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When Business of the Texas Government, From 1727 To 1835, Was Centered In San Antonio.

(Note: The following is the first and lack of interest on the if a series of weekly articles taken of competent persons blocked i rom the Bexar Archives at The project. Legislative appropriati Iniversity of Texas. This collec- was eventually made for the tax considered the greatest single and a translator appointed. Little grical treasure on the North progress was made. Funds, srican continent, has been finally dissipated.

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transformed from a wilderness in- multitude of other duties,

realized. When Texas won its indep

and an Anglo-American seat of government was set up within the lexican capital was abandoned. century that Mexico San Antonio, now become a part of the archives of a graduate of the the Republic, but fell into the pos-

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logued and is now being trans- In 1898, an agreement was reach by The University of Texas. ed between the officials of Bex is of 400,009 pages of ori- County and The University

Spanish handwritten docu- Texas, whereby these rare comprising the official arch- ments, in their entirety, were to be the Mexican government for deposited in the University library, was made its capital, and, but for Bexar, which The materials were to be arranged. new the State of Texas, for the other order having existed previ- All the official business of the fer

tions from the documents, many of After removal of the priceless which have heretofore been unpub- archives to the University library. habited only by savage Indian tribes charge of the Bexar collection. these valuable records should be ologically and according to subject of government relative to Texas be

It was in the spring of 1934. as Mrs. Hatcher was in the last tion to enumerate the events and stages of making the calendar, that fortune came the way of University historians. Federal funds were alloted to the University for student relief work, and a corps of Uniwas the official seat-of government versity students were het to work of the Department of Bexar and checking and re-checking each tails of the ceaseless war against from San Antonio all of Texas was governed. The capital of Texas as a republic was never located in San official transition oppointed horror; the Spanish account of the ina requisite was never located in an official translator for the Bexar long struggle with the French; the official archives of Bexar did not Archives. Juan Haggard-Villasana, record of the unselfish toiling of

> the first orderly translation of the ground of the gathering of turbulwhole collection is now under way, The period from 1803 to 1821 was and finally, the coming of the one in the history of early Texas, and the documents covering this

era are the ones tirst to be transinted. It was in 1803 that the sale the printing of the full series of of Louisiana made Texas a Troutier these articles, which should prove province, and a bone of contention between the United States and Spain. It was in 1621 that Mexican adependence was established, opning the way for American immiion to Texas.

When the Bexar Archives came into the possession of the University in 1896, Lester O. Bugbee, then instructor in history at the Uniinstructor in history at the Uni-prepared a brief description of this collection which was published in the San Antonio Express, Septem-ber 23, 1898. It was later reprinted in pamphlet form, a copy of which is in the rare book section of the University's Texas Cellection. His article points out the international daughter and Mrs. Awald Miller and daughter and Mrs. Awald Miller and daughter and Mrs. Awald Miller were visitors in Galveston Friday. Mrs. Frank Miller returned home with them after spending four weeks there, taking treatments. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Iselt and daughter of Columbus visited Mr.

Eagle Lake, Texas, tween France and Spain for the children of here and Mr. and Mrs.

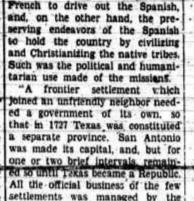
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ssion; and thus it was that, un-

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operiors in Louisiana, the missions

"The French soon became hostil

again, and from this time to 1763 the theme of greatest interest in

Texas history is the attempt of the

years immediately fol-

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ericd from 1731, soon after Tejas ously, and translations were to be settlements was managed by th separate province of made. Copies of the records; as governor of the province, who was 1836 to the Battle of translated, were to be furnished to also military commandant, and ers' court of Bexar thus began the accumulation of papers which we now call th Archives of Bexar.

<sup>1</sup>When Mexico gained its indelisted, and will reveal for the first there was still lack of financial pendence the province of Texas betime what actually transpired dur- support. Mrs. Mattie Austin Hat-ing the century in which Texas was ther, University archivist, among a still included nearly all the territory had of the present State, and was a that time one of the administrative to an independent 'American re- Handicapped by the lack of even a units of the State of Coahulia and filing clerk, she worked alone. Texas. The size of this department Each day she managed to retrieve was not diminished until a very few that the translation of the docu- a few minutes of her time to spend years before our revolution, the disments in the Bexar Archives might on the Bexar Archives. Without trict of Nacogdoches being set bill necessitate the re-writing of many assistance, she has assorted the in 1831 and that of Brazos in 1834 hundreds of thousands of docu- So we can say with a near approach portions of fexas history. For years ments, has catalogued them chron- to the truth that all the business transcribed and translated. That matter. That calendar, or index, tween the dates 1727 and 1835 was vision is at last on the way to being is now complete, and the archives carried on from San Antonio and is recorded in these papers.

"It would be an endless tas even if one possessed the informa subject mentioned in these papers Here reposes the history of Texas to 1835-the complete story of the rise, rule and fall of the Spanish power between the Sabine and th Rio Grande: University and patient missionaries; version of the quarral between the In former years, translations United States and Spain; the wild Far-sighted historians realized have been made of certain docu-the importance of having these rec-ords translated, but lack of funds the first orderly term operant, but ecognized as the most significant Anglo-American, the building up of the settlements, and the Revolu

> The Her very interesting from a Texas his (torical standpoint.)

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(Mrs. O. J. Class)

rticle points out the international daughter of Columbus visited Mr. gnificance of Texas' strategic po- and Mrs. Chas. Howe on Priday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Class and son "The Spanish occupation of Text had as their guests for supper, as is inseparably connected with the Thursday night, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril French occupation of Louisiana," Gloger, Mrs. Albert Ologer and Mr. Bugbee wrote. "The founding of the missions around Nacogdoches and daughter and Mrs. W. J. Braden and San Antonio is but a chapter in the history of the conflict be-Mr. and Mrs. Awald Miller and ossession of the country west of Edgar Kansteiner and baby of near Cat Spring were xisiting Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Brod and family of Bachelor Hill, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Hillie-Kotzebue and Willis, and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Frank and son of Bernardo visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz and Arnold Kansteiner and children Sunday. Kansteiner and children Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Class and son, and Mrs. W. J. Braden and daugh-ters of here were the Sunday din-ner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pickert and Doris at Bachelor Hill. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Helfred and Edward were the Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Braden and family, here.

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