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## Finding Aid - Blez Family Papers (CHC5289)

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## Summary information

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**Repository:** University of Miami Cuban Heritage Collection

**Title:** Blez Family Papers

**ID:** CHC5289

**Date:** 1863-1941 (date of creation)

**Physical description:** Boxes

**Language:** Spanish

**Dates of creation,  
revision and deletion:**

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

The Blez family played a role in the Cuban independence movement of 1868. Felicia Marcé Castellanos (1850-1941), widow of Blez, sewed one of three flags commissioned by Carlos Manuel de Céspedes to represent the Cuban independence forces. A native of Bayamo, Marcé made the flag when she was 18 years old, giving the nascent republic a symbol around which people could rally. Soon after making the flag, she was married and almost immediately widowed when her husband was executed by colonial Spanish forces. Marcé was named a “Libertadora Insigne” for her involvement in the Cuban independence struggle of 1868 and 1895. Her son is the well-known Cuban photographer Joaquín Blez Marcé (1886-1974).

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## Scope and content

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The Blez Family Papers contain manuscripts, clippings and photographs relating to Felicia Marcé Castellanos and the Blez family.

The collection is divided into clippings, manuscripts and photographs, and correspondence, with materials dating from 1863 to 1941. The majority of materials are related to Felicia Marcé Castellanos, a member of the Blez family whose role in the Cuban independence movements of 1868 and 1895 are documented in the collection.

## Notes

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### Title notes

### Immediate source of acquisition

Purchased, September 2012.

### Arrangement

The materials in this collection are arranged by type in chronological order within each folder.

### Restrictions on access

The collection is open for research.

### Conditions governing use

Requests to publish or display materials from this collection require written permission from the rights owner. Please contact [chc@miami.edu](mailto:chc@miami.edu) for more information.

### Related material

One book was put into CHC Books.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Description identifier:** ArchonInternalCollectionID:1145

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## Access points

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- Blez family
- Cuba -- Politics and government -- 1810-1899 (place)

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## Series descriptions

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Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id77590	File - Clippings	Undated, 1941		1
id77591	File - Manuscripts and Photographs	Undated		2

id77592	File - Correspondence	Undated, 1863-1947	3
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