

Description and Rationale

Title

Memory and Cultural Identities: The Newspapers and Historical Documents of Southern Patagonia, Part II

Project Description*

In Southern Patagonia local media, especially newspapers, played a fundamental role in the formation of regional identity. In the early twentieth century the growth of cattle ranching in the south of the country fostered the conditions needed for the growth of an extensive publishing industry particularly in newspapers and periodicals. Local elites founded numerous newspaper outlets whose primary purpose was to defend local interests but also with the intent to define regional identity. Many publications were devoted to the struggle between liberal and conservative ideologies, but ultimately the success of these enterprises depended on how well they were able to represent the interests and needs of the local elite. Local newspapers became a central mechanism in the region for imposing social, cultural, ideological and political norms, without regard to the differences and contradictions already present. The publications of this region are important to understanding its history, social change, and the relationship between public and private spaces.

The purpose of this project is to digitize historical documents held at the Archivo Histórico Palmiro Pedemonte in order to provide broad access to this collection while at the same time preserving this historical material.

Reasons for Consideration*

The contents of these historical documents demonstrate that in the early twentieth century the local press of Southern Patagonia established itself as a power structure directing social, cultural, ideological and political norms. Access to this rare and untapped historical material will allow the community as well as researchers to contextualize and analyze the cultural and social narrative presented by the elites and allow for a re-evaluation of historical events to include the perspectives of under-represented groups. The proposed collection of documents is broad in scope and will be of value and interest to scholars from a wide range of disciplines including history, political science, communication, education and anthropology. More importantly, it will allow the marginalized people not included in the official historical record as chronicled in the newspapers and other historical documents to claim a space in a more “authentic” narrative of Southern Patagonia. The process of digitization will provide users with the primary sources needed to reconstruct and discover historical occurrences, contemporary debates and attitudes in order to contextualize and reassess the official record.

Authors

Newspaper El Sur.

Newspaper El Interior.

Revista Argentina Austral.

Boletín Sociedad Rural Puerto Deseado.

Estatuto Sociedad Rural Puerto Deseado

Memorias Sociedad Rural Puerto Deseado

Libro completo de Registro de personal ferrocarril Puerto Deseado-Las Heras

Registro de Personal Ferrocarril Puerto Deseado-Las Heras

Semanario El Orden 1920.

Memoria de la Construcción del ferrocarril Puerto Deseado – Lago Nahuel Huapi .

Publishers

Newspaper El Sur. Sociedad El Sur

Newspaper Argentina Austral. Sociedad Anónima Importadora y Exportadora de la Patagonia

Newspaper El Interior. Las Heras

Newspaper El Orden. Sociedad Puerto Deseado

Memoria Sociedad Rural de Puerto Deseado. Sociedad Rural de Puerto Deseado

Ferrocarril Puerto Deseado – Las Heras. Ferrocarriles Patagonia

Ferrocarril Puerto Deseado – Nahuel Huapi . Ferrocarriles Patagonia

Proposal Contributors

The municipal archives of the province of Santa Cruz have a collection of historical newspapers and documents that are in urgent need of being curated and preserved so that they may be available to the community. To this end, the Universidad Nacional de la Patagonia Austral has been working together with the Archivo since 2010 on the development of a repository for these documents in order to preserve this invaluable cultural patrimony.

Details and Sources

Resource Types*

Government documents

Monographs

Newspapers

Regions*

Latin America and Caribbean

Countries of Origin*

Argentina

Major Languages

Spanish

Source Format*

Paper

Target Format

Digital

Identifiers

Argentina Austral OCLC 6288820

Links

<https://www.koluel.org>

Source and Holdings

Location	Format	Holdings/Range	Notes
El Sur	paper	1939-1947	Deteriorated (264 newspapers)
El Interior	paper	1940-1949	Deteriorated (421 newspapers)

Location	Format	Holdings/Range	Notes
Argentina Austral	paper	1939-1963	Good (125 issues)
Memoria Sociedad Rural de Puerto Deseado	paper	1924-1948	Good (20 documents)

Location	Format	Holdings/Range	Notes
Estatuto Sociedad Rural Puerto Deseado	paper	1924, 1944	Good (2 documents)
Registro de personal ferrocarril Puerto Deseado-Las Heras	paper	1949-1959	Good (10 documents)

Location	Format	Holdings/Range	Notes
Semanario El Orden	paper	1920	Deteriorated (21 newspapers)
Construcción del ferrocarril Puerto Deseado – Lago Nahuel Huapi	paper	1912	Good (1 document)

Location	Format	Holdings/Range	Notes
Informe Puerto Deseado.	paper	1900	Good (1 document)

Source and Holdings Notes

All the content to be digitized is held at the Archivo Histórico Palmiro Pedemonte de Puerto Deseado, Santa Cruz Argentina

Physical Details

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Existing Reformatted Materials

La Argentina Austral, 1942-1965 has been digitized with LAMP funding of the first part of the Memory and Cultural Identities: The Newspapers and Historical Documents of Southern Patagonia project.

None of the titles proposed have been digitized. The majority of the print content to be digitized is only held at the Archivo Histórico Palmiro Pedemonte de Puerto Deseado, Santa Cruz Argentina.

The proposed digitization of the 1929-1939 issues of Argentina Austral will add to what was previously digitized in Part I of this same project.

Intellectual Property Considerations

The proposed material to be digitized is no longer under Argentine copyright. The content will be held in the "Archivo Memorias de la Patagonia Austral" repository and will be shared with CRL. Access will be unrestricted within the scope of non-commercial use.