants. Printed  
materials are arranged by class of claim; the unbound material is arranged  
by docket number of claim.

INDEX TO DEPOSITIONS FOR DEFENSE OF CATTLE CLAIMS. n.d. 1 vol.  
1/2 in. 80

An index to depositions and affidavits obtained for use in refuting  
allegations made by Mexican citizens presenting claims for cattle losses  
against the United States. These depositions were printed in the volumes  
containing defensive arguments submitted by the Agent of the United States,  
described in entry 79. Specifically the index relates to the material  
beginning with page 153 (pagination in red ink) of the volume labeled  
"Arguments and Evidence for the United States, Cattle Claims." The index  
gives the name of claimant, docket number, date of incident giving rise  
to claim, place where incident occurred, amount claimed, names of persons  
from which the depositions or affidavits were obtained, and page number  
where deposition is printed. Arranged by docket number.

INDEX TO MEXICAN CLAIMS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. 1869-76. 1 vol.  
1/4 in. 81

An index to Mexican claims against the United States. Given are name

of claimant, docket number, and notice docket number of claim. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant.

OPINIONS REGARDING THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF CLAIMS OF MEXICAN CITIZENS.  
n.d. 6 in. 82

Copies of opinions rendered by the Commissioners or the Umpire containing their decisions regarding the validity of claims of Mexican citizens. This set was maintained by the Agent of the United States. Many of the opinions are English translations of opinions of the Mexican Commissioner. Many are duplicates of those described in entries 69 and 83. Arranged by Mexican docket number, with many gaps.

OPINIONS OF THE MEXICAN COMMISSIONER. ca. 1870-72. 1 in. 83

Copies of opinions rendered by Francisco G. Palacio, Mexican Commissioner, on claims of Mexican citizens. Each opinion usually contains the Commissioner's decision regarding the validity of the claim, reasons for arriving at such a decision, and the amount of compensation, if any, due the claimant. Included are opinions on claims based on injuries and losses allegedly suffered by Mexican citizens as a result of military activities of the United States during the Civil War. Cross-referenced to main series of opinions described in entry 69. Arranged by Mexican docket number.

DOCKET OF MEXICAN CLAIMS ("MEXICAN DOCKET"). 1869-76. 1 vol. 2 in. 84

A docket of claims filed by Mexican citizens against the Government of the United States containing information about the progress of each claim from the time it was referred to the Commission until a final decision was rendered. Arranged by Mexican docket number, with a few gaps. The information given includes the name of claimant, docket number of claim, notice docket number written in red ink, date claim was referred to the Commission, dates certain documents were filed, and final disposition of claim. Reference is made to the volume and page number where the final decision can be found. Decisions referred to are described in entry 69.

TRANSLATION OF DOCKET OF MEXICAN CLAIMS. n.d. 1 vol. 2 in. 85

A list of claims of Mexican citizens against the United States giving claimant's name, docket number of claim, notice docket number in red ink, a concise statement about the nature of the claim and the incidents which gave rise to it, amount claimed, and date claims papers were received from the Mexican legation. This seems to be an English translation of the Mexican docket book of claims against the United States kept by the Mexican Secretary. Arranged by docket number.

LISTS OF MEXICAN CLAIMS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. n.d. 6 vols.  
6 in. 86

Lists of claims of Mexican citizens filed against the United States



Government showing the following information for each claim: name of claimant, amount claimed, docket number of claim, notice docket number, and the name, age, and occupation of persons who figured prominently in the claim. The different classes of claims are arranged in separate volumes. There are volumes for the Villa Aldama, Bagdad, Piedras Negras, and Indian depredations claims. Within each volume the arrangement is numerical by notice docket number, usually written in red ink. These lists can be utilized as an index to locate memorials of Mexican claimants described in entry 76.

UNUSED EVIDENCE OF THE AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES. 1869-75. 2 in. 87

Mostly unused evidence, but also other records gathered by the Agent of the United States in order to defend the interest of the United States against the claims of Mexican citizens. Consists of letters and affidavits received from the War Department, letters from consuls, and reports from the Treasury Department submitted in response to requests for information regarding incidents that gave rise to claims by citizens of Mexico. The War Department furnished information on incidents involving military personnel or occurring in areas controlled by military personnel. Included also are draft copies of letters prepared by the Agent of the United States, a draft copy of the rules of the Commission, and a copy of the report on Indian depredations claims submitted to the Mexican Secretary of Foreign Relations by Commissioner Guzmán.

RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO TEXAS, ESTABLISHED  
BY A JOINT RESOLUTION OF CONGRESS OF MAY 7, 1872

On May 7, 1872, a joint resolution (17 Stat. 395) was approved by Congress authorizing the President of the United States to appoint three persons to act as Commissioners to inquire into the extent and character of depredations by bands of Indians and Mexicans who crossed the Rio Grande to commit acts endangering the property, lives, and liberty of the citizens of Texas. The Commissioners were ordered to proceed to the frontier areas and take testimony, under oath, of such witnesses as might appear before them. Reports regarding the work accomplished and the evidence collected were to be made periodically.

The Commission was organized in New Orleans on July 4, 1872. The Commissioners were Fabius J. Mead, Richard H. Savage, and Thomas P. Robb, Chairman. This Commission is often referred to as the Robb Commission. It functioned, with some recesses, from July 4, 1872, to June 30, 1873. During this period it received 423 petitions and 1,090 depositions. Additional depositions and petitions were received after the Commission expired. Most of the records of the Commission are bound in 20 numbered volumes and a few unnumbered ones. The amount of losses and injuries, according to the findings of the Commission, totaled \$48,496,235.25. The final report of the Commission was submitted on June 30, 1873.

PROCEEDINGS. July 4-Oct. 14, 1872; Jan. 25-June 30, 1873. 2 vols.

3 in.

88

A record of the oral hearings taken during the public sessions held by the Commission. Oral testimony, including the questions of the Commissioners and the answers of the witnesses, was put into writing and is interspersed with several depositions presented during the hearings and some correspondence. The proceedings of the 1873 session are less detailed than those of the 1872 session and consist mostly of brief statements of the business transacted during particular meetings. The date, the location, and names of Commissioners present are given for each meeting. Meetings were held in New Orleans, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Laredo, San Antonio, Eagle Pass, and other places. Proceedings for the 1872 session are in volume 9; proceedings for the 1873 session are in volume 19. Arranged chronologically.

REPORTS OF THE COMMISSION. Dec. 10, 1872; June 30, 1873. 3 vols.

3 in.

89

Detailed reports submitted to the Secretary of State by the Commissioners regarding the work accomplished by them during the 1872 and 1873 sessions. The report of June 30, 1873, recapitulates the work accomplished by the Commission during both sessions. Arranged chronologically.

PETITIONS FILED WITH THE COMMISSION. 1872-73. 4 vols. 1 ft.

90

According to the rules of procedure adopted by the Commission, every case had to be stated in a petition addressed to the United States Commission to Texas. Each petition filed contains the name of the claimant, present address, address at time of alleged injury or loss, a brief statement regarding the time, place, and nature of the incident from which the claim arose, the kind and amount of injury or loss suffered, and the name and place of residence of the party responsible for the resultant injury or loss. Petitions were numbered in the order in which they were received and oral hearings were held in that order. Arranged by petition number. Assembled in volumes 3-6. An index by name is described in entry 92.

PETITIONS NOT ACTED UPON. n.d. 4 vols. 9 in.

91

Petitions similar to those described in entry 90, but which were not acted upon because they were presented after the Commission expired. Most petitions are accompanied by supporting depositions. Assembled in volumes 7, 8, 13, and 20. Arranged alphabetically by name of petitioner in volumes 7, 8, and 20. Arranged by number of petition in volume 13. A name index is described in entry 92.

INDEX TO PETITIONS. n.d. 1 vol. 1 in.

92

An index to petitions presented before the Commission. Each entry gives the name of petitioner, number of petition, volume in which petition can be found, and amount of loss claimed. Arranged alphabetically by name of petitioner. Relates to records described in entries 90 and 91.

INDEX TO TEXAS CATTLE CLAIMS. Ca. 1872-73. 2 boxes.

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Index cards, each bearing a claim number, the name of one or more counties in Texas, various dates (years only), and notes to explain resolution of the claim. Claims may have resulted from hostile Indian action.

DEPOSITIONS FILED WITH THE COMMISSION. 1872-73. 6 vols. 1 ft. 94

Depositions presented to the Commission in support of claims made in specified petitions. Each deposition usually contains the following information: name of deponent; number of deposition; number of petition in support of which the deposition was presented; age, residence, and occupation of deponent; and a brief statement substantiating the claim made in specified petition. Depositions are arranged numerically in volumes 9-11. Other depositions, some presented after the Commission expired, are in volumes 12 and 20 and in an unnumbered volume. An alphabetical name index is described in entry 95. A numerical list of depositions is described in entry 96.

INDEX TO DEPOSITIONS. n.d. 1/4 in. 95

An index to depositions presented before the Commission, giving the name of the deponent and the number of the deposition. Arranged alphabetically by name of deponent. Relates to records described in entry 94.

LIST OF DEPOSITIONS. 1872-73. 1 vol. 1/2 in. 96

A list of depositions, giving name and address of witness and number of petition supported by the particular deposition. Arranged by deposition number. Relates to records described in entry 94. This volume also contains the list of petitions described in entry 93.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS. 1872-73. 4 vols. 8 in. 97

Miscellaneous records accumulated by the Commission in accomplishing its factfinding duties. Included are newspaper clippings; certificates of marks and brands used on livestock by various individuals; copies of newspapers including La Voz Pública; copies of letters from military and consular officials regarding the general situation along the Texas-Mexican border; statements regarding Indian depredations; and reports of county grand juries. Assembled in volumes 14-17. Much of this material is listed on pages 103-111 in the volume described in entry 98.

LIST OF COMMISSION RECORDS ("INDEX"). n.d. 1 vol. 1 in. 98

A list of the Commission's records that is arranged in four parts as follows: (1) list of titles of bound volumes 1-20; (2) alphabetical list of petitioners showing petition number for each, the volume in which it is bound, attached documents, and supporting documents; (3) numerical list of depositions showing for each the name of the deponent, the volume in which the deposition is bound, and the petition to which it

relates; and (4) list of miscellaneous documents bound in volumes 14 and 17 of the records described in entry 97.

SUMMARY OF WORK OF 1873 SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ("INDEX BOOK AND RECORD OF EVIDENCE AND PETITIONS TAKEN BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION TO TEXAS, 1873"). 1873. 1 vol. 1 in. 99

A record of the work accomplished by the 1873 session of the Commission that includes lists of the petitions, depositions, and other documentary evidence collected by the Commission during its last session. Much of the information is repeated in the report of the Commission described in entry 89.

RECORDS OF THE GENERAL CLAIMS COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO,  
CREATED UNDER THE CLAIMS CONVENTION OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1923

The General Claims Commission was created under a convention signed September 8, 1923, to settle all claims between the United States and Mexico arising after July 4, 1868, except those growing out of the revolution in Mexico, 1910-20. In accordance with the provisions of the convention a three-man commission was established composed of a citizen of the United States, a citizen of Mexico, and a citizen of a neutral country. The three Commissioners were: J. R. Baker (succeeded by Nathan L. Miller, Edwin B. Parker, and Fred Kenelm Nielsen) of the United States; Género Fernández MacGregor of Mexico; and C. Van Vollenhoven of the Netherlands (succeeded by Kristian Sindballe of Denmark and Horacio F. Alfaro of Panama). The Commission functioned from 1924 to 1931, with numerous interruptions. In 1931, when activities were suspended, 3,617 claims had been filed with the Commission, 54 claims had been disallowed, and 94 claims had been allowed for a total amounting to \$4,646,926.59.

Work was resumed under an agreement of April 24, 1934, with two Commissioners only and under new procedural methods. The provision for a neutral Commissioner was eliminated. United States Commissioner Oscar W. Underwood and Mexican Commissioner Benito Flores were instructed to appraise separately all claims not yet disposed of and to get together in an attempt to reconcile any differences between them regarding final disposition. A period of 3 years was allowed for this work. In 1937, when the Commissioners filed their report, it was found that they had agreed on the final disposition of only a small number of claims. Little was accomplished by the two Governments toward effecting a final settlement until November 19, 1941, when the United States accepted \$40 million as full payment. Individual United States claimants were to receive their awards later from a domestic claims commission known as the American-Mexican Claims Commission. The records of the American-Mexican Claims Commission are not in the National Archives. The interests of the United States before the General Claims Commission and the Special Claims Commission (entries 114-125) were represented by one Agent whose office,

the Agency, created and accumulated records pertaining to the Commissions. These records are described in entries 125-185.

MINUTES. Aug. 30, 1924-June 9, 1931. 1 vol. 4 in. 100

The official minutes of the meetings of the nine sessions held by the General Claims Commission. The sixth and eighth sessions were held in Mexico City, and the others in Washington, D. C. The minutes contain the date and place where each meeting was held, the names of members present, a brief summary of the arguments on claims and other important matters, and the time and place where the next meeting was to be held. The minutes are signed by the three Commissioners and countersigned by the Secretaries. Included are copies of the credentials of members and officers of the Commission. Arranged chronologically by session and thereunder by meeting.

ORDERS. Sept. 4, 1924-June 5, 1931. 1 vol. 2 in. 101

Orders of the Commission containing rules of procedure under which the Commission functioned, rules regarding the kinds of records the Commission was required to keep, interpretations of certain rules, and changes and amendments to the rules; also administrative orders issued by the Commission. Signed by both the Mexican and the United States Secretaries. Arranged chronologically and numbered consecutively.

NOTICES FROM THE AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES. May 13, 1925-July 9, 1931. 1 vol. 2 in. 102

Notices received by the General Claims Commission from the Agency expressing its readiness and willingness to present before the Commission or to withdraw from it the claims specified in the notification. Included is the trial calendar, which established the order in which cases were to be heard by the Commission. Arranged chronologically and numbered consecutively.

OPINIONS AND DECISIONS. Feb. 4, 1926-July 31, 1931. 2 vols. 1 ft. 103

Opinions and decisions (Nos. 1-179) rendered by the Commission. Each opinion includes the Commission's decision regarding the validity of the claim, the reasons for arriving at such a decision, and the amount of the award, if any, due the claimant. In claims where a member of the Commission dissented, the dissenting report is included. Signed by at least two members of the Commission and countersigned by both Secretaries. Arranged by docket number within each volume.

DOCKET. 1925-37. 4 vols. 2 ft. 104

The docket of the Commission in which is recorded the following information regarding each docketed claim: name and address of claimant, docket number of claim, amount claimed, date on which claim arose, nature of claim, date on which claim was filed with the Commission, and nature and date of each letter or other document sent or received by the Commission in connection with each claim. Arranged by docket number.

INDEX TO CLAIMS. 1924-31. 1 vol. 2 in. 105

A name index to claims filed with the General Claims Commission. Arranged alphabetically. This volume also contains a list of claims withdrawn, a list of claims filed only with a memorandum, and a list of claims filed with a memorial.

DOCKET OF CLAIMS SETTLED BY THE COMMISSION. 1924-31. 1 vol. 2 in. 106

A docket of the General Claims Commission in which is recorded the following information regarding claims that have been settled: name of claimant, date and place where claim arose, nature of claim, amount claimed, docket number, nature and dates of all letters and other papers sent or received by the Commission in connection with the claim, and final disposition of claim--whether it was allowed, disallowed, or withdrawn. For allowed claims the amount awarded is indicated. Arranged by docket number.

APPRAISALS OF CLAIMS BY COMMISSIONER UNDERWOOD. 1935-37. 2 ft. 107

Appraisals of claims that had not been disposed of by the General Claims Commission up to 1931, prepared by Commissioner Underwood as authorized under the agreement of April 24, 1934. The merits of each claim are reviewed and evaluated, and on the basis of the appraisal a recommendation is made for allowing or rejecting each claim. For claims allowed the amount of the award is indicated. Arranged by docket number, with gaps.

COPIES OF APPRAISALS OF CLAIMS BY COMMISSIONER UNDERWOOD. 1935-37. 2 ft. 108

Carbon copies of the appraisals of claims described in entry 107. This set seems to be more nearly complete than the set of originals. Arranged by docket number, with gaps.

NARRATIVE REPORTS OF UNDERWOOD-FLORES MEETINGS. Apr. 3, 1936-Mar. 19, 1937. 6 in. 109

Narrative reports, with a draft copy of each, on the meetings held between United States Commissioner Underwood and Mexican Commissioner Flores, prepared by Underwood. The purpose of these meetings, as set forth in the agreement of April 24, 1934, was to discuss the merits of and to arrive at a settlement of specific cases that each Commissioner had appraised separately. Typed, with marginal notes. Arranged chronologically.

LIST OF APPRAISALS BY COMMISSIONER UNDERWOOD. n.d. 1/4 in. 110

A list of the claims appraised by Commissioner Underwood, which are described in entries 107 and 108. This list gives the docket number of claim, the corresponding Agency number, and the name of the claimant, and it indicates whether the claim was allowed or disallowed. Arranged by docket number.

ALPHABETICAL SUBJECT FILE. 1924-31. 4 ft.

111

Copies of letters sent by the Commissioners and Secretaries; letters received from the United States and the Mexican Agencies; copies of credentials of Commission personnel; copies of rules and amendments to the rules, reports, and memoranda; copies of minutes, decisions, and orders issued by the Commission; letters received regarding applications for employment; press releases; and related material pertaining to the activities of the Commission. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

NUMERICAL SUBJECT FILE. 1934-37. 1 ft.

112

Letters received, copies of letters sent, and a few documents pertaining to the activities of the Commission similar to those described in entry 111, but for a later date. Arranged under a numerical classification system from 000 to 600.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF COMMISSION PERSONNEL. 1924-26. 1/4 in.

113

Biographical sketches of United States and Mexican Commissioners, Agents, and other personnel connected with the work of the Commission. The information given usually includes date and place of birth, education and professional attainments, and marital status. Arranged alphabetically.

RECORDS OF THE SPECIAL CLAIMS COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO,  
CREATED UNDER THE CLAIMS CONVENTION OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1923

The Special Claims Commission was established by a convention signed by Mexico and the United States on September 10, 1923, for the purpose of adjudicating claims arising from injuries and losses sustained by United States citizens during the period from November 20, 1910, to May 31, 1920, as a result of the revolution in Mexico. In accordance with the provisions of this convention a three-man commission was established composed of a citizen of the United States, a citizen of Mexico, and a citizen of a neutral country. The Commissioners were as follows: Ernest B. Perry, succeeded by Fred K. Nielsen in 1931, from the United States; Fernando Gonzales Roa from Mexico; and Rodrigo Octavio of Brazil, neutral chairman, succeeded in 1928 by Kristian Sindballe of Denmark, and in 1931 by Horacio F. Alfaro of Panama. The Commission functioned from 1924 to 1931 but was not in continuous session. During this 8-year period 3,176 claims were filed, 18 were disallowed, and none were allowed. In 1931 activities of the Commission were suspended.

No further progress was made by the two Governments in disposing of the huge mass of unsettled claims until April 24, 1934. On this date the United States agreed to settle for the payment of a lump sum of money, which was to be computed on the basis of amounts awarded on the same class of claims to the Governments of Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, and Spain. The exact amount of this liability was to be computed by a Joint Committee composed of one representative of each government, whose decision was to be accepted as final. The United

States representative on the Joint Committee was Edgar Turlington, and the Mexican representative was Manuel J. Sierra. The conclusion reached by the two representatives was that \$5,448,020.14 should be paid by Mexico to the United States. Individual United States claimants were to receive their awards later from a domestic claims commission known as the Special Mexican Claims Commission (see entries 186-203). The interests of the United States before the General Claims Commission (entries 100-113) and the Special Claims Commission were represented by one Agent whose office, the Agency, created and accumulated records pertaining to the Commissions. These records are described in entries 125-185.

MINUTES. Aug. 18, 1924-Apr. 24, 1931. 2 vols. 2 in. 114

Official minutes of the 49 meetings of the Commission during its four sessions, all of which were held in Mexico City. The information in the minutes is similar to that described in entry 100, but copies of credentials are not included. Arranged chronologically by session and thereunder by meeting.

ORDERS. Aug. 22, 1924-Mar. 16, 1931. 1 vol. 1 in. 115

Orders of the Commission containing rules of procedure, amendments to these rules, orders regarding adjournment, and requests for the withdrawal of certain claims. Only seven orders were issued by this Commission. Arranged numerically.

NOTICES FROM THE AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES. Dec. 14, 1925-May 13, 1931. 1 vol. 3 in. 116

Notices to the Special Claims Commission from the Agency informing that body that the United States was ready to submit certain cases to it. Also included are statements regarding copies of any documents that may have been transmitted with the notices. Arranged chronologically.

OPINIONS AND DECISIONS. Apr. 26, 1926-Apr. 24, 1931. 1 vol. 2 in. 117

The official opinions and decisions rendered by the Special Claims Commission. Each opinion sets forth the grounds on which the decision is based. In decisions where a member of the Commission dissents, the dissenting opinion is included. Opinions were signed by at least two members of the Commission and countersigned by the two Secretaries. Arranged by decision number.

DOCKET. 1926-31. 4 vols. 2 ft. 118

The docket of the Special Claims Commission in which are recorded for each claim the name and address of claimant, date the claim arose, nature and amount of claim, docket number, and nature and dates of all letters and other documents sent or received by the Commission in connection with the claim. Arranged numerically.



CASE FILES FOR UNITED STATES CLAIMANTS. 1925-31. 46 ft. 119

Copies of memoranda, memorials, answers, replies, briefs, and other pleadings filed by the Agency of the United States with the Special Claims Commission in behalf of United States claimants. Arranged by docket number. These records are duplicated in part by the material described in entries 189 and 191.

REGISTERS OF UNITED STATES CLAIMS. 1925-31. 3 vols. 6 in. 120

Lists of claims filed with the Special Claims Commission, most of which show the following information about each claim: docket and corresponding Agency number, name of claimant, nature and amount of claim, and date of filing memorial, if any. One volume is labeled "Index to Memorials." Arranged by docket number.

OFFICE FILE OF THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY. 1924-31. 3 ft. 121

An office file kept by the United States Secretary of the Special Claims Commission, consisting mostly of correspondence on claims matters, internal administrative activities, and expenditures. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

LETTERS SENT BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY. Mar. 9, 1925-Dec. 30, 1930. 3 in. 122

Copies of letters sent by the United States Secretary of the Special Claims Commission to the Agency of the United States transmitting or acknowledging receipt of specified documents. Arranged chronologically.

RECORDS OF EDGAR TURLINGTON OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE. 1934-35. 8 in. 123

Records kept by Edgar Turlington while serving, together with Manuel J. Sierra of Mexico, as member of the Joint Committee which, under the agreement of April 24, 1934, was authorized to determine the exact amount that the Mexican Government was to pay the United States Government for adjudication of all Special claims. The records consist mostly of correspondence, memoranda, and reports. Arranged alphabetically by topic. Papers on individual claims are arranged by docket number.

JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT. June 27, 1935. 1 in. 124

A copy of the Joint Committee report announcing the amount Mexico would pay to the United States as full payment of all United States claims filed with the Special Claims Commission. Appended to this report is the list of Special Claims that were examined by the Joint Committee, arranged by docket number.

#### Records of the Agency of the United States

Article III of the convention of September 8, 1923, and article IV of the convention of September 10, 1923, between the United States and Mexico provided that each Government could appoint agents and counsel who would have the authority to present to the General and the Special Claims

Commissions arguments for or against any claim. This provision led to the establishment of the Agency of the United States (usually referred to as the American Agency or the United States Agency) whose duty was to present and defend all claims before these international claims commissions. Each claim filed with the Agency by a citizen of the United States was assigned an Agency number in order of date of receipt. Afterwards, when the claim was presented by the Agency to either the General Claims Commission or the Special Claims Commission, it was assigned a docket number by one of the two Commissions, also in order of date of receipt. Thus most claims bear two numbers. "Agency" numbers run from 1 through 6605, "General" numbers from 1 through 3617, and "Special" numbers from 1 through 3175. The Agency of the United States organized a Research and Information Section to aid the legal staff in gathering all possible information and evidence.

Henry W. Anderson was designated as the Agent of the United States when these Claims Commissions were first organized, and he held this position until his resignation on June 30, 1926. J. Reuben Clark, Jr., served in the position from July to September 1926 and was succeeded by Clement L. Bouvé, who served until 1931. Claims work was suspended from 1931 to 1934. In 1934, when work on claims was resumed, the Agency was revived and Bert L. Hunt was designated as the Agent. Departmental Order No. 596, dated July 2, 1934, placed the Agency under the supervision of Assistant Secretaries of State Wilbur J. Carr and R. Walton Moore and Legal Adviser Green H. Hackworth. This three-man group is often referred to as "The Mexican Claims Committee."

Some of the series of records of the Agency, as well as of the General and Special Claims Commissions, are not complete, clear cut, or well arranged. These faults may be explained by the peculiar nature of the administrative history of the Commissions and other entities which produced and accumulated the records. For example, the Commissions were not in continuous session during their existence. Frequent periods of inactivity and changes in organization and in methods of procedure were not conducive to the maintenance of well-defined and clear-cut series of records. New series of records came into existence after changes were made in organization and procedures. Often a new series would absorb a part of the records of an earlier series, leaving the old series incomplete.

CASE FILES FOR UNITED STATES CLAIMANTS. 1924-36. 360 ft.

125

Case files containing the work papers relating to United States claims filed with the General and Special Claims Commissions. Each folder contains some or all of the following papers: a memorandum of claim, a statement by the Agency of the United States regarding the facts of the case, memorials, annexes to memorials, briefs, and other papers filed by the Agency with one of the Commissions; correspondence of the Agency with claimants and their attorneys; and notes of the Agency

regarding claims and documents submitted by claimants in support of their claims. Many of the key documents are also found in the case files described in entries 119, 189, and 191. Arranged by Agency number.

RECORDS RELATING TO THE TEXAS COMPANY OF MEXICO, SOCIÉTÉ

P-91

ANONYME. 1923-1928. 4 boxes.

Records relating to the claim of the Texas Company of Mexico, Société Anonyme (S.A.). The records consist of oversized evidence for Agency File 2925 in the series CASE FILES FOR UNITED STATES CLAIMANTS (Entry PI-136-125). Unarranged.

MASTER LIST OF UNITED STATES CLAIMS. n.d. 30 ft.

126

A list on 8" x 10" cards, showing for each claimant his name and address, nature of claim, General or Special docket number and Agency number of claim, amount claimed, and cross-references to file numbers of State Department papers relating to the claim. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant. Listed on the backs of some of the cards are the names of relatives or heirs of the claimant. A card also contains citations to other cases with which a claim may have been combined or with which it may have been memorialized.

LIST OF UNITED STATES CLAIMS. n.d. 3 in.

127

A list of United States claims against Mexico, arranged by Agency number. Corresponding Special and General docket numbers are also indicated. Relates to case files described under entry 125.

CASE FILES FOR MEXICAN CLAIMS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. 1925-36.

78 ft.

128

Case files, each containing some or all of the following papers: a memorandum of claims, briefs, memorials, copies of other documents filed by the Mexican Agency with the General Claims Commission, and correspondence of the Agency of the United States with the War, Navy, and other Departments of the United States Government regarding evidence to be used in defense of claims. Arranged by docket number.

CASE FILES FOR LATE UNITED STATES CLAIMS: 1926-27. 1 ft.

130

Case files for United States claims not accepted because of late filing. Each file contains a copy of the memorandum of claim, usually in both English and Spanish, and some correspondence regarding reasons for late filing. Arranged by provisional docket number.

CASE FILES FOR LATE MEXICAN CLAIMS. 1926. 8 in.

131

Case files for Mexican claims not accepted because of late filing. Each file contains a copy of the memorandum of claim, a copy of the letter from the Mexican Agent setting forth the reason for late filing, and a statement regarding the rejection of the claim. Arranged by provisional docket number.

LIST OF UNITED STATES CLAIMS ACCORDING TO NATURE OF CLAIM. 1928-30.

1 binder. 3 in.

132

A list of claims arranged by Agency number under the following classes: death, illegal taxes, taking of property, military service, interference with business, false arrest and imprisonment, banking losses, maritime losses, expulsion, personal injuries, kidnaping and ransom, customhouse losses, libel, Comisión Reguladora claims, financial obligation, forced abandonment, border raids, and special claims. The following information is given for each claim: docket number, name of claimant, date of injury, character and source of original injury, and amount of claim. Also included are a list of claims arranged by Agency number and a statement regarding the total amount of claims under each class.

PROCEDURAL MEMORANDA OF THE AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES. 1924-31.

8 in.

133

Memoranda outlining procedures to be followed by the legal staff, memoranda describing the duties and organization of the Research and Information Section, and copies of procedural memoranda for employees of that Section. Included is a chart showing the organization of the Agency and its subdivisions, copies of circulars and decrees on banks and banking, and several issues of a magazine, in Spanish, entitled ABC. Unarranged.

POLICY RULINGS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. 1924-32. 4 in.

134

Policy rulings issued by the Department of State on topics of special interest to staff members of the Agency of the United States in their work of presenting claims before the General and Special Claims Commissions. They relate to the following subjects: amounts, bonds, citizenship, corporations, correspondence with United States consuls, evidence, correspondence with governors, Huerta regime, jurisdiction, land claims, Norwegian award, petroleum cases, settlement of cases outside the Commissions, soldiers and sailors, acts of State governments and officials, and occupation of Veracruz. They are in two notebooks and are arranged alphabetically by topic.

MEMORANDA REGARDING THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES. 1934-36. 2 ft.

135

Mostly memoranda regarding the efforts of the Department of State to reorganize and staff the Agency of the United States, which had been disbanded after suspension of claims activities in 1931. Included are memoranda recommending appointments and promotions and outlining procedures to be followed by the Agency. The records are in seven notebooks, the last of which contains lists and summaries of the memoranda. Arranged chronologically.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE OF THE AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES.

1924-36. 2 ft.

136

Mostly letters requesting information from the Agency, with copies

of replies, regarding claims or the possibility of filing claims.  
Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.

REGISTERS OF PAPERS RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES.

1924-37. 13 ft.

137

Registers containing the following column headings under which is entered information concerning each letter or other document received by the Agency in connection with claims of United States citizens: enclosure number, name of sender, date of mailing, date received by the Agency, and name of person to whom referred. At the top of each page is the name of claimant, Agency number of claim, nature of claim, Special or General docket number of claim, and locale and date of event giving rise to claim. Arranged by Agency number of claim.

REGISTERS OF PAPERS RECEIVED REGARDING MEXICAN CLAIMS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. 1925-37. 1 ft.

138

Contain information similar to that in the registers described in entry 137. Relate to records described in entry 128. Arranged by docket number.

MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECT FILES OF THE AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES. 1924-36.

23 ft.

139

Memoranda, reports, printed and processed material, and some correspondence of the Agency relating to claims matters, policy, research, administration, and other topics. A list of folder headings or topics accompanies the records, which are arranged alphabetically by subject and thereunder by subdivision of the subject.

INDEX TO MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECT FILES AND REFERENCE MATERIALS. n.d.

3 ft.

140

A subject index on 8" x 10" cards with citations to records assembled for reference, such as those described in entries 139 and 144. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

RECORDS RELATING TO PERSONNEL. 1924-37. 1 ft.

141

Correspondence, time cards, and payrolls relating to United States Agency personnel. Also included are papers concerning some of the United States and Mexican personnel of the General and Special Claims Commissions. Arranged roughly by personnel action, such as, leaves of absence, retirement, and temporary appointments.

## Records of the Research and Information Section

The Research and Information Section, a subdivision of the Agency of the United States, was established to aid the legal staff of the Agency in gathering information and evidence about claims matters. At first its activities were confined to searching, examining, and indexing information from documents of the War Department. Later, as a result of a detailed study of the needs of the Agency, such activities of the Section were extended to documents of the State, Justice, Navy, and Labor Departments. The Section was also given the responsibility for compiling general historical and chronological outlines of events in Mexico, based largely on documentary evidence in the Department of State. Some of the material referred to in the records has not been located among the records now in the National Archives.

In actual practice the Research and Information Section functioned as a general information center on Mexican data and conditions and provided information helpful in the preparation of briefs by members of the legal staff of the Agency of the United States.

### CORRESPONDENCE AND MEMORANDA OF THE CHIEF OF THE SECTION. 1926-30.

8 in.

143

Letters received and copies of letters sent by the Chief of the Section regarding research materials, copies of memoranda regarding policies and procedures in or affecting the Section, and copies of memoranda concerning research on topics, such as the occupation of Veracruz. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent or by subject.

### REFERENCE MATERIALS. n.d. 8 ft.

144

Mostly copies of reports, memoranda, and articles describing conditions in Mexico during the period 1910-20. Much of this material consists of copies and excerpts of War Department documents but several other sources are represented. Arranged numerically by number assigned each document. An alphabetical list of most of the subjects discussed accompanies the records.

### INFORMATION FILE ON MEXICAN HISTORY. n.d. 5 ft.

145

This file represents a large part of the material compiled by the Research and Information Section about the men and events of Mexico during the revolution of 1910-20. Included are translations from Mexican newspapers and books, as well as monographs about important historical events in Mexican history. A list of topics covered is reproduced in appendix I.

### INFORMATION FILE ON LEGAL MATTERS. n.d. 6 ft.

146

Most of this material was compiled by the Research and Information Section for use by the legal staff. It consists of translations and excerpts of Mexican Federal and State laws, memoranda on points of inter-

national law, copies of decrees affecting property rights of United States citizens, translations of Mexican civil and criminal codes, and related material. For a complete list of topics covered see appendix II.

LISTS OF ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED FOR CITATION OF DOCUMENTS. n.d.  
1/4 in. 147

A list on 3" x 5" cards showing the abbreviations and symbols used in citing documents in the Research and Information Section, and a typed list containing similar information. Unarranged.

AREA FILE OF INFORMATION REQUESTS AND REPLIES. 1925-31. 5 ft. 148

Requests received by the Research and Information Section from the staff of the Agency for various types of information relating to events in specific localities. The requests are on forms that contain or have appended to them the replies and reports prepared by the Section, with an indication of the sources checked. Arranged alphabetically by name of Mexican state and thereunder by request number.

GENERAL FILE OF INFORMATION REQUESTS AND REPLIES. 1925-31. 8 in. 149

Form requests and related replies and reports of the type described in entry 148 but relating to subjects not confined to any particular locality, such as requests for specific documents, present addresses of personnel, and the location of documents in other departments of the Government. Arranged by request number. Some are unnumbered.

ANALYTICAL REPORTS ON LAND CLAIMS. 1927-31. 6 in. 150

An analysis of land claims of United States citizens against Mexico showing the status in 1931 of claims filed by the United States with the General and the Special Claims Commissions and a report divided into the following sections: concluded claims, active claims, and claims to be developed. Included also are several miscellaneous lists of claims.

COPIES OF STATE DEPARTMENT RECORDS DESCRIBING CONDITIONS IN MEXICO.

1910-20. 2 in. 151

Copies of reports, despatches, and other documents received by the Department of State containing information about political and military conditions in Mexico. The papers carry the decimal file number assigned to them by the Department of State. Unarranged.

INVENTORIES OF UNITED STATES PROPERTY IN MEXICO. 1912-13. 5 in. 152

Inventories from State Department files of property of United States citizens in Mexico that was damaged, destroyed, or stolen. The papers carry the decimal file numbers assigned to them by the Department of State. Unarranged.

COPIES OF CONSULAR REPORTS AND OTHER STATE DEPARTMENT PAPERS. 1913-20.

4 in. 153

Copies of consular reports and other State Department papers pertain-

ing to claims of United States citizens against the Government of Mexico. Arranged for the most part alphabetically by geographical area.

REPORTS ON CONDITIONS ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER. 1911-19. 4 in. 154

Copies of reports and other documents describing the conditions existing along the United States-Mexican border during this period, most of which are based on information furnished by local United States military commanders. Some of the reports are identified by Department of State file numbers. Unarranged.

RECORDS RELATING TO UNITED STATES OCCUPATION OF VERACRUZ. 1914.

1 ft.

155

Copies of orders of Lt. Col. John Biddle Porter, in charge of civil affairs at Veracruz; correspondence between the War Department and Gen. Frederick Funston, Military Governor at Veracruz; a copy of the final report from the Office of the Provost Marshal General (November 23, 1914) with extracts from the report of the Army Legal Department; extracts from reports of the Army Fiscal Department; and some original documents of the Office of the Provost Marshal General relating to complaints of Mexican citizens and incidents during the occupation. Unarranged.

RECORDS RELATING TO THE BLALOCK COLONY LAND CLAIMS. ca. 1912-13.

4 in.

156

Copies of reports, memoranda, and other Department of State documents containing evidence to support land claims of United States citizens who comprised the Blalock Colony located near Chamal, Tamaulipas. Also included is an alphabetical list of names of Blalock Colony claimants. Other material unarranged.

RECORDS SUBMITTED AS EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE TEXAS CATTLE CLAIMS

("ROBB CLAIMS"). 1872-1927. 5 ft.

157

Records submitted as evidence, for possible presentation to the Commission, that United States citizens had suffered livestock losses because of the offensive activities of Mexicans. They consist of maps of Texas counties along the border; photostats of newspaper articles; copies of depositions; photostats of census population schedules for several Texas counties, 1860-70; and copies of reports regarding activities of Mexican bandits along the border. Unarranged.

GEOGRAPHICAL LISTS OF UNITED STATES CLAIMANTS. n.d. 4 in.

159

Lists of claimants according to State of residence in the United



States and in Mexico. Shown are the name and address of claimant, docket number of claim, and amount claimed. The following States in the United States are represented: Arizona, California, Illinois, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah. Under each State and Mexico, names of claimants are grouped alphabetically by name of city.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OLD UNSETTLED CLAIMS AGAINST MEXICO.

n.d. 3 in.

160

List of documents dated from 1869 to 1906 that might be used as possible sources of evidence to support claims of United States citizens who, under the rules of the claims convention, might qualify as claimants. The following information is recorded for each document: writer and date of document, to whom sent, present location of document, nature of claim, and name of possible claimant. Arranged by name of claimant, and thereunder chronologically by date of document.

LISTS OF PERSONS AND PLACES ASSOCIATED WITH MEXICAN REVOLUTIONARY FORCES.

n.d. 2 ft.

162

Lists on 3" x 5" cards containing names of leaders and areas of operation of Mexican revolutionary forces during the period 1910-20 affecting claims of United States citizens. The cards are arranged in two groups: one alphabetical by name of person, and the other alphabetical by name of geographical area where revolutionary forces were operating.

LISTS OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO IDENTITY OF MEXICAN REVOLUTIONARY FORCES. n.d. 3 ft.

163

Lists, on work sheets, of documents useful as evidence for identification of Mexican revolutionary forces or describing activities in certain localities that had some possible connection with claims. Abbreviations and symbols, as referred to in entry 147, are used to cite documents used as sources of information.

RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF EUROPEAN NATIONS RELATING TO ARBITRATION OF CLAIMS AGAINST MEXICO. n.d. 2 ft.

164

These records were collected by the Research and Information Section for reference purposes. They consist of processed and printed materials pertaining to the rules and decisions of the Commission of 1868 and to claims of European nations against Mexico, including a list of decisions

of the German-Mexican and the British-Mexican Claims Commissions created under the claims conventions of March 16, 1925, and November 19, 1926, respectively.

LIST OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN CLAIMS. n.d. 12 ft. 165

A list on 3" x 5" cards, each of which contains the name of a person involved in claims, information on the nature of the incident or activity used as the basis of a claim, and citations of documents containing additional information on the subject. Some documents are identified by the abbreviations and symbols referred to in entry 147. Arranged alphabetically by name of person.

LIST OF POSSIBLE CLAIMANTS. n.d. 1 ft. 166

A list on 3" x 5" cards, containing names of persons of both Mexican and United States origin who were possible claimants. Some persons are unidentified as to nationality. The cards usually indicate documents that contain additional information on possible claimants. Arranged alphabetically by name of person.

LIST OF EMPLOYEES OF THE AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES. 1924-28.

1/2 in.

167

A list, on 3" x 5" cards, containing names mainly of employees who were staff members of the Research and Information Section, their local addresses, telephone numbers, dates of appointment, and, occasionally, dates of resignation.

Records of the Agency of the United States Relating to the Activities of the General Claims Commission, 1923-37

Entries 168-176 describe records kept by the Agency of the United States relating to the activities of the General Claims Commission. See entries 100-113 for records maintained by the General Claims Commission itself.

TRANSCRIPTS OF HEARINGS. Mar. 8, 1926-June 9, 1931. 6 ft. 168

Verbatim transcripts of hearings of the General Claims Commission. The transcripts relating to each case are usually assembled in a single unit often referred to as a volume. They are further identified by claimant's name and by docket number. No transcripts were found for the first, second, and fourth sessions; and those for the third session are incomplete. There is a Spanish version of the transcripts for the eighth session. The transcripts are arranged by session and thereunder chronologically in the order in which each case was heard.

INDEX TO TRANSCRIPTS OF HEARINGS. n.d. 1 in. 169

An index on 3" x 5" cards, each showing name of claimant, Agency and docket number of claim, session and sitting number, usually the date that the claim was heard before the Commission, and the volume or case

number containing the transcript for that particular claim. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant. Relates to records described in entry 168.

LETTERS RECEIVED FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF THE GENERAL CLAIMS COMMISSION TRANSMITTING LISTS OF DOCUMENTS. June 11, 1925-June 10, 1931.

2 binders. 3 in.

170

Transmittal letters sent from the Secretariat of the General Claims Commission to the Agency of the United States containing lists of documents. Signed by the United States and Mexican Secretaries of the General Claims Commission. Arranged chronologically.

COPIES OF LETTERS SENT BY THE AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES. Mar. 22-Nov. 12, 1937. 1 in.

171

Copies of letters sent, mostly to claimants or their attorneys in connection with claims filed with the General Claims Commission. Arranged chronologically in a binder. Duplicate copies of some of these letters can be found with the papers of individual claimants described in entry 125.

SAMPLES OF LETTERS SENT BY THE AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES. 1936-37. 1 in.

172

Copies of letters sent to persons requesting information about claims matters. They are grouped under subjects, such as "agrarian claims" and "cattle claims." Apparently these were used as models for letters on various subjects. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

SUBJECT FILES. 1924-31. 3 ft.

173

Subject files pertaining to many of the activities of the General Claims Commission. Included are records containing information on the Commission's meetings, and on the extension of its life, copies of the rules of the Commission and of its decisions, and some correspondence exchanged between the Agency and the Commission. A complete list of the subjects is in the file. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

SUBJECT LISTS OF CLAIMS. 1924-37. 8 vols. 1 ft.

174

Subject lists of United States claims filed with the General Claims Commission. Usually shown for each claim are the claimant's name, docket and Agency number of claim, nature of claim, amount claimed, dates of filing certain documents, and in some cases the final disposition of claim. Prominent subjects are "abandonment," "contracts," "denial of justice," and "livestock." Arranged by subject and thereunder by docket number.

RECORD OF PLEADINGS. 1925-31; 1935-37. 3 in.

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A record of memorials, briefs, and other pleadings filed by Mexico and the United States with the General Claims Commission. An entry usually gives the type of document such as brief or answer, Agency and

docket number of claim, date filed, and claimant's name. Arranged chronologically in two notebooks.

COPIES OF MEMORIALS AND BRIEFS. 1925-31. 29 vols. 4 ft. 176

Printed memorials, and copies of briefs, counter briefs, and reply briefs prepared by the Agency of the United States concerning claims submitted to the General Claims Commission, containing statements of facts upon which the claims were based, legal arguments, and extracts from documents in support of the claims. The briefs in four volumes are arranged by Agency number and in eight volumes arranged by subject. Most of the printed memorials (17 volumes) are arranged by docket number.

Records of the Agency of the United States Relating to the Activities of the Special Claims Commission, 1923-35

Entries 177-185 describe records kept by the Agency of the United States relating to the activities of the Special Claims Commission. See entries 114-124 for records maintained by the Special Claims Commission itself.

TRANSCRIPTS OF HEARINGS. Jan. 1926-Apr. 1931. 8 in. 177

Verbatim transcripts of the hearings of the Special Claims Commission. No transcripts were found for the first and second sessions; only those for the fourth session appear to be complete. The transcripts are arranged by session and thereunder chronologically.

CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING CHANGES IN THE RULES OF THE SPECIAL CLAIMS COMMISSION. 1924-25. 3 in. 178

Mostly correspondence between the United States and Mexican Agents dealing with proposed changes in the rules of the Special Claims Commission. Included are several printed pamphlets concerning the Commission's rules (1926), a comparison of the Mexican Constitution of 1917 with that of 1857, 69th Cong., 1st sess., S. Doc. 96, "Rights of American Citizens in Certain Oil Lands in Mexico," and other reference material. Unarranged.

LETTERS RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF THE SPECIAL CLAIMS COMMISSION TRANSMITTING LISTS OF DOCUMENTS. Feb. 27, 1925-Aug. 18, 1931. 4 in. 179

Transmittal letters addressed to the Agency of the United States by the United States Secretary of the Commission listing documents being transmitted, such as minutes of the Commission, copies of memorials, memoranda, and other pleadings filed with the Commission. Arranged chronologically in two binders.

SUBJECT FILES. 1924-31. 2 ft. 180

Subject files kept by the Agency of the United States concerning the activities of the Special Claims Commission. Included are correspondence,

recommendations for changes in the rules of the Commission, copies of decisions, and minutes of the Commission. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

ATTORNEYS' REPORTS ON NONMEMORIALIZATION OF CLAIMS. ca. 1932. 5 in. 181

Reports of attorneys on reasons for nonmemorialization of claims of United States citizens filed, in most instances, with the Special Claims Commission. Each report contains a statement regarding the manner of filing of claim, the Commission with which it was filed, the Agency and docket number of the claim, the amount claimed, nature of claim, reason for nonmemorialization, and notification of claimant. Arranged alphabetically by name of Mexican State.

LIST OF MEMORIALIZED CLAIMS. n.d. 1 in. 182

A list of memorialized claims arranged under the name of the commander of the Mexican revolutionary forces alleged to have caused the loss on which the claim was based. Information given includes Agency and docket number of claim, name of claimant, nature of claim, identification of forces, and the amount claimed.

AMENDED MASTER LIST OF CLAIMS. n.d. 1 in. 183

A list of United States claims arranged by docket number and showing the corresponding Agency number, the name of the claimant, and the amount claimed.

MISCELLANEOUS LISTS OF UNITED STATES CLAIMS. n.d. 6 in. 184

Lists of United States claims filed with the Special Claims Commission, arranged under various headings. One list, "Record of all claims memorialized before the Special Claims Commission," is arranged alphabetically by name of claimant and shows memorial number, brief number, Special docket number, Agency number, nature of claim, date and place the claim arose, and dates of pleadings before the Commission, including dates when documents were submitted to the Commission.

INDEX TO UNITED STATES CLAIMS. n.d. 2 ft. 185

An index, on 3" x 5" cards, to all claims of United States citizens filed with the Special Claims Commission, usually showing claimant's name, Agency and docket number of claim, and date claim was filed. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant.

RECORDS OF THE SPECIAL MEXICAN CLAIMS COMMISSION, ESTABLISHED  
BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS OF APRIL 10, 1935

The Special Mexican Claims Commission was a domestic claims commission established by an act of Congress of April 10, 1935 (49 Stat. 149). It was assigned the function of reviewing, appraising, and deciding the claims of United States citizens that were filed with the former

Special Claims Commission (see entries 114-124) and was given three years in which to complete its assigned tasks.

It consisted of three members appointed by the President: Edgar E. Witt, chairman, who assumed office on August 23, 1935, James H. Sinclair, and Darrel T. Lane. The Commission completed its work on May 31, 1938. It considered and decided on a total of 2,833 claims, of which 1,358 were allowed wholly or in part and 1,475 were disallowed. The total amount of the initial awards was \$9,135,041.79, but, as this amount was greater than Mexico had agreed to pay the United States in satisfaction of the claims, the United States Government paid its citizens 57 percent of the initial award figure. On this basis the total amount actually awarded was \$5,206,973.86.

MINUTES. Sept. 9, 1935-May 23, 1938. 1 vol. 3 in. 186

Official minute book of the Special Mexican Claims Commission showing dates of meetings, names of Commissioners and counsel present, questions discussed and claims presented, actions recommended, and orders issued. Included also is a copy of the rules and regulations under which the Commission operated. Minutes are signed by Edith McD. Levy, Secretary. Arranged chronologically.

OPINIONS AND DECISIONS. 1935-38. 3 vols. 1 ft. 187

Certified copies of opinions, including decisions, rendered by the Special Mexican Claims Commission showing name of claimant, docket number of claim, amount claimed, amount awarded, and reasons for allowance or disallowance of claim. Signed by Edith McD. Levy, Secretary. Arranged by number of decision.

DOCKET. 1935-38. 5 vols. 3 ft. 188

The official docket of the Commission showing the following information about each claim: name and address of claimant, name and address of claimant's attorney, amount claimed, docket number of claim, a notation of every act of the Commission with respect to the claim, and date and description of every document sent, received, or filed by the claimant in support of claim. Arranged numerically by docket number.

CASE FILES FOR CLAIMS ALLOWED. 1935-38. 89 ft. 189

Case files on individual claims of United States citizens granted awards by the Special Mexican Claims Commission. In the files are reports of counsel, correspondence of the Secretary of the Commission with claimants and their attorneys, documents filed by claimants with the Commission in support of their claim, copies of pleadings (memorials and briefs), and correspondence taken from the docketed case files of the earlier Special Claims Commission. These records are duplicated in part by the material described in entries 119 and 125. Arranged by docket number.

INDEXES TO CLAIMS ALLOWED. ca. 1938. 4 ft. 190

Two 3" x 5" card indexes to awarded claims. Each card usually shows a claimant's name, docket number of claim, Agency number, nature of claim, amount claimed, and amount awarded. The indexes relate to records described in entry 189. One index is arranged numerically by docket number; the other, alphabetically by name of claimant.

CASE FILES OF DISALLOWED CLAIMS. 1935-38. 52 ft. 191

Case files on individual claims rejected by the Special Mexican Claims Commission. The papers for each claimant contain information similar to that described in entry 189.

INDEXES TO DISALLOWED CLAIMS. ca. 1938. 3 ft. 192

Two 3" x 5" card indexes to disallowed claims. Each card contains a claimant's name and docket number of claim. Some also contain the claimant's address, nature of claim, and date filed. The indexes relate to records described in entry 191. One index is arranged numerically by docket number; the other, alphabetically by name of claimant.

PROCEDURAL MEMORANDA. 1935-38. 2 in. 193

A copy of the act establishing the Special Mexican Claims Commission; memoranda regarding evidence needed to establish American nationality, documentary evidence to be filed in support of claim, classification of claims, and international law; copies of rules of the Commission; copies of decisions; and other documents pertaining to claims work. Unarranged.

LETTERS SENT TO CLAIMANTS BY THE SECRETARY OF THE SPECIAL MEXICAN CLAIMS COMMISSION. 1935-38. 2 ft. 194

Copies of letters sent to claimants by Edith McD. Levy, Secretary of the Commission, requesting that they or their attorneys file certain documents with the Commission, acknowledging receipt of various papers, or answering questions. Duplicate copies of many of these letters are found with the papers of individual claims described in entries 189 and 191. Arranged chronologically.

REPORT ON APPRAISAL OF CLAIMS BY G. C. SHERROD. 1937. 1/2 in. 195

A condensed report on claims appraised by G. C. Sherrod, Assistant Counsel, Special Mexican Claims Commission. The following information is given for each claim: name of claimant, docket and Agency number, amount claimed, and amount of award recommended by Mr. Sherrod. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant.

REPORTS BY COUNSEL ON CLAIMS. 1936-38. 2 ft. 196

Reports by counsel, usually consisting of a condensed presentation of the important points regarding each claim filed with the Special Mexican Claims Commission. In addition to the name of the claimant and the docket and Agency number of the claim, each report includes a list of the important papers filed with the Commission in connection with the

claim regarding damages claimed, the conclusion and recommendations, the services of attorneys, and any fee agreement involved. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant.

LIST OF ATTORNEYS FOR UNITED STATES CLAIMANTS. n.d. 10 in. 197

A list on 3" x 5" cards showing names of attorneys for United States claimants, docket numbers of claims, and corresponding Agency numbers. Arranged alphabetically by name of attorney.

OFFICE FILES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SPECIAL MEXICAN CLAIMS COMMISSION. 1935-38. 10 ft. 198

Office files kept by the Secretary of the Commission on many of the activities in which the Commission was engaged. Included are copies of minutes and decisions, memoranda, progress reports, consolidated reports, surveys of claims, and some correspondence. Also included are applications for employment and records relating to the budget and the personnel of the Commission. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

LIST OF STATE DEPARTMENT PAPERS SENT TO THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. Aug. 13, 1838. 4 in. 199

A penciled list of Department of State documents identified by their file classification numbers, labeled "Original lists of State Department papers which were in docket, sent to Treasury, 8-13-38." Entries are arranged numerically by docket number.

COPIES OF AWARDS. 1935-38. 4 in. 200

Copies of awards issued by the Special Mexican Claims Commission in which the following information is given: claimant's name and address, attorney's name and address, docket number of claim, amount claimed, amount awarded, and amount payable to claimant. Arranged by docket number.

INVENTORIES OF MEXICAN PROPERTY OF UNITED STATES CLAIMANTS. n.d. 6 in. 201

Penciled inventories describing briefly the location, value, and kind of Mexican property of United States claimants, with docket number of claim and name of claimant. Four classifications of property based on value are shown as follows: Class 1, property valued in excess of \$10,000; class 2, between \$5,000 and \$10,000; class 3, from \$2,000 to \$5,000; and class 4, less than \$2,000. Arranged alphabetically, in three notebooks, by name of geographical location of property.

COPIES OF MEMORIALS AND BRIEFS. 1925-31. 5 ft. 202

Copies of memorials and briefs containing, respectively, concise statements of the facts upon which the claims were based, and the legal arguments advanced in support of the claims. The memorials are more detailed than the briefs. These memorials and briefs had been filed with the Special Claims Commission and were apparently used by the Special



Mexican Claims Commission as a source of information. Most of the briefs are arranged chronologically by date of filing with the Commission; the memorials are arranged alphabetically by name of claimant.

RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO GENERAL AND  
SPECIAL CLAIMS COMMISSIONS

The records in the following entries relate to one or both of the General and Special claims commissions.

INDEX OF CLAIMS. 1924-37. 3 boxes. P-7

Index cards bearing the name of claimant, claim number or docket number, amount and nature of claim, and location. The resolution of claims is not noted. The name range includes only Aberle-Myers, William R. The location of the remainder of the series is unknown. Arranged alphabetically by last name of claimant.

INDEX TO MEMORIALIZED CLAIMS. 1923-37. 2 boxes. P-8

Index cards bearing the name of claimant, nature and amount of claim, agency and docket numbers, and notes on resolution of the claim. Arranged alphabetically by last name of claimant.

INDEX TO WITHDRAWN GENERAL CLAIMS WITH CROSS REFERENCES TO DOCUMENTS DEPARTMENT OF STATE DECIMAL FILES. 1923-36. 1 box. P-9

Cards bearing the name of claimants, agency file number, withdrawal number, and State Department decimal file numbers. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant.

INDEX RELATING TO SPECIAL CLAIMS. 1923-26. 2 boxes. P-10

Index cards bearing the name of claimants, agency file number, date, and other notations. Arranged alphabetically by name of claimant.

MIXED TRACKING LISTS OF TEXAS CATTLE CLAIMS. 1925-26. P-11

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1 box.

This series consists of several similar tables with handwritten entries for agency file numbers 3001-3744 and corresponding nonconsecutive docket numbers. All tables include data fields with agency file and docket numbers, and the name of original claimant.

The first table lists alleged perpetrators, nearly all of them unnamed "Mexicans" or "Indians from Mexico." Numerical entries of unknown meaning appear in various columns. The explanatory cover sheet for the table is missing.

The second table with printed headings records "Livestock Claims Presented to the U.S. Commissioners to Texas." The ranch or range where the loss occurred, the period and number of losses, and dollar amounts claimed are also recorded.

One table records claims not filed, and another is a "Memorialization" table of dollar amounts claimed and realized. Other tables list "Robb" livestock claims, and claims resulting from murder and personal injury, including from the Corpus Christi raid.

STATEMENT OF FACTS. 1925-37. 1 box. P-12  
This series consists of a statement of facts as shown in petitions and supporting depositions presented to the U.S. Commissions to Texas in 1872 or 1873.

RECORDS RELATING TO RED CIRCLE CLAIMS. 1923-36. 1 box. P-13  
Typewritten legal briefs and court exhibits concerning individual claims filed against the Mexican government with both the General and Special Claims Commissions. The term "Red Circle" may refer to the case that the proper jurisdiction (general or special) had first to be determined. Some exhibits are in Spanish. Arranged numerically by general docket number or exhibit number.

RECORDS RELATING TO THE SANTA YSABEL CASES. 1924-36. P-14  
8 boxes.  
Affidavits, court papers, legal briefs and correspondence, congressional correspondence, photographs, and other records related to the murder of 15 U.S. citizens and employees of the Cusi Mining Company of Chicago on Jan. 10, 1916 in Santa Isabel, Chihuahua state, Mexico. Claims were filed by family members against the Mexican government, but were denied by the Special Claims Commission. Collectively known as the Santa Isabel (Ysabel) cases, they drew the attention of the Department of Justice. The Department of State also submitted evidence in the case. The massacre was blamed on followers of Francisco (Pancho) Villa and information about Villa and details of his 1916 raid on Columbus, New Mexico is also included. Arranged numerically by agency file number or enclosure number.

COPIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING ATTORNEY FEES. 1937. P-15  
1 box.  
Carbon copies of recommendations by G. C. Sherrod, Counsel, concerning attorney fees claimed and awarded for specific cases. The recommendations include the names of claimants; names and addresses of attorneys; amounts claimed and awarded; and agency and docket numbers, with a summary of attorney performance. Arranged chronologically.

INDEXES OF LIBRARY MATERIALS AND OTHER RECORDS. 1923-31. P-16  
1 box.  
Indexes to library materials, records of the research section, War Department files, and Department of State files. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

INDEXES OF MEXICAN REBELS. 1923-24. 1 box. P-17  
Several annotated indexes to Mexican rebels, including those killed or captured, among whom was Francisco (Pancho) Villa. Arranged alphabetically by last name.

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GENERAL RECORDS (MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS). 1926-31. P-18  
2 boxes.

Correspondence relating to claims, including "Delayed Pouch Cases," or claims delayed in transit. A report on the status of claims filed by the United States with the General Claims Commission is included. Notes on the autobiography of Mexican general Alvaro Obregon, and several Department of Commerce ship registry certificates related to a claim are also in the records. Unarranged.

RECORDS RELATING TO CURRENCY CASES. 1928-35. 1 box. P-19

Correspondence, memorandums, and background studies concerning currency claims against Mexico filed or contemplated to be filed by the U.S. government, and one British case concerning a Belgian electricity company. Unarranged.

#### Research and Information Section

REPORTS AND LISTS OF CLAIMS. 1923-35. 3 boxes. P-20

Lists of various types of claims by American individuals and by several companies against the Mexican government, and related correspondence. Company claims include those of the American Smelting and Refining Company, and the National Metallurgical Company. Status reports and statistical reports of claims filed are included, with some for the Mormon colonies in Mexico. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

REPORTS ON ABANDONED CLAIMS. 1923-31. 1 box. P-21

Reports of claims for property abandoned due to revolutionary activity in Mexico, or abandoned due to consular or other governmental advice. Reports list the agency number; name of claimants; date, place, and amount of claim; and remarks. Lists of supporting evidence found in the agency file are sometimes attached to the reports. Arranged by category of claim.

RECORDS RELATING TO VERACRUZ CLAIMS. 1923-28. 1 box. P-22

Records largely relating to claims by Mexican and U.S. citizens for damages resulting from the occupation of Veracruz (Vera Cruz), Mexico, by U.S. military forces in April 1911. Mexican claims (No. 123-128) were investigated by U.S. Army Boards of Inquiry, whose findings are included. There is also a claim against the United States from the Veracruz Terminal Company. Records relating to the U.S. military occupation, such as general orders, reports, proclamations, and proceedings of military courts, are also included, as are extracts of Department of State Department records relating to revolutionary activity in Mexico during the period 1910-1914. Arranged numerically by claim number or by subject.

RECORDS ON MEXICAN CLAIMS AND CLAIMS CONVENTIONS. 1924-35. P-23  
1 BOX.

Notes, memoranda, minutes of meetings, reports, correspondence, and publications concerning the 1923 Treaty of Amity and Commerce between Mexico and the United States which led to the establishment of the General and Special Claims Commissions for the two countries. Historical background on the commissions (conventions) is included,

along with published copies of the Proceedings of the United States - Mexican Commission; acts, laws, and Treaty No. 676 establishing the Special Mexican Claims Commission, and its rules and regulations. Some file contents are missing. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

MIXED LISTS, RESEARCH RECORDS, INSTRUCTIONS, AND CORRESPONDENCE P-24  
RELATING TO GENERAL, SPECIAL, AND AGRARIAN CLAIMS. 1924-41.  
1 box.

Various lists of general claims, correspondence, and powers of attorney related to claims. Lists usually include agency and docket file numbers, claimant names, and nature and amount of claims. Much of the material concerns Yaqui River valley land and agrarian claims in the state of Sonora, Mexico, and includes crop production statistics. Several land use maps of the area are also included. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

RECORDS OF THE AMERICAN-MEXICAN AGRARIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

United States Section, Office of the Commissioner

The American-Mexican Agrarian Claims Commission was created in November 1938, by an exchange of notes between the governments of Mexico and the United States. The Commission was charged with the authority to solicit, discuss, appraise, and award claims of United States citizens relating to American owned agrarian properties that had been seized by the Mexican Government between August 30, 1927 and November 1938. Organizational membership consisted of two permanent commissioners: one appointed by the American Government; and the other selected by the Mexican Government. A third commissioner - appointed by the two permanent commissioners - was authorized to participate in resolution of claim appraisals upon which the permanent commissioners could not agree.

Between December 1938 and July 31, 1939, the Commission received 350 claims. American Commissioner Lawrence Lawson considered 259 of these claims as "meritorious", and appraised them for a total value of \$15,066,749.85. Another 91 claims remained unappraised (undocketed) when the Commission terminated in December 1942. By terms of the United States and Mexican governments' exchange of notes in November 1938, the Mexican Government agreed to remunerate all awarded agrarian claims. On November 19, 1941 the Mexican and American governments also agreed to limit the Mexican government's fiscal responsibility to a total of 6 million dollars - half of which had been fulfilled by then. These monies were distributed after December 18, 1942, by the American-Mexican Claims Commission, which succeeded the American-Mexican Agrarian Claims Commission by terms of the Settlement of Mexican Claims Act of 1942. The American-Mexican Claims Commission also heard appeals of several appraised (docketed) agrarian claims, and passed final decision on the 91 unappraised (undocketed) agrarian claims.

STATE DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE OF THE COMMISSIONER. 1938-43. A1-203  
1 box.

Correspondence between Commissioner Lawrence M. Lawson, head of the United States Section of the United States-Mexico Agrarian Claims Commission, and Secretary of State Cordell Hull and other State Department officials. The correspondence concerned important policy and procedural questions that arose in connection with the establishment, administration, implementation, and liquidation of the claims resolution program of the Claims Commission. Other records include letters and memorandums to the Commissioner from George H. Winters, assistant to the Commissioner and the executive officer of the American Section of the Claims Commission at Mexico City. The correspondence concerned a wide range of significant negotiation issues surrounding disputed American citizens' or companies' claims against the Mexican Government. Arranged chronologically in three parts: 1938 to 1939, 1940 to 1941, and 1942 to 1943.

**CORRESPONDENCE OF THE COMMISSIONER WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE A1-204  
OF THE UNITED STATES SECTION. 1938-43. 2 boxes.**

Mainly correspondence between Commissioner Lawrence M. Lawson, head of the United States Section of the United States-Mexico Agrarian Claims Commission, and George H. Winters, the executive officer of the American Section of the Claims Commission at Mexico City. The correspondence concerned the establishment, administration, implementation, and liquidation of the Claims Commission's claims resolution program. Other records include letters and memorandums from the Commissioner to Secretary of State Cordell Hull and other State Department officials and to the American ambassador and consul at the United States embassy in Mexico City. These letters concern the status of American citizens' or companies' claims against the Mexican Government, the proper interpretation of the diplomatic notes and pertinent legal provisions underlying the Commission's jurisdiction and adjudicative procedures, and the American commissioner's discussions with Gustavo P. Serrano, the Mexican commissioner of the Claims Commission's Mexican Section. Interspersed among the textual records are three maps of formerly American owned agrarian lands in Mexico, and 13 black-and-white photographs prints of physical property on those lands. Arranged by an alpha-numeric filing system (A-1 through A-3), and thereunder by subject, and thereunder chronologically.

**CORRESPONDENCE OF THE COMMISSIONER REGARDING UNFILED CLAIMS OR A1-205  
CLAIM RESOLUTIONS PROCEDURES. 1938-1955. 3 boxes.**

Mainly correspondence between Commissioner Lawrence M. Lawson, head of the United States Section of the American-Mexican Agrarian Claims Commission, with American citizens' and companies whose claims against the Mexican Government had not been filed with the Commission or, less often, had been received after the filing deadline. Other records, which also document the American Section's disposition of unfiled claims, include correspondence, memorandums, and telegrams between the Commissioner and George H. Winters, the executive officer of the United States Section office in Mexico City; between Commissioner Lawson and State Department officials and the ambassador and consul at the United States Embassy in Mexico City; and between the Commissioner and the Mexican Section of the Claims Commission. This last group of records also covers the Commissioners' efforts to negotiate the settlement of outstanding issues raised by the American or Mexican sections. Arranged alphabetically by surname of claimant and thereunder chronologically (unfiled claims), or by subject and thereunder chronologically.

**FINAL APPRAISALS, ANNEXES TO FINAL REPORT, AND OTHER RECORDS. A1-206  
1940-43. 2 boxes.**

Supplements to the final report that Commissioner Lawrence M. Lawson, the head of the United States Section of the United States-Mexico Agrarian Claims Commission, submitted to Secretary of State Cordell Hull on April 21, 1943. The records include final appraisals, which document and evaluate the relevant facts of each claim and

specify the Commissioner's recommended amount of monetary compensation for each claimant; annexes, which list the 259 claims appraised and approved for compensation by the United States Section, as well as the 91 unappraised (undocketed) claims filed with the Claims Commission; and a copy of the report (submitted to the American Commissioner on July 18, 1940) of the Preliminary Board of the Commission's American Section. Arranged alphabetically, thereunder alphabetically by name of Mexican state, province, or district, and thereunder alphabetically by surname of claimant (appraisals); or in numerical order (annexes, 1 to 10); or by subject (lists, reports).

RECORDS OF THE AMERICAN-MEXICAN CLAIMS COMMISSION, 1942-1947.

The American-Mexican Claims Commission was established pursuant to the "Settlement of Mexican Claims Act of 1942" (Public Law 77-814) for the purpose of implementing terms of the "Convention between the United States of America and Mexico respecting claims", dated November 19, 1941 (56 "Statutes at Large 1347-1353). Staffed by 4 Presidentially-appointed commissioners, and legal counsel, the commission assumed two major responsibilities. First, the Commission evaluated and settled a wide range of pending and appealed claims that had been filed by U.S. citizens after July 4, 1868, with previous joint American-Mexican claims commissions. In addition, the Commission also considered a number of "new" claims of U.S. citizens. Among these latter claims were a number of "new" agrarian claims including: those that arose between January 1, 1927, and August 30, 1927, but which were not filed with the United States and Mexican General Claims Commission (1923-1937); claims based on Mexican expropriation decrees signed between August 31, 1927 and December 1, 1938, but which were not filed with the American-Mexican Agrarian Claims Commission; and claims that arose between December 1, 1938, and October 6, 1940, but which either were not or could not be filed with the American-Mexican Agrarian Claims Commission before July 31, 1939. The commission also considered a number of other "new" claims that had arisen between January 1, 1927 and October 6, 1940, but which were not filed with any previous American-Mexican claims commission.

Most of the commission's work focused on completing claims evaluations begun by predecessor commissions. Public Law 77-814 charged the commission with responsibility for completing or resolving official claims appraisals, and authorizing awards for claims submitted to the U.S. and Mexican General Claims Commission (1923-1937), the U.S. and Mexican Special Claims Commission (1923-1937), and the American-Mexican Agrarian Claims Commission (1938-1942). That law also required the commission to review appeals of previous claims appraisals and decisions, particularly when such appeals were based upon alleged violations of the appropriate predecessor commission's procedures. The law also authorized the commission to commence payment of all approved and uncontested agrarian, general, special, and "Texas cattle" claims from a total Mexican Government appropriation of 40 million dollars, as specified in the above cited Convention of November 19, 1941.



The Commission expired on April 4, 1947, in accordance with provisions of the act of April 3, 1945.

**INDEX TO CLAIMS APPROVED OR DISALLOWED. 1943-47. 2 boxes. A1-207**

Docketed and undocketed claims sections. In general, the docketed claims index provides docket and claim numbers, names of claimants and notes and references relating to claims originally submitted to the American-Mexican Claims Commission (AMCC). The index also provide the same information for claims appraised but not approved or remunerated by the following AMCC predecessors: the United States and Mexican General Claims Commission; the United States and Mexican Special Claims Commission; and the United States-Mexico Agrarian Claims Commission; and the United States Commission to Texas (Robb Commission). The docketed claims index relates to the following series:

- Case Files Relating to General, Special, and Cattle Claims Approved by the American-Mexican Claims Commission, 1943-1947
- Approved Agrarian Claims Case Files, 1938-1947
- Case Files Relating to Disallowed Agrarian Claims, 1938-1947
- Case Files Relating to New Claims Approved by the American-Mexican Claims Commission, 1939-1947
- Case Files Relating to New Claims Disallowed by the American-Mexican Claims Commission, 1943-1947

This index does not cover the series "Case Files Relating to Claims Approved by the General Claims Commission, 1943-1947."

Arranged by type of claim ("docketed" or "undocketed"), and thereunder by surname of claimant or possible new claimant.

**REGISTERS OF GENERAL, SPECIAL, AND CATTLE CLAIMS PAPERS SENT AND RECEIVED. 1943-47. 3 boxes. A1-208**

Registers that were compiled and maintained by the American-Mexican Claims Commission for the purpose of tracking correspondence and documentation in the series "Case Files Relating to General, Special, and Cattle Claims Approved by the American-Mexican Claims Commission, 1943-1947." These registers continue the series of "Registers of Papers Received by the Agency of the United States, 1924-1937," which were compiled and maintained by that Agency to track correspondence and documentation in an earlier series of "Case Files for United States Claimants, 1924-1947." Arranged by U.S. Agency docket number of claim. These numbers were assigned between 1923 and 1937.

**CASE FILES RELATING TO GENERAL, SPECIAL, AND CATTLE CLAIMS APPROVED. Ca. 1943-47. 544 boxes. A1-209**

Records relating to both general, and some special claims that had been appraised (but not approved) by the United States and Mexican General, and Special Claims Commissions that operated between 1923 and 1937. Some of these claims came before the American-Mexican Claims

Commission "on appeal" of the previous commissions' monetary appraisals.

There are also case files for the 462 Texas cattle claims considered by the United States and Mexico General Claims Commission. Many of these cases had been submitted originally to the U.S. Commission to Texas, 1872-73, also known as the "Robb Commission".

The American Mexican Claims Commission added documentation (correspondence, legal documents, award statements, and certifications) to this reassembled series of general, special, and "cattle" claims case files after December 18, 1942.

Arranged by U.S. Agency docket number of claim. These numbers were assigned between 1923 and 1937.

NOTE: Specially Protected Records from this series are in RG 76 Entry P-25.

REGISTERS OF PAPERS SENT AND RECEIVED RELATING TO AGRARIAN CLAIMS. 1943-47. 1 box. A1-210

Registers containing the following column headings under which is entered information concerning each letter or other document received or sent by the American-Mexican Claims Commission in connection with claims of United States citizens: enclosure number; name of sender; date of mailing; date received by the Commission; and name of person to whom referred. At the top of each page is the name of claimant, along with American Mexican Claims Commission docket number, and sometimes claim number. These registers refer to documents in the series "Approved Agrarian Claims Case Files, 1943-1947;" and in the series "Case Files Relating to Disallowed Agrarian Claims, 1943-1947." Arranged by American-Mexican Agrarian Claims Commission docket number.

APPROVED AGRARIAN CLAIMS CASE FILES. 1943-47. 129 boxes. A1-211

Case files used by the American-Mexican Claims Commission while considering agricultural loss and expropriation claims filed by American citizens prior to July 31, 1939. A typical file includes a statement or abstract of claim, along with legal documents submitted as proof of birth, citizenship, and ownership of property. Some of these documents are written in Spanish. Many files also provide a record of claim deliberations, appraisals, decisions, and decision certifications, along with official correspondence and memorandums. These claims were originally submitted to the American-Mexican Agrarian Claims Commission ("Lawson Commission"), which was established in November 1938, and succeeded by the American-Mexican Claims Commission on December 18, 1942. Arranged by Agrarian Claims Commission docket number. See Appendix III for a list of cases.

CASE FILES RELATING TO DISALLOWED CLAIMS. 1943-47. 5 boxes. A1-212

Case files for claims filed with the American-Mexican Agrarian Claims Commission prior to July 31, 1939, and eventually rejected by

the American-Mexican Claims Commission. Arranged by Agrarian Claims Commission docket number.

**CASE FILES RELATING TO UNDOCKETED AGRARIAN CLAIMS. A1-213**  
1942-47. 7 boxes.

Case files representing undocumented agrarian claims that were originally filed with the American-Mexican Agrarian Claims Commission before 7/31/1939, or with either that Commission or the American-Mexican Claims Commission after July 31, 1939. Because these claims lacked the documentation required for appraisal and approval, they were never docketed and reviewed by either of these commissions. Arranged in alphabetical order by claimant's surname

**REGISTERS OF PAPERS SENT AND RECEIVED RELATING TO POSSIBLE A1-214**  
**NEW CLAIMS. 1943-47. 1 box.**

Registers containing the following column headings under which is entered information concerning each letter, document, or State Department file, sent or received by the American-Mexican Claims Commission in connection with potential claims of United States citizens: enclosure number; name of sender; date of mailing; date received by the Commission; and name of person to whom referred. Some register sheets include references to related claims. The register entries refer to documents in the series "Records Relating to Possible New Claims, 1943-1947." Arranged in alphabetical order by surname or corporate name of potential claimant.

**RECORDS RELATING TO POSSIBLE NEW CLAIMS. 1943-47. 1 box. A1-215**

"Contact" case files compiled by the Commission for the purpose of organizing documentation pertaining to potential claimants, many of whom were identified through previous correspondence with the State Department. For a variety of reasons (death of potential claimant, untraceable address changes, lack of claim documentation, failure to file etc.), none of these claims were numbered or docketed by the Commission. A typical file includes form letters and other documents outlining the Commission's authority, and claim classification and filing procedures, along with correspondence with potential claimants. Arranged in alphabetically by surname of potential claimant.

**REGISTERS OF PAPERS SENT AND RECEIVED RELATING TO NEW CLAIMS. A1-216**  
1943-47. 1 box.

Registers containing the following column headings under which is entered information concerning each letter or other document received or sent by the Commission in connection with claims of United States citizens: enclosure number; name of sender; date of mailing; date received by the Commission; and name of person to whom referred. At the top of each page is the name of claimant, American-Mexican Claims Commission (AMCC) docket number, and cross references to related claims (e.g. "new", or "agrarian"). Arranged by American-Mexican Claims Commission docket number of claim.

CASE FILES RELATING TO APPROVED NEW CLAIMS. 1942-47. 51 boxes. A1-217

Case files compiled and maintained by the American-Mexican Claims Commission while considering: "new" claims filed with that Commission after December 18, 1942; "agrarian" claims submitted to the American-Mexican Agrarian Claims Commission after July 31, 1939; and some "undocketed" agrarian claims. A typical file includes a statement or abstract of claim, along with legal documents submitted as proof of such things as citizenship, and ownership of property. Some of these documents are written in Spanish. Many files also provide a record of claim deliberations, appraisals, decisions, and decision certifications, along with official correspondence and memorandums. Arranged by American-Mexican Claims Commission (AMC) docket number

CASE FILES RELATING TO NEW CLAIMS DISALLOWED BY THE AMERICAN- MEXICAN CLAIMS COMMISSION. 1943-47. 10 boxes. A1-218

Case files compiled and maintained by the American-Mexican Claims Commission while considering "new" claims filed with that Commission after December 18, 1942, and "agrarian" claims submitted to the United States-Mexico Agrarian Claims Commission after July 31, 1939. A typical file includes a statement or abstract of claim, along with legal documents submitted as proof of such things as citizenship, and ownership of property. Some of these documents are written in Spanish. Many files also provide a record of claim deliberations, appraisals, decisions, and decision certifications, along with official correspondence and memorandums. Arranged by American-Mexican Claims Commission docket number.

CASE FILES RELATING TO CLAIMS APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO GENERAL CLAIMS COMMISSION. 1942-47. 101 boxes. A1-219

Records relating to general claims cases that had been appraised, and approved for award by the United States and Mexican General Claims Commission between 1923 and 1937, but which also remained unremunerated as of December 18, 1942. The American Mexican Claims Commission dispensed payment for these claims between 1942 and 1947. The American Mexican Claims Commission pulled these records from the series "Case Files for United States Claimants, 1924-1936" and then added documentation to the removed case files after December 1942. Arranged by United States and Mexican General Claims Commission docket number. See Appendix IV for a list of cases.

TRACKING LISTS OF ALL CLAIMS CONSIDERED. 1943-47. 1 box. A1-220

Ledger sheets incorporating several categories of information for each claim. For American-Mexican Claims Commission docketed claims, these categories include docket number; name of claimant; brief description of the claim; date and number of Commission decision; date of decision certification; and the amount of award. For United States and Mexican General Claims Commission claims, and United States-Mexico Agrarian Claims Commission docketed claims, there are additional checkoff categories relating to the claims appraisal and review process, but no category for claims description. For unappraised agrarian claims, the categories cover: claim number; name of claimant; date claimant was notified (new claim letter); and

related AMC docketed claims. Arranged topically by type of claim (appraised or unappraised), and thereunder by specific commission (American-Mexican Claims Commission, General Claims Commission, American-Mexican Agrarian Claims Commission), and thereunder by claim number of the appropriate commission.

GENERAL LISTS RELATING TO ALL CLAIMS CONSIDERED. 1943-47. A1-221  
1 box.

A typed, annotated list providing a record of basic information for each claim considered by the Commission, including docket number and/or claim number, and name of claimant, for agrarian claims; docket number, name of claimant, amount claimed, and nature of claim, for new claims; and claim and agency docket numbers, prior appraisal status, and name of claimant, for general claims. There is also a list of general claims case files (and accompanying State Department correspondence) that was sent to the Treasury Department on February 17, 1943. Arranged generally into sections that reflect a type of claim (e.g. agrarian, general, special, new). The sections are subarranged by claim number, or docket claim number, or agency claim number. One section of agrarian claims is subarranged alphabetically by claimant's surname.

LISTS RELATING TO COMMISSIONERS' APPRAISALS OF GENERAL AND AGRARIAN CLAIMS. 1938-47. 1 box. A1-222

Three typescript copies (each separately annotated) of one list that shows general and agrarian claims considered by the American-Mexican Claims Commission. "Texas Cattle Claims" were included among the general claims.

The section that lists general claims contains columns for: claim docket and agency number; claimant's name; class of claim; amount claimed; "award" (Commissioner Underwood's appraisal); date from which interest was computed; references to related special claims; information on whether the award was actually paid; and general remarks.

The section that lists agrarian claims includes columns that show: the agrarian docket number; name of claimant; amount claimed; the Commissioner's claim appraisal; and general remarks.

Arranged into sections by type of claim (general or agrarian), and thereunder by claim number. For example, general claims are subarranged by United States and Mexican General Claims Commission claim number and the agrarian claims are subarranged by American-Mexican Agrarian Claims Commission docket number.

COPIES OF APPRAISALS RELATING TO APPROVED AGRARIAN CLAIMS. A1-223  
1943-47. 1 box.

Copies of official appraisals. Many of the originals are filed in the series "Approved Agrarian Claims Case Files." Arranged by Agrarian Claims Commission docket number.

- LIST OF ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING CLAIMS BEFORE THE COMMISSION. A1-224  
1943-47. 1 box.  
A list of attorneys representing claims before the American Mexican Claims Commission. Arranged by surname of attorney.
- RESOLUTIONS, CONVENTIONS, RULES, PROCEEDINGS, AND PROTOCOLS A1-225  
RELATING TO PREVIOUS UNITED STATES AND MEXICAN CLAIMS  
CONVENTIONS. 1923-47. 1 box.  
Reference copies of basic statutory documents pertaining to both the United States and Mexican General Claims Commission, and to the United States and Mexico Special Claims Commission. Arranged by type of document.
- GENERAL RESEARCH RECORDS OF THE AMERICAN-MEXICAN AGRARIAN A1-226  
CLAIMS COMMISSION. 1938-43. 2 boxes.  
Statistical data, claims sheets, reports, lists, some State Department correspondence, and 23 maps relating to the investigation of claims filed with the United States-Mexico Agrarian Claims Commission between 1938 and 1942. These records were transferred to the American-Mexican Claims Commission on April 20, 1943. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.
- ORDERS, DECISIONS, AND RELATED RECORDS. 1943-47. 2 boxes. A1-227  
Mainly bound copies of official claims decisions. There are also copies of treaties, acts, and conventions relating to the Commission's authority, along with a typescript copy of the Commission's history, and copies of form letters and form orders generated by the American Mexican Claims Commission in the course of its work. Arranged by type of document (texts, forms, memorandums, orders, and decisions). Decisions are subdivided into the following categories: Series A, "Administrative Decisions" (incomplete series); Series B, "On Petition for Review"; Series C, "On Review"; Series D, "Special Claims"; and Series E, "New Claims".
- CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING THE COMMISSION'S PROCEDURES, A1-228  
REGULATIONS, STAFFING, AND FUNDING. 1943-47. 1 box.  
Routine inquiries regarding claim filing procedures, claim documentation, and rules and agreements relating to claim payments. Some of the correspondence also deals with Congressional queries about the Commission's staffing and funding. Arranged in alphabetical order.
- GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS. ca. 1943-47. 1 box. A1-229  
Copies of the Commission's decision and memorandum opinion regarding the "Texas Cattle Claims"; Congressional documents relating to the Commission's work; correspondence pertaining to the disposition of general and special claims filed between 1923 and 1937; and miscellaneous work sheets dealing with claims appraisal and evaluation. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

APPENDIX I

List of Documents on Mexican History  
Assembled by the Research and Information Section,  
Agency of the United States (Entry 145)

Listed below are titles of monographs, reports, and other materials assembled by the Research and Information Section, Agency of the United States, for the purpose of making available to the Agent and his assistant information useful in defending claims of United States citizens against the government of Mexico.

1. General Historical and Chronological Outline of the Recent Revolutionary Period in Mexico. (Monograph No. 1.) About 75 pages. Typed.
2. Outline of Pre-Conventional Period and Pre-Revolutionary Period. (Monograph No. 2.) About 55 pages. Typed.
3. List of Successive Regimes Having More or Less Prima Facie Legality, November 20, 1910-May 31, 1920. (Monograph No. 3.) 6 pages. Typed.
4. The Mexican Revolution from the Publication of the Plan of San Luis Potosi, October 6, 1910 to June 7, 1911. (Monograph No. 4.) 194 pages. Typed.
5. Seizure, Occupation and Evacuation of Veracruz. (Monograph No. 5.) 14 pages. Typed.
6. De Facto Administration of General Victoriano Huerta. (Monograph No. 6.) 7 pages. Typed.
7. The Adolfo de la Huerta Revolution, December 5, 1923-March 12, 1924. (Monograph No. 7.) 4 pages. Typed.
8. Synopsis of the Sonora Revolution, April 10-May 31, 1920. (Monograph No. 8.) 10 pages. Typed.
9. The Madero Administration. (Monograph No. 9.) 102 pages. Typed.
10. The Bernardo Reyes Counter Revolution. (Monograph No. 10.) 11 pages. Typed.
11. A Brief History of the Cedillo Brothers. (Monograph No. 11.) 8 pages. Typed.
12. The Tragic Ten Days. (Monograph No. 12.) 59 pages. Typed.
13. Chronology of the Zapatista Movement. 1911-19. 90 pages. Typed.

14. Chronological Outline of Events in Mexico and Mexican American Relations. 1910-20. 1 in. 1 binder.
15. Who's Who in Mexico. Aug. 1919 and Nov. 1931. 2 in.
16. Historical Memorandum Concerning Yaqui Indian Claims. n.d. 64 pages. Typed.
17. The Currency Cases (by Edgar Turlington, Special Counsel). n.d. 341 pages. Typed.
18. Agrarian Expropriation of American Owned Land in Mexico, January 1, 1914-June 1, 1927. 1 in. 1 binder.
19. The Railroad Situation in Mexico (by G. W. Knoblauch). ca. 1920. 44 pages. Typed.
20. The Effect of the Revolution in Mexico on American-Mexican Mining Interests. 1916. 39 pages. Printed.
21. Summary of McBride's "Land Systems of Mexico" (by George McCutchen). 178 pages. Typed.
22. Minutes of Meetings Between Representatives of Mexico and Committee of Oil Operators. 1922-24. 2 in. 1 binder.
23. Translations of Articles from Mexican Newspapers. 1914-30. 2 in.
24. Reports on Mexican Historical Events. 1925-31. 4 in.
25. Confidential Weekly Reports on Mexico. Sept. 24, 1919-Apr. 17, 1920. 4 in.
26. Confidential Publications of the Department of State Regarding Mexico. 1910-15. 4 in.
27. Summary of Intelligence on Mexican Political, Economic, and Military Affairs. Apr. 19, 1920-Oct. 10, 1923. 8 in.
28. Documents Regarding Mexican Revolutionary Leaders, Operations, and Forces. 1910-20. 2 ft.
29. Activities of Francisco Villa Based on Reports of the State Department, December 1915-July 1923. 141 pages. Typed.
30. Memoirs of Don Venustiano Carranza (by Juan Barragán). Jan. 5, 1930. 945 pages. Typed.



31. Political Memoirs of Adolfo de la Huerta. June-Aug. 1930.  
164 pages. Typed.
32. En el Vértigo de la Revolución (by Alfonso Taracena - English  
translation by E. B. Newman ). 1910-20. 262 pages. Typed.

## APPENDIX II

### List of Documents on Legal Matters Assembled by the Research and Information Section, Agency of the United States (Entry 146)

Listed below are titles of reports, translations, and other material assembled by the Research and Information Section, Agency of the United States, for the purpose of making available to the legal staff of the Agency information useful in defending claims of United States citizens against the Government of Mexico.

1. Law Memoranda and Law Point File. 1924-35. 2 ft.
2. Extracts From Work on International Jurists, International Arbitration Tribunals, and From Jurists' Correspondence. n.d. 1 in. 1 binder.
3. Translation of Public and Private International Law. n.d. 1 binder.
4. Digest of Cases Decided by International Claims Commissions and Other Tribunals Involving the Calvo Clause. Sept. 3, 1929.
5. Effects of Annexation of Territories Upon the Debts of State Annexed or Dismembered and Upon Those of the Provinces, Departments, etc., Annexed (by Henri Appleton). n.d. 1 in. 1 binder.
6. Annexations of Territory and Their Principal Consequences. n.d. 1 in. 1 binder.
7. Denials of Justice in International Law (by Clyde Eagleton). 1928. 1 in. 1 binder.
8. Honduran Laws and Decrees. 1919-26. 1 in. 1 binder.
9. Miscellaneous Mexican Legislation. ca. 1914-26. 1 in. 1 binder.
10. Definitions of Mexican Legal Terms. n.d. 1 in. 1 binder.
11. Supreme Court Decisions of Mexico. ca. 1917. 1 in. 1 binder.
12. Organic Law of Federal Courts and of the Ministerio Público. n.d. 1 in. 1 binder.
13. Photostats from Diario de Jurisprudencia. n.d. 1 in.

14. Translation of Mexican State Legislation. n.d. 3 in. 2 binders.
15. Mexican Agrarian Laws by State. n.d. 2 in. 1 binder.
16. Agrarian Legislation and Correspondence in Connection Thereto. n.d. 3 in. 2 binders.
17. Translation of Agrarian Codes of 1929, 1933, and 1940. 2 in. 2 binders.
18. Circulars Issued by the National Agrarian Commission, Nos. 1-55. 1916-23. 1 in. 1 binder.
19. Mexican Customs Legislation, Sanitary Code and Navy Ordinances. 1928-30. 1 in. 1 binder.
20. Translation from Mexican Federal and State Civil and Criminal Codes. n.d. 1 in. 1 notebook.
21. Index to Mexican Criminal Code. n.d. 1/2 in. 1 binder.
22. Translation of Articles from Mexican Criminal Code of 1872 and 1894. 3 in. 3 binders.
23. Translation from Mexican Federal Code of Criminal Procedure. 1909. 1 in. 1 binder.
24. Articles Translated from Mexican Codes of Civil Procedure of 1884 and 1909. 2 in. 2 binders.
25. Translation of Excerpts of Mexican Laws. n.d. 1 in. 1 binder.
26. Mining Laws of Mexico. 1892-1926. 2 in. 2 binders.
27. Monetary Decrees and Circulars. 1913-16. 2 in. 1 binder.
28. Mexican Petroleum Decrees, Circulars, Orders. 1912-28. 8 in. 4 vols.
29. Translation of Comisión Reguladora Decrees. 1912-22. 3 in. 2 vols.
30. Mexican Decrees and Bulletins Relating to the Settlement of Claims. 1 in. 1 binder.
31. Analysis of Defenses Submitted by Mexican Agent (Special Claims Commission). 1925-29. 2 in. 1 binder.
32. List of Publications Received from the Legal Adviser by the American-Mexican Claims Commission. ca. 1939. 1/2 in. 1 binder.

APPENDIX III

List of Approved Agrarian Claims (Entry A1-211)

<u>BOX #</u>	<u>DOCKET/ (CLAIM) #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
1	1 (2)	Luther J. ALMAND
	2 (3)	Mae Dunne NARRO
	3 (7)	James Walsh ENGLISH
2	4 (8)	Thelma A. ENGLISH
	5 (33)	Charles H. SKIDMORE
3	6 (32)	PINE KING Land & Lumber Co.
4	7 (87)	Waldo E., Herbert S., Frank, & Arthur BRADFORD
	8 (89)	HACIENDA RAMONA Company
	9 (90)	Otto H. & V.A. SMELKER
5	10 (92)	M.C. LITTLE
	11 (91)	Edward Rothschild & Levi Nelson JESSON
6	12 (94)	James Joseph & William RYAN
	13 (12)	Ramon Gabriel AGUIRRE
	14 (97)	Z.O. STOCKER & M.C. LITTLE, Estate of Reba Evelyn SEXTON
7	15 (88)	Asa J. & Benjamin F. BRUNK
	16 (95)	William & James Joseph RYAN
	17 (96)	William SCHUTTE
8	18 (99)	Z.O. STOCKER
	19 (100)	Gladys T. WALTZ and W.D. McLaurin
	20 (93)	Frank M. MANSON & John G. GEORGE
9	21 (48)	MOCTEZUMA COPPER Company
	22 (69)	Ross Elmer NEAL
10	23 (98)	Florence G., George C., Harry C., & Margaret E. SINGLETARY
	24 (13)	Carmen Zuloaga de KRAFT
11	25 (102)	D.B. & Ivey P. BOLLINGER
	26 (15)	Aurora Cuesta de
12	27	MISSING
	28 (141)	Frederick M. NEWTON
	29 (140)	Raymond V. HESS
13	30 (160)	Frederick W. DOW

	31 (56)	Isaac F., Jacob F., Tomlin, and Lawrence E. SINCLAIR
	32 (41)	Manuela Martinez Vda. de HIBLER
14	33 (24)	Paul Emil NAUSCHUETZ
	34 (76)	Louis O. FULLEN and Rosemary Virginia Fullen WILLIAMS
15	35 (86)	Wirt G. BOWMAN
	36 (9)	John L. FRIEDMAN (No. 1 Guemez)
	37 (173)	William Hord RICHARDSON
	38 (117)	Herbert Daniel HICKEY
16	39 (60)	Hugh B. EVANS & Victor R. TWIST
	39	MEXICAN COAL & COKE Company
	40 (171)	JAMESON, LARIMORE et. al.
17	41 (77)	Estate of Louis LAMM (claim 1)
18	42 (20)	Mrs. Florence ENNIS
	43 (219)	Estate of Louis LAMM (claim 2)
19	44 (172)	RICHARDSON BROTHERS Company
	45 (159)	Mary Smith SHARPTON, representing Marylo SHARPTON
	46	Sarah & Harry CRAMZ
20	47 (65)	Victor R. TWIST
	48 (123)	YAQUI RIVER Land & Irrigation Company
	49 (146)	Elizabeth Smith SHARPTON
21	50 (44)	J. Paul GINTHER
	51 (128)	Herbert T. NICHOLS
	52 (165)	Alexander S. SHARPTON, Sr.
22	53 (215)	Dixie R. & Joe M. REID
	54 (150)	Craven E. MCCARTY & William C. LUCAS
	55 (61)	G. Allan HANCOCK, Edmund A. LEEDS, Emil A. OLSON, & Leroy E. SULLIVAN
23	56 (73)	John P. MAXWELL
	57 (167)	Raymond Ray MIDGETT
	58 (145)	Estate of Charles H. MCCULLOUGH
24	59	Trustees of WASHINGTON ACAPULCO Company
	60 (187)	Alexander Stephen SHARPTON
25	61 (50)	William SAENGER
	62 (36)	Benjamin P. MOATS
	63 (189)	John L. CASE

26	64 (115) 65 (23)	Hugh EVANS & Estate of Ezra H. FRISBY James A. MOSELEY
27	66 (45) 67 (84)	Estate of A.H. WHATLEY Robert Griffen STEWART
28	68 (85) 69 (135)	Robert Wright STEWART Carolina C. LEUFFER
29	70 (196) 71 (138)	James H. POWERS Guillermo FERNANDEZ
30	72 (54)	Harry CHANDLER & William H. ALLEN, Jr.
31	72 (54) cont. 73 (55)	Harry CHANDLER & William H. ALLEN, Jr. Harry CHANDLER & William H. ALLEN, Jr.
32	74 (82) 75 (193)	Henry A. MEYER, et. al. William WOODWARD
33	76 (6) 77 (75)	George T. BRANIFF Charles F. O'BRIEN Company
34	78 (118)	Forest Roderick LOWREY & Mary Zacharie BROCK
35	80 (63) 81 (66)	Franklin Curtis POORE MAGNOLIA PETROLEUM Company
36	82 (67) 83 84 (119)	Richard Andrew CASWELL, et. al. MISSING PENN-MEX FUEL Company
37	85 (152) 86 (198)	Margaret I. Reid WITTS Edith Perkins GIROUX
38	87 (28) 88 (168)	OBISBO RUBBER Plantation Company F.A. & T.L. STEARNS and R.S. OSGOOD
39	89 (139) 90 (127)	LAGUNA Company Harloe H. HAMILTON, et. al.
40	91 (164) 92 (162)	William LOFTUS et. al. Emily von HILLER
41	93 (29)  94 (46)	Lloyd A. RONE, Estate of Rudolf HILKER; Frederick R. NIGGLI, Estate of John W. PAYNE Nadine P. MILLER, Irene Hughes MATHEWS, Charles H. HUGHES, & Estate of Eva Darrow AUSTIN

42	95 (188) 96 (122) 97 (130)	Alexander Stephen SHARPTON, Sr. William STAFFORD, et. al. Pauline WILLIAMS
43	98 (153) 99 (205)	Estate of Rosalia Emma Caden Vda, de EVANS Trustees of MEXICAN PACIFIC Company
44	100 (206) 101 (213)	Guston MORRIS James Ed BERRY
45	102 (216) 103 (197)	Eleanor Pratt Howard BURT Richard H. GOODELL
46	104 (137)	MOTZORONGO Company
47	105 (162) 106 (224)	Carlos MILLER et. al. William Curtiss NICHOLS
48	107 (227)	QUIMCHIS COLONY
49	108 (21) 109 (217)	Edward Marion WATSON Charles KENNEDY, Estate of Concepcion KENNEDY
50	110 (230) 111 (170)	Bertha Probst LINGA Donald M. STREET
51	112 (147)	BABICORA DEVELOPMENT Company
52	113 (233)	Joseph Louis FOX
53	114 (237) 115 (133) 116 (58)	Christian J. STAHLY William Braniff CARROLL Eleanor Pratt Howard BURT
54	117 (163) 118 (242)	LOUISIANA-MEXICAN Timber & Investment Company Henry H. STEPHENS et. al.
55	119 (22) 120 (186) 121 (256)	Ernest S. & J.B. DICKERT and heirs of N.M. VOGELSANG Emma R. SEILER Ethal Bradshaw MCCANN
56	122 (252)	Kona S. REEDER
57	122 (252) cont.	Kona S. REEDER
58	123 (202) 124 (261)	Compania de Cafe ESPERANZA Frank A. GILMORE

	125 (258)	Joseph W. MONTGOMERY, George Harry LAISER, & Louis Corryell MCKINNEY
59	125 (258)	Joseph W. MONTGOMERY, George Harry LAISER, & Corryell MCKINNEY (on shelf without box)
60	126 (184) 127 (273)	Alfred B. LYON Charlotte Cerf ELASASSER, Melvin K. WEILL, Pauline Weill BERWIN, & Elizabeth Weill NEWMAN
61	128 129 (53) 130 (297)	MISSING Clyde R. BURR SAN ANTONIO PLANTATION Company
62	131 (234) 132 (253) 133 (200)	Ferdinand P. ARMBRUSTER Frederic B. CALVERT Josephina G. de HALEY
63	134 (301) 135 (303)	INDIANOLA TROPICAL Land Company Alvin G. GRATE
64	136 (306)	W.R. GRACE & Company
65	137 (185)	UNITED SUGAR Company (docket folder & vol. I)
66	137 (185) cont.	UNITED SUGAR Company (vol. II)
67	137 (185) cont.	UNITED SUGAR Company (vol. III)
68	137 (185) cont.	UNITED SUGAR Company (vol. IV)
69	137 (185) cont.	UNITED SUGAR Company (vol. V)
70	138 (5)	JOHNSON LAND & FIBER Company
71	140 (125) 141 (158)	CHASE NATIONAL BANK George HEARST
72	142 (181) 143 (180) 144 (182)	George Leslie WILLSON James Alphonsus MURRAY George Leslie WILLSON & William Wallace MURRAY
73	145 (179) 146 (27) 147 (148)	Austin William CLARK Charley A. CUNNINGHAM, Estate of Arthur CUNNINGHAM Jane Weller HILL
74	148 (149)	Rafael JOSEFFY



	149 (267)	Seymour JONES
	150 (43)	Estate of Christine Catherine DAHLGREN
75	151 (210)	ST. PAUL TROPICAL Development Company
	152 (293)	Charles F. GOETZ & Kuno H. MERREM
76	153 (81)	Ismaela A. de CARRILLO
	154 (126)	Kathryn NARES, et. al.
77	155 (174)	Pleasant E. CRABTREE
	156 (195)	Teodoro THOMAE
	157 (271)	Charles HARDING
78	158 (282)	Edwin CHAMBERLAIN
	159 (203)	AMPARO MINING Company
79	160 (232)	Henry H. STEPHENS
	161 (262)	TACAHUITE Land & Planting Company
80	162 (304)	Lorena Sidey TAPPER
	163 (325)	Estate of Charles F. VAN de WATER
81	164 (322)	Mahlon F. BAUCHERT & Luis ZORK (docket folder)
82	164 (322) cont.	Mahlon F. BAUCHERT & Luis ZORK (misc. & exhibits 6A-6B)
83	164 (322) cont.	Mahlon F. BAUCHERT & Luis ZORK (exhibits 6C-6G)
84	165 (116)	Estate of Bessie Johnston FERGUSON
	166 (249)	Beulah Robinson & Rose Robinson LEWIS
	167 (317)	Joseph Enos & Lucia Sykes WISE
85	168 (39)	Louis & Arthur RAVEL, Estate of Sam RAVEL
	169 (71)	Ethel Clare McCURDY
	170 (166)	Estate of Charles F. VAN de WATER
86	171 (244)	SAN JOSE PLANTATION Company
	172 (312)	Victor M. MARSH, et. al.
87	173 (199)	Pauline Washer GOLDSMITH & Mrs. Jay. WASHER
B.	174 (316)	Anna PAULINE, Adeline Pauline BATCHELOR, & Maywood Irene Carrico GREEN
	175	MISSING
88	176 (37)	Charles G. NEWTON
	177	CHARGED OUT

89	178 (241)		INTERNATIONAL LAND & LIVE STOCK Company
	179		Charles P. REINIGER
90	180 (309)		Herbert A. WHEELER
	181 (326)		Estate of Charles VAN de WATER; Herbert A. WHEELER; Trustees of TITLE INSURANCE & TRUST Company
	182 (327)		TITLE INSURANCE & Trust Company
91	183 (350)		Ruth Finney RIDDLE
	184 (192)		Pablo J. VOLLBRECHT Estate of Carl EISENHUT
	185 (338)		Mary J. WAGNER
92	185 (338)	or	WILHELM-WAGNER (original exhibits)
	186 (339)		
93	186 (339)		Frank A. WILHELM
	187 (254)		Charles A. WAYLAND
94	188 (291)		Ida B. LEGERTS
	189 (309)		Horace W. CORBIN
95	190 (315)		SOUTHERN PACIFIC Company
	191		MISSING
96	192 (320)		COMPANIA AGRICOLA "La Esmeralda"
	193 (324)		George B. SEELY & John H. SWICKARD
	194		MISSING
97	195 (277)		MEXICO LAND & LIVE STOCK Company
	196 (333)		Frederick J. SCHROEDER
	197 (156)		Dora Alexanderson NEWTON
98	198 (209)		SAN LORENZO SUGAR Company
99	199 (344)		JOLIET TROPICAL PLANTATION Company
	200 (332)		GERMAN-AMERICAN COFFEE Company
100	201 (270)		Casa de ARROYO Company
	204 (68)		KANSAS-CHIAPAS Company
101	202 (131)		PETRERO SUGAR Company
102	203 (240)		Estate of Edward MORRIS
	204 (68)		SEE BOX # 100
103	205 (228)		Estate of I.O. BRICTSON

104	206	MISSING
	207	MISSING
	208 (257)	Warner & Frank Girder McCANN
	209 (313)	INTERCONTINENTAL RUBBER Company
105	209 (313)	INTERCONTINENTAL RUBBER Company (folder 2)
106	210	MISSING
	211 (264)	Harvey ABBOT, et. al.
	212	MISSING
	213 (308)	KANSAS & MEXICO LAND Company
	214 (292)	MEXICO LAND Company
107	215 (300)	EL FAVOR MINING Company
	216 (1)	CENTRAL HANOVER BANK & TRUST Company
108	217 (243)	UNITED STATES & MEXICO REALTY Company
	218 (310)	Cecil, J. Lanham, J.T., & Joseph Martin HIGGINBOTHAM, Sr.
	219 (103)	Esther Ibarra NEWTON
109	220 (314)	Emma Von Violand THOMPSON
	221 (321)	Edward SHEARSON, George M. CLARKE, John Henry GEWECKE, & Kaa Frank BLUE
	222 (38)	Cora Alice Monro LEE
110	223 (47)	Estate of James CARR
	224 (105)	Oscar NEWTON, Sr.
	225 (346)	Robert F. WILLY
111	226 (283)	Antonio PENEDO & Charles LEFTWICH (STANDARD FRUIT & STEAMSHIP Company)
112	226 (283) cont.	STANDARD FRUIT & STEAMSHIP Company
113	226 (283) cont.	STANDARD FRUIT & STEAMSHIP Company
114	228 (218)	Herlinda Tays DUNN
	229 (276)	Eloisa Tays LAMBERT
115	230 (341)	Eugene TAYS
	231 (17)	Lewis, A., Charles A. & F.M. HOHSTADY
	232 (285)	Mae GEPHART
	233 (299)	F.M.B. McELROY
116	234 (238)	COAPA DEVELOPMENT Company
	235 (296)	John H. STEINKAMPF & Harry K. SMITH
	236 (225)	Leroy LITTLE
117	237	MISSING

	238	MISSING
	239	MISSING
	240 (284)	Isaac V. & Raymundo VELA
	241 (275)	CHACAMAX LAND DEVELOPMENT Company
	242 (345)	John L. FRIEDMAN
118	243 (157)	Adelbert A. TAYLOR
	244 (11)	Estate of William V. LANPHAR
119	245 (279)	American Stockholders of the CELESTE IRRIGATION Company, S.A.
	246 (280)	Julia V. VOUGHT, Estate of Milton I. VOUGHT
120	247 (263)	Martha Newman CAMPOS, et. al.
	248 (239)	Maria Antonieta Esteva de BERGMAN
121	249 (323)	CONTINENTAL LAND & INVESTMENT Company
	250 (201)	Andrew SNEVA
	251 (265)	John & Mae DRAYTON
	252 (318)	Delores C. SCHULTZ & Delores Ortigosa Vda. de DAMM, as guardian of Gloria Castanola
122	253 (177)	Estate of Joseph W. KINNARD
	254 (266)	Walter Scott GEARHART
	255 (278)	Charles Benjamin PETTUS
123	256	MISSING
	257	MISSING
	258 (305)	SINALOA LAND & WATER Company
124	258 (305) cont.	SINALOA LAND & WATER Company (claims 1-4)
125	258 (305) cont.	SINALOA LAND & WATER Company (claims 5-10)
126	259 (337)	Estate of Delores R. Vda. de NEWTON
	260	AGUA BUENA SUGAR Company & Alfred P. BURROUGHS
127	260-A (80)	John F. PENROSE
	? (218)	POMEROY-EL PASO TRANSFER Company
128	Agency File #1154	CARGILL LUMBER Company

APPENDIX IV

Case Files Relating to Claims Approved by the United States  
and Mexico Claims Commission (Entry A1-219)

<u>BOX #</u>	<u>DOCKET #</u>	<u>AGENCY #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
1	7	195	George Adams KENNEDY
2	7 18	195 (cont.) 165	George Adams KENNEDY Louis CHAZEN
3	18	165 (cont.)	Louis CHAZEN
4	22	148	George David RICHARDS
5	28 32	1324 1248	Harry H. HUGHES Victor A. ERMERINS
6	39	699	George W. HOPKINS
7	40 41 42	1748-B 1748-C 1748	G. A. ENGLEHART B. E. CHATTIN John W. HALEY
	(Dockets 40-42 filed under docket #43)		
	43	1748-A	C. W. PARRISH
8	43	1748-A (cont.)	C. W. PARRISH
9	43	1748-A (cont.)	C. W. PARRISH
10	47 50	1276 1184	Walter H. FAULKNER Ernest E. COOPER
11	50 56	1184 (cont.) 1463	Ernest E COOPER PEERLESS MOTOR CAR Company
12	64	1925	The AMERICAN BOTTLE Co.
13	72 73	1143 1926	Catherine C. BURTSHELL, Estate of Jesse Burtschell The HOME INSURANCE Company
14	77	521	Edwin CHAMBERLAIN
15	77	521 (cont.)	Edwin CHAMBERLAIN
16	77	521 (cont.)	Edwin CHAMBERLAIN
17	89	1472	Adolfo T. PECINA

18	113	1406	Joseph D. KNOTTS
19	123	1901	J. J. BOYD
	124	1902	Carmen Gomez SPENCER
20	126	1930	John A. MCPHERSON
	127	1934	William A. PARKER
21	127	1934 (cont.)	William A. PARKER
22	129	1979	Richard A. NEWMAN
23	130	210	Jesse Walter SWINNEY & Nancy Louisa SWINNEY
	131	245	Sophie B. STURTEVANT
	132	193	Lillian Greenlaw SEWELL & Vernon Monroe GREENLAW
24	132	193 (cont.)	Lillian Greenlaw SEWELL & Vernon Monroe GREENLAW
	147	254	Edward Herbert THOMPSON
25	148	1566	Charles S. STEPHENS & Bowman STEPHENS
26	161	2021	Hazel M. CORCORAN
	168	2081	Laura May Buffington JANES,
et.al.			
27	170	2061	Mrs. Martha Eaton KRAUS
	182	2124	Mamie BROWN
	183	2123	Margaret ROPER
28	184	2122	Daisy SANDERS & Rosetta SMALL
29	185	2106	Harry ROBERTS
	209	2068	Bond COLEMAN
30	211	2194	G. W. MCNEAR, INC.
31	225	2147	Laura A. MECHAM & Lucian M. MECHAM, Jr.
	240	2108	T. J. SNAPP
32	241	2107	F. R. WEST
	258	1958	Sarah Ann GORHAM
33	259	1778	Sydney Green LINK
34	260	2073	Mrs. Elmer Elsworth MEAD (Helen O. MEAD)

	263	2174	George M. WATERHOUSE & Annie B. WATERHOUSE
35	265	2133	Norman T. CONNOLLY & Myrtle H. CONNOLLY
36	265	2133 (cont.)	Norman T. CONNOLLY & Myrtle H. CONNOLLY
	267	309-A	Fannie P. DuJAY
37	270	1178	Agnes CONNOLLY, etal.
38	271	1601	Thomas A. YOUMANS
	274	2356	Mary Evangeline Arnold MONROE
39	275	2274	John B. OKIE
	287	2284	Samuel DAVIES
40	331	309	Kate A. HOFF
	336	2291	Henry W. PEABODY & Company
41	352	1647	Gertrude Parker MASSEY
42	354	1760	Ida Robinson Smith PUTNAM
	387	2423	J. Parker KIRLIN, et.al.
43	432	1995	ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD
44	460	1994	Clyde DYCHES
45	466	2257	Adam E. CRUMBLY, Adm.
46	483	2401	UNITED DREDGING Company
	571	2150	MELCZER MINING Company
47	571	2150 (cont.)	MELCZER MINING Company
48	571	2150 (cont.)	MELCZER MINING Company
49	584	1907	John BOGGS, et.al.
50	584	1907 (cont.)	John BOGGS, et.al.
51	593	2292	Louise O. CANAHL
	603	2469	H. G. VENABLE
52	603	2469 (cont.)	H. G. VENABLE
53	603	2469 (cont.)	H. G. VENABLE
54	603	2469 (cont.)	H. G. VENABLE

55	614 663	2628 2492	Daniel DILLON George W. COOK
56	680 684	1894 2348	Martha Ann AUSTIN Francis J. ACOSTA
57	700	2710	Peter KOCH
58	704	1335	Ernest G. HEIMSATH
59	708 722	2748 2750	L.J.KALKLOSCH Sarah E. MCDONALD & Anna M. GOOD
60	734	4200	Henry GREEN
61	734 795	4200 (cont.) 2490	Henry GREEN George W. COOK
62	946	2890	Daniel W. CKAY
63	1059	4393	George M. STANWOOD
64	1067 interest to	2997	George S. LYCAN, successor in Edward LYCAN
65	1230	2515	Lee A. CRAW
66	1232 1246	2604 5025	Joseph E. DAVIES Jesus Navarro TRIBOLET
67	1317	1339	Samuel HIDY
68	1327 1353	4205 2488	Mary Ann TURNER George W. COOK
69	1353	2488 (cont.)	George W. COOK
70	1894 & 2739	180	Elmer R. WAITE & Willis R.WAITE
71	2024 & 2740	1663	Josefa VARELA
72	2025 2148	2929 2695	Mrs. H. S. ELLZEY C. C. CREIGHTON
73	2148	2695 (cont.)	C. C. CREIGHTON
74	2150 2179	6560 2236	W. E. RANDLE Ethel W. MORTON
75	2179 2183	2236 (cont.) 209	Ethel W. MORTON SINGER SEWING MACH. Company



76	2183 2189	209 (cont.) 2501	SINGER SEWING MACH. Company George W. COOK
77	2190	4242	Mrs. Lucy MATHERNE, et.al.
78	2254	2615	Minnie EAST
79	2295	2338	Bert SMITH
80	2351	2465	NAT. PAPER & TYPE Company
81	2351	2465 (cont.)	NAT. PAPER & TYPE Company
82	2351 2362	2465 (cont.) 4317	NAT. PAPER & TYPE Company William T. WAY
83	2524	4833	P. Alfredo VASQUEZ
84	2603	3829	Ernest F. BOYENS
85	2630 2642	3957 2026	Mrs. Refugis G. DeSANDERS L. B. REID, et.al.
86	2642 2651	2026 (cont.) 2260	L. B. REID, et.al. PARSONS TRADING Company
87	2683 2689	4721-A 5281	James H. McMAHAN Elizabeth MORTENSEN, next of kin
88	3087	2521	William A. FURLONG, Jr.
89	3088	5393	Russell STROTHER
	3114	4908	Lillie S. KLING
90	3123 3125 3126	4949 5110 5109	Esther MOFFIT PARSONS TRADING Company PARSONS TRADING Company
91	3198 3231	4952 4708	Frank L. CLARK S.J. STALLINGS
92	3245 3246 3248	2766 2912 4721-B	G.L. SOLIS Edgar A. HATTON Ben B. McMAHAN
93	3250 3252	4721-D 6441	Barthenia STRICKLAND I.R. CLARK
94	3268 3282	6133 6113	George M. ELKINS, next of kin R.W. COOK

95	3283	2725	C.R. EARHART
96	3295	1220	Mrs. Benjamin F. BARKER
97	3295	1220 (cont.)	Mrs. Benjamin F. BARKER
98	3301	6119	Thomas J. ATKINSON
99	3305	2206	Arthur CUNNINGHAM
	3400	6307	William E. CHAPMAN
100	3400	6307 (cont.)	William E. CHAPMAN
	3527	6298	