



# Historical Society of Pennsylvania

## **Mexican Society of Philadelphia records, 1970-2022, undated (Collection 4705)**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Historical Society of Pennsylvania
<b>Source - dnr:</b>	Burkett, Ted.
<b>Title:</b>	Mexican Society of Philadelphia records
<b>ID:</b>	4705
<b>ID [aspace_uri]:</b>	/repositories/2/resources/7168
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1970-2022, undated
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7.8 Linear Feet ; 20 boxes, 1 volume
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents

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The Mexican Society of Philadelphia was founded in 1970 to encourage cultural exchange between Mexico and Philadelphia. The group's inception occurred after a Friends of Radnor Memorial Library event, where Henry Clifford, Curator of Paintings at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, gave a lecture on Mexican Art. The newly arrived Mexican Consul, Hector Cardenas, was in attendance and announced that he would start a Mexican Society in Philadelphia. By the end of the evening, Clifford was named president and a board had been selected. When the group sought tax exempt status, the focus of the organization was refined to charitable and educational endeavors related to the cultural exchange. Clifford passed away in 1974, and Nancie and G. Theodore "Ted" Burkett took over as key organizers of the Mexican Society. As a tribute to Henry Clifford, the society established a memorial scholarship in his name. The group remained active and vibrant with the change in leadership, planning annual trips to Mexico and organizing four to six programs a year for members.

The Mexican Society of Philadelphia records consist of nearly eight linear feet of mixed documents dating from 1970 to 2019. The majority of the material relates to all aspects of the annual trips and society events.

**Series 1, Mexican Society (1970-2019, undated)**, is comprised of administrative materials, such as general correspondence, board minutes, bylaws, and records related to membership, finances, and philanthropy. The materials document all aspects of trip and event planning and execution and include itineraries, bills, mailings, rosters, correspondence, RSVPs, menus, and other related papers.

**Series 2, Printed matter (1976-2018, undated)**, is comprised of travel literature and other published material. The travel literature is mostly from Mexico, but Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Morocco are also represented. The documents are primarily maps, brochures, and booklets for attractions, destinations, and hotels. Other published material includes newspaper articles, clippings, magazines, art and exhibition catalogs, and two bilingual children's books in Tzeltal and Spanish.

**Series 3, Right Angle Club (1992-2022)** consists of four folders of documents from the Right Angle Club, which is a descendant organization of the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Exchange Club. The club fosters social and intellectual enrichment in addition to engaging in community philanthropy. Right Angle Club records in this collection include annual reports, decade reviews, directories, and event documents.

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## Overview of arrangement

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Series 1. Mexican Society records (1970-2019, undated)

Series 2. Printed matter (1976-2018, undated)

Series 3. Right Angle Club (1992-2022)

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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## Sponsor Note

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## Related Materials

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### Separated Materials

A photograph called "The Three Polar Stars" (Captain Roald Amundsen, Sir Ernest H. Shackleton, Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary) was moved to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania print collection (V89 medium).

### Related Materials

**At the Historical Society of Pennsylvania:**

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Travel -- 20th century
- Travel--Mexico.
- Art, Mexican.
- Clubs -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Burkett, Ted.

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1. Mexican Society, 1970-2019, undated

#### Scope and Contents

Series 1 is comprised of administrative materials, such as general correspondence, board minutes, bylaws, and records related to membership, finances, and philanthropy. The materials document all aspects of trip and event planning and execution and include itineraries, bills, mailings, rosters, correspondence, RSVPs, menus, and other related papers.

#### Society administration, 1970-2019, undated

Title/Description	Instances	
Society incorporation, 1970-1993	box 1	folder 1
Bylaws, 1970-1982	box 1	folder 2
Nonprofit and tax exempt status, 1979-1995, undated	box 1	folder 3
Society history, 1989-2018, undated	box 1	folder 4
Correspondence , 1973-2003	box 1	folder 5-8
Correspondence, 2007-2020, undated	box 2	folder 1-2
Board of Directors file - Minutes, correspondence, statements, 1973-1982	box 2	folder 3
Minutes binder (1974-1981), 1974-1993, undated	box 2	folder 4
Meeting minutes and notes, 1970-1982, undated	box 2	folder 5
Financial records, 1973-2017	box 2	folder 6-7
Insurance, 2010-2017	box 2	folder 8
Financial - Receipts, 2006	box 2	folder 9
Philanthropy, 1984-2018, undated	box 2	folder 10
Philanthropy - Jeffrey Wilkerson, 1994-2001	box 2	folder 11
Philanthropy - Magic Gardens, 2004-2005	box 3	folder 1
Philanthropy - Alternare, undated	box 3	folder 2
Notes, business cards, and miscellaneous papers, 1975, undated	box 3	folder 3
Mexican Society seal impressions, undated	box 3	folder 4
Blank stationery, undated	box 3	folder 5
Certificate, November 2019	box 3	folder 6
Photographs, 1993, undated	box 3	folder 7

Blank cards and postcards, undated	box 3	folder 8
CDs , undated	box 3	folder 9-10
CDs (4) - Morocco, February 2007	box 3	folder 11
DVD - Santa Maria Tonantzintla, 2007	box 3	folder 12
Mexican Society embosser, undated	box 18	item 1
Key, undated	box 3	folder 13

### Membership records, circa 1975 - 2017, undated

Title/Description	Instances	
Member cards, circa 1975 - circa 1985	box 3	folder 14
Member cards, circa 1973 - circa 1985	box 4	folder 1
Correspondence sent to members, 1976-2017, undated	box 4	folder 2
Member lists and counts, 1976-2015, undated	box 4	folder 3
Sample membership mailings, 1979-1980	box 4	folder 4
Mailing lists, 1979, undated	box 4	folder 5
Membership list, 1988	box 20	folder 1
Membership, 2004-2017	box 4	folder 6-10
Membership literature, undated	box 4	folder 11

### Trips, events and programs, 1975-2017, undated

Title/Description	Instances	
1975 trip - "Dig Yucatan", 1975	box 4	folder 12
1976 trip - "Art safari", 1975-1976	box 4	folder 13
1977 trip - "Oaxaca and Mexico City", 1977	box 4	folder 14
1978 trip , 1977-1978	box 4	folder 15
1980 trip - "Treasure Hunt in Oaxaca", 1980	box 4	folder 16
1981 trip - "Oaxaca 2", 1981	box 4	folder 17
1983 trip - "Hacienda Tour of Colonial Mexico", 1982-1983	box 4	folder 18
1985 trip - "Return to Temple B", 1984-1985	box 4	folder 19
1986 trip - "Baja's Beaches and Copper Canyon", 1985-1986	box 5	folder 1
1987 trip - "Easter in Mexico", 1986-1987	box 5	folder 2
1989 trip - "Treasures of Jalapa", 1988-1989	box 5	folder 3
1990 trip - "Colonial Mexico", 1989-1990		

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	box 5	folder 4
1991 trip - "Mexico... The Best of the West", 1990-1991	box 5	folder 5
1992 trip - "Pyramids and Palm Trees", 1991-1992	box 5	folder 6
1993 trip - "Connoisseur's Mexico", 1992-1993	box 5	folder 7
1994 trip - "Haciendas from A-Z", 1993-1994	box 5	folder 8-9
1995 trip - "Hidden Mexico", 1994-1995	box 6	folder 1-2
1996 trip - "What's New in Mexico", 1995-1996	box 6	folder 3
1997 trip - "Private Mexico: Three Views", 1996-1997	box 6	folder 4-5
1998 trip - "Mazatlan, Copper Canyon, Alamos", 1997-1998	box 6	folder 6
1999 trip - "South of... South of the Border", 1998-1999	box 7	folder 1-2
2000 trip - "Millennium in Mexico", 1999-2000	box 7	folder 3-4
2001 trip - "Treasures of the Yucatan", 2000-2001	box 7	folder 5
2002 trip - "Cast off for Mexico", 2001-2002	box 7	folder 6
2004 trip - "San Antonio Arts and Crafts", 2003-2004	box 7	folder 7
	box 8	folder 1
2004 trip - "LADAP San Miguel Weekend", 2004	box 8	folder 2
2005 trip - "Mexico Magnifico!", 2004-2005	box 8	folder 3-5
2006 trip - "Magical Mexico", 2005-2006	box 8	folder 6
	box 9	folder 1
July 2006 trip - "Cuernavaca Rendezvous", 2006	box 9	folder 2
2007 trip - "M is for Morocco", 2006-2007	box 9	folder 3-5
2008 trip - "Mexico Perfecto!", 2007-2008	box 9	folder 6
2009 trip - "Visions of Mexico!", 2008-2009	box 9	folder 7
2011 trip - "Splendors of the Yucatan", 2010-2011	box 10	folder 1
2017 trip - "Adventures in Mexico City and Puebla", 2016-2017	box 10	folder 2-4
Trips, undated	box 10	folder 5
Events and programs, 1973-1983	box 10	folder 6-15
Events and programs, 1983-1992	box 11	folder 1-9
Events and programs, 1992-1999	box 12	folder 1-8
Events and programs, 1999-2014	box 13	folder 1-12
Events and programs - Tillett Tapestry, 1978-2017	box 14	folder 1



Events and programs, 2015-2017, undated	box 14	folder 2-4
Economic forecasting conference, 1980	box 14	folder 5
Event - Gala Mexican Fiesta, undated	box 14	folder 6
Event RSVP cards, undated	box 14	folder 7
Program and events contacts file, 1978-1983	box 14	folder 8

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## Series 2. Printed matter, 1979-2010, undated

### Scope and Contents

Series 2 is comprised of travel literature and other published material. The travel literature is mostly from Mexico, but Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Morocco are also represented. The documents are primarily maps, brochures, and booklets for attractions, destinations, and hotels. Other published material includes newspaper articles, clippings, magazines, art and exhibition catalogs, and two bilingual children's books in Tzeltal and Spanish.

### Travel literature, 1979-2010, undated

Title/Description	Instances	
<i>Mexico Travel Digest</i> , 10th edition, 1979	box 14	folder 9
<i>Mexico's Copper Canyon</i> , by Richard D. Fisher, 1994	box 15	folder 1
Mexican travel literature, 1980-2005	box 15	folder 2-4
Argentina, 1996, undated	box 15	folder 5
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1989, undated	box 15	folder 6
Chile, 1999-2000	box 15	folder 7
Destinations and attractions, 1987-1998, undated	box 15	folder 8-9
Destinations and attractions, 1990-1999, undated	box 16	folder 1-3
Hotels and accommodations, 1984-1999, undated	box 16	folder 4-5
Tours, 1984-2010, undated	box 16	folder 6
Travel brochures and maps, undated	box 20	folder 2
Tourist maps of Mexico, 1992-1993, undated	box 16	folder 7
Tourist maps, 1988-2007, undated	box 17	folder 1
Mexican real estate, undated	box 20	folder 3
Center City Philadelphia tourist map, 1981	box 17	folder 2
<i>Morocco, DK Eyewitness Travel Guide</i> , 2004	volume 1	

### Other printed matter, 1976-2018, undated

Title/Description	Instances	
Events of other organizations, 1976-2007	box 17	folder 3
Art and artist brochures and literature, 1980-1992, undated	box 17	folder 4
Art and exhibition catalogues, 1984-2017, undated	box 17	folder 5-6
Art exhibits and flyers, 1980-2016, undated	box 17	folder 7
Cultural Institute of Mexico, 2001-2005	box 17	folder 8
Articles, 1978-2003, undated	box 17	folder 9
Articles, 1987-2005	box 20	folder 4
Articles, 1988-2007, undated	box 20	folder 5
Articles and copies, 1970-2008, undated	box 18	folder 1
Newspaper articles and clippings, 1975-2008, undated	box 20	folder 6
Newspaper and clipping copies, 1975-2008, undated	box 18	folder 2
Newspaper articles and clippings, 1976-2008, undated	box 18	folder 3
Newspaper articles and clippings, 1980-2018, undated	box 20	folder 7
Newspaper and clipping copies, 1980-2018, undated	box 18	folder 4
Reference articles, undated	box 18	folder 5
Bilingual children's book: <i>Los Antiguos Comerciantes Zinacantecos/Vo'Ne Jchonolajetik Ta Tzinakanta</i> , 1983 <u>Language of the Material:</u> Multiple languages. <b>General</b> Text is in Tzeltal and Spanish.	box 18	folder 6
Bilingual children's book: <i>Ya'Yejik Te Mamaletik/Palabras de Los Ancianos</i> , 1983 <u>Language of the Material:</u> Multiple languages. <b>General</b> Text is in Tzeltal and Spanish.	box 18	folder 7
<i>Expedition</i> , volume 27, number 2; The University Museum Magazine of Archaeology/Anthropology, 1985	box 18	folder 8
<i>Connoisseur</i> , April 1982	box 20	folder 8
<i>National Geographic</i> , October 1989	box 18	folder 9
<i>Smithsonian</i> , 1982	box 18	folder 10
<i>What in the World?</i> , newsletter of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, spring 1997	box 18	folder 11

Newspaper supplement - <i>Annie</i> , autographed by Aileen Quinn, 1982	box 20	folder 9
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### Series 3. Right Angle Club, 1992-2022

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Title/Description	Instances	
Right Angle Club file, 1996-2022	box 19	folder 1
Right Angle Club - Directories, 1992-2010	box 19	folder 2
Right Angle Club - Annual reports, 2007-2014	box 19	folder 3
Right Angle Club - Decade reviews, 1992-2013	box 19	folder 4

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