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This exhibit from the Department of Rare Books & Special Collections displays illustrated books and maps about Mexico from the 16th century through to the late 19th century. The exhibit documents the gradual process by which the cultures of pre-Columbian Mexico were described and published in Spain, in rival European countries, in Mexico itself, and in the United States.

Most of the books on display have been in the USC library since the 1830's and 1840's. The oldest item is an engraving of Mexico city printed in 1565, from the Italian writer Ramusio's *Voyages*. Other early works include illustrations of Aztec customs by the German Theodor de Bry and Dutch maps in works by De Laet and Montanus.

Some of the most impressive volumes are from the early 19th century, in Alexander von Humboldt's *Vues des Cordelleres et Monumens des Peuples Indigene de l'Amerique* (Paris, 1810) and Lord Kingsborough's seven-volume *Antiquities of Mexico* (London, 1830), with colored facsimiles of pre-Columbian manuscripts. The architecture of the Aztec and Mayan cultures is represented both from Kingsborough's work and from J. L. Stephens's books about the Yucatan. In the final case is a copy of the Mexican military code owned by General Santa Anna.

CASES 1 & 2: SIXTEENTH CENTURY

* Ramusio, Giovanni Battista, *Terzo volume delle navigationi et viaggi*. Venetia, 1565.

* "Mexico Regia Celebris Hispaniae Novae Civitas," from *Civitates Orbis Terrarum, Lib. I*. Frankfurt: Braun and Hogenberg, [1572]. *Osman Collection*.

* Bartolomé de Las Casas, translated in *Purchas his Pilgrimes*. London, 1625.

* Anghiera, Pietro Martire d', *De orbe novo Petri Martyris. . . & Caroli Quinti*. Paris, 1587.

* Bry, Theodor de, map of New Spain, in *Americae pars quarta*. Frankfurt, 1594.

* Bry, Theodor de, *Americae nona & postrema pars. Qua de ratione elementorum: de Novi Orbis natura: de huius incolarum superstitionis cultibus: . . . Catalogo Regum Mexicanorum omnium*. Frankfurt, 1602.

* Acosta, José de, *Historia natural y moral de la Indias, . . . los ritos, y cereminas, leyes, y gobierno,*

y guerras de los Indios. Sevilla, 1590.

* Acosta, José de, 1540-1600; Grimeston, Edward, transl. *The natvrall and morall historie of the East and West Indies*. London, 1604.

CASES 3 & 4: SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

* Laet, Joannis de, *Novvs orbis, seu Descriptionis Indiae Occidentalis, libri XVIII*. Leyden, 1633.

—Cardinal Richelieu's copy stamped with his arms.

* Montanus, Arnoldus, *De Nieuwe en onbekende weereld*. Amsterdam, 1671. *Alfred Chapin Rogers Collection*.

* Gage, Thomas, *A new survey of the West-India's: . . . Wherein is set forth his voyage from Spain to St. John de Ulhua; and from thence to Xalappa, to Tlaxcalla, the City of Angels, and forward to Mexico*. 2nd ed. London, 1655. *William R. Bailey Collection*.

* Victoria, Pedro Gobeo de, *Argonauticon Americanorum, sive, Historiæ periculorum Petri de Victoria, ac sociorum eius, libri XV*. Monachii, 1647. Contemporary pigskin over wood.

* Dryden, John, *The Indian emperour, or the Conquest of Mexico*. London, 1681.

* Dampier, William, 1652-1715. *A new voyage round the world. Describing particularly, the isthmus of America, . . . the South Sea coasts of Chili, Peru, and Mexico; . . .* Second ed. London: James Knapton, 1697.

* Dampier, William, *Nieuwe reystogt rondom de werreld. . . de kusten van Chili, Peru, Mexiko. . .* Gravenhage, 1698-1700.

* Casas, Bartolomé de las, *An Account Of the First Voyages and Discoveries Made by the Spaniards in America. Containing The most Exact Relation hitherto publish'd, of their unparallel'd Cruelties on the Indians, in the destruction of above Forty Millions of people*. London, 1699.

* Funnell, William. *A voyage round the world. Containing an account of Captain Dampier's expedition . . . in the years 1703 and 1704 . . . together with the author's voyage from Amapalla on the west coast of Mexico*. London, 1707.

CASE 5: SOME 18TH CENTURY HISTORIANS

* Torquemada, Juan de, *Primera parte de los veinte*

i vn libros rituales i manarchia indiana, con el origen y guerras, de los indios occidentales. 3 vols., second impression. Madrid, 1723 [1725].

* Herrera y Tordesillas, Antonio de, *Historia general de los hechos de los castellanos en las islas i tierra firme del mar oceano. . . desde al año de 1492 hasta el de 1531.* 9 vols. Madrid, 1726-30.

—the library also held John Stevens's six-volume English translation (London, 1725-26).

* Barcia Carballido y Zuñiga, Andrés Gonzalez de, *Historiadores primitivos de las Indias Occidentales.* 6 vols. Madrid, 1749.

* Lorenzana y Butron, Francisco Antonio, ed., *Historia de Nueva-España, escrita por su esclarecido conquistador Hernan Cortes, aumentada con otros documentos.* Mexico, 1770.

* Ruiz de León, Francisco. *Hernandia. Triumphos de la fe, y gloria de las armas españolas. Poema heroyco. Conquista de Mexico, cabeza del imperio septentrional de la Nueva-España.* Madrid, 1755.

* Flavigny, Gratien Jean Baptiste Louis, vicomte de, transl. *Correspondance de Fernand Cortès avec l'empereur Charles-Quint, sur la conquete du Mexique.* Paris, 1778. Chapin Rogers Collection.

* Clavigero, Abbé Francesco Saverio, *The history of Mexico. Collected from Spanish and Mexican historians, from manuscripts and ancient paintings of the Indians.* 2 vols. London, 1787. Georgetown Library Society.

* Keating, Maurice Bagenal St. Leger, transl. *The true history of the conquest of Mexico, by Captain Bernal Diaz del Castillo, one of the conquerors. Written in the year 1568.* London, 1800.

CASE 6: ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT

* Humboldt, Alexander von, 1769-1859. *Vues des Cordelleres et Monumens des Peuples Indigene de l'Amerique.* Paris, 1810. Original full red morocco.

* Humboldt; Williams, Helen Maria, transl. *Researches concerning the institutions & monuments of the ancient inhabitants of America, with descriptions & views.* 2 vols. London, 1814.

* Humboldt, *Political essay on the kingdom of New Spain.* 2 vols. New York, 1811.

* "Costumes dessines des Peintres Mexicains du Temps de Montezuma," from Humboldt, *Vues des Cordelleres.* Paris, 1810.

* Poster from Humboldt exhibition, Mexico City, 2004. *Courtesy of Patricia Mason.*

CASE 7: REVOLUTION & INDEPENDENCE

* Bonnycastle, Richard Henry, Sir, *Spanish America; or, A descriptive, historical, and geographical account of the dominions of Spain in the Western hemisphere.* Philadelphia, 1819.

* Robinson, William Davis. *Memoirs of the Mexican Revolution: . . . With some observations on the practicability of opening a commerce between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, . . . and on the future importance of such commerce to . . . the United States.* Philadelphia, 1820. Original boards. *John Shaw Billings Collection.*

* Niles, John M., *A view of South-America and Mexico . . . with a complete history of the revolution, in each of these independent states.* New York, 1825.

* Poinsett, Joel Roberts, *Notes on Mexico, made in the autumn of 1822. Accompanied by an historical sketch of the revolution.* London, 1825.

* *Exposición de la conducta política de los Estados-Unidos, para con las nuevas repúblicas de América.* México, 1827. *South Caroliniana Library.*

CASES 8 & 9: REDISCOVERING MEXICAN ANTIQUITY

* Kingsborough, Edward King, Viscount, 1795-1837. *Antiquities of Mexico: comprising fac-similes of ancient Mexican paintings and hieroglyphics.* Vol. I. London: Aglio, 1830.

* Kingsborough, *Antiquities of Mexico: comprising fac-similes of ancient Mexican paintings and hieroglyphics.* Vol. II. London: Aglio, 1830.

* Kingsborough, *Antiquities of Mexico: . . . Together with the Monuments of New Spain, by M. Dupaix: with their respective scales of measurement and accompanying descriptions.* Vol. IV. London: Aglio, 1830.

* Pre-Columbian Architecture, reproduced from Kingsborough, *Antiquities*, Vol. IV.

* Pre-Columbian Sculptures, reproduced from "Specimens of Mexican sculpture in the possession of M. Latour Allard in Paris," in Kingsborough, *Antiquities*, Vol. IV.

- * Stephens, John Lloyd, *Incidents of travel in Central America, Chiapas, and Yucatan*. 2 vols. New York, 1841.
- * Stephens, *Incidents of travel in Yucatan*. 2 vols. New York, 1847.
- * Norman, Benjamin M., *Rambles in Yucatan*. 2d ed. New York, 1842.
- * Prescott, William Hickling, *History of the conquest of Mexico: with a preliminary view of the ancient Mexican civilization*. 3 vols. Philadelphia, 1868. Bookplate of Henry H. Ficken.

CASE 10: THE EMERGENCE OF MEXICO

- * Smith, Richard Penn, attrib. *Col. Crockett's exploits and adventures in Texas . . . The narrative brought down from the death of Col. Crockett to the battle of San Jacinto, by an eye-witness*. Philadelphia, 1836.
- * Azcárate, Miguel María de. *Catecismo practico criminal de juicios militares*. Mexico, 1834. Gift of Harry L. Hameter.
—"This book was taken from the private dwelling of President Santa Anna, Mexico—by Major Winslow A. Sanderson U.S. Army."
- * Wilson, Robert Anderson, *Mexico and its religion*. New York, 1855.
- * *Description of the republic of Mexico, . . . Illustrated by a map*. Philadelphia, 1846.
- * *Mapa de los Estados Unidos de Mejico*. Revised edition. Nueva York, 1847 [Facsimile, 1935]. Map Library.
- * *Complete History of the Late Mexican War*. New York, 1850. Bookplate of Clint T. Graydon.
- * Elton, James Frederick. *With the French in Mexico*. London: Chapman and Hall, 1867.
- * *Circulares y otras publicaciones hechas por la Legacion mexicana en Washington, durante la guerra de intervencion, 1862-1867*. 2 vols. Mexico, 1868.
- * Ober, Frederick A., *Travels in Mexico, and Among the Mexicans*. Boston, 1885.
- * Fernández Rojas, José. *La revolucion mexicana de Porfirio Diaz a Victoriano Huerta, 1910-1913*. México, 1913.
- * *Map of Mexico prepared especially for the National Geographic Magazine*. Washington, DC, 1916. Map Library.