

El Cabildo Eclesiástico de Santiago de Chile en el siglo XVIII: carreras, ascensos y estrategias en el camino hacia el obispado

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Abstract

This article studies the careers of the members of the cathedral chapter of Santiago, Chile during the 18th century. After a general explanation on the nature and functions of the chapters and its members in Spanish America, the author identifies the principal factors which explain the careers of the different canons in this period: their academic degrees, age and place of birth and their influence and relations. Specific reference is made to the five bishops, former members of that chapter during this century –Manuel Antonio Gómez de Silva, Pedro Felipe de Azúa, José de Toro y Zambrano, Manuel de Alday and José Antonio Martínez de Aldunate- examining the circumstances in which they acceded to their benefices and, eventually, to the head of the see.