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# Brother Joseph Schmitz, SM, PhD, History Courses

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### Descriptive Summary

Creator: Brother Joseph Schmitz, SM, PhD (1905-1966)  
Donor: Society of Mary, Province of St. Louis; Donor number: 1900.12  
Extent: 3 cubic feet  
Inclusive Dates:  
Language: English  
Formats:  
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### Description:

**Chain of Custody:** The papers come from among the personal effects of Brother Joseph Schmitz that were donated by the Society of Mary sometime after his death on February 16, 1966.

**Biographical Note:** Joseph Schmitz (born Feb 12, 1905 in Staceyville, Iowa; died Feb 16, 1966 in San Antonio, Texas), joined the Society of Mary in 1922. He obtained a Master of Arts degree in history at Loyola University in Chicago in 1933 and a doctorate in 1939. He taught history at Saint Mary's University until 1961, when he became vice president for academic affairs. He was the first administrator of the special collections department during the 1940s. He served as president of the Texas State Historical Association. His publications include: *Thus They Lived, Daily Life in the Republic of Texas* (1936), *Texas Statecraft, 1836-1845* (1936), and *The Society of Mary in Texas* (1951). In 1960 a reprint edition of his first book was issued under the title *Texas Culture, 1826-1845*.

### Subject Headings:

### Related Materials at Other Repositories

Materials at the NAMBUS (National Archives of the Marianist Province of the United States)

### Microfilm, 35 mm some rolls partial:

Bremen Archives concerning the Republic of Texas in the 1840s, 3 rolls

French language documents from Brussels, 1840s 2 rolls

### Typescript drafts, correspondence and clippings of his writings and talks

Mission Nuestra Senora de la Purisima Concepcion 41 pages first strike (not carbon)

Texan Statecraft, 301 pages, carbon copy, heavily corrected and annotated; includes chapters on Texas Republic's dealings with the French, the Dutch and the "alliance with Yucatan."

Society of Mary in Texas, typescript chapters separately numbered, carbon copy, corrected and annotated; two additional drafts with annotation

The Memoirs of Captain Menchaca, being an unpublished manuscript detailing events in San Antonio from 1807 to the Battle of San Jacinto

French Diplomatic Policy (typescripts of two articles by other authors)

Photostats of an unidentified autograph diary giving impressions of Texas in 1860

Various Photostats from SM archives and other archives about the SM in Texas

Correspondence about the Texas Missions, 1916-1919

Typescript of *This They Lived* along with correspondence and clippings

*Texas Statecraft, 1836-1845* (San Antonio, Naylor, 1941) dust jacket, correspondence, reviews, clippings

Social Life in the Republic of Texas, scripts for addresses

Mission Concepcion letters and clippings, letter of July 28, 1958 acknowledging Bishop Lucey's request that Schmitz write a booklet history of the mission.

Book Reviews written by J Schmitz for various historical journals

Various articles written by J Schmitz as well as correspondence and clippings about contributions to the New Catholic Encyclopedia (1961), publications by the Naylor Company, Speeches 1961-1966

Autograph notebook in which is copied *Life of the Blessed Virgin* and *Devotion to the Blessed Virgin in the Society of Mary*

### **Research Notes**

Notes are typewritten or handwritten on cut sheets measuring approx. 7 7/8 x 4 7/8 inches

There is a paper tag found between the index cards reading Thus They Lived

The sheets are arranged by subject but not in alphabetical order; Some subjects repeat more than once. The archivist says that the cards are repackaged into one box having originally been in several containers. So it is possible that the cards were once grouped by book and have now become juxtaposed. There is a paper tag found between the index cards reading "Thus They Lived" which suggests that the cards behind it were used for that book.

The divider tabs separating the cards are fragile from acidification. Individual sheets have a cryptic (not always clear) source entry at upper left with a subject heading at upper right (sometimes). Subjects are Texas history from 1800s. Sources include published works and original materials.

### **Personal Effects of Bro. Joseph Schmitz**

Key for Delta Epsilon Sigma honor society, booklet "Association of College Honor Societies Booklet of Information, 1953 (but there is not DES in it)

Pipe, 2 letter openers, silver belt buckle, business card for St Mary's U, copper plate for engraving announcements for graduation with his name and Ph. D. following it.

### **European Research Trip recorded in Train Tickets**

Eurail Pass dated 2 July 1960, French rail tickets (SNCF) dated July 19, 1960, July 30, 1960 from Paris to Hamburg, August 10, 1960 to Koln, German train tickets dated between 12 and 18 August 1960, rail tickets for Norwegian State Railways dated Aug 20, for Stockholm, Sweden dated August 26, 1960,

### **Grade books for courses at St. Mary's U**