

## Robert Blair Collection-MSS 24

6 boxes, 3.0 cu.ft.

### HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Robert Blair Collection consists of research material and drafts to Blair's book, *Tales of the Superstitions, the Origins of the Lost Dutchman Legend* (F817. 59 B5x). Also included in this collection are copies of documents relating to the infamous Peralta-Reavis Land Grant in 1890.

#### BOX 1

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| Folder 1 | Manuscript - "Days of the Dutchman," bibliography and forward, correspondence, maps.   |
| 2        | Maps: Superstition Wilderness -Tonto National Forest, Map of the Lost Dutchman and other mines, Superstition Mountains. Article - "Hunting 37 Lost Mines," correspondence, article from <i>The Apache Sentinel</i> on the Lost Dutchman. |
| 3        | Notes, articles and correspondence concerning Peralta Black Canyon Mine (Valenciana).  |
| 4        | Maps, Miscellany.  |
| 5        | "Gross Lode," article, correspondence.   |
| 6        | Documents  |
| 7        | Charles M. Clark   |
| 8        | Census, correspondence, notes.   |
| 9        | Articles on Superstition murders.  |
| 10       | Book reviews: "Lost Dutchman Gold Mine," and "The True Story of Jacob Waizer and His Famous Hidden Gold Mine."   |

#### BOX 2

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| Folder 11 | Peralta file-Peralta-Reavis land grant, Reavis vs. U.S., <u>The Prince of Imposters</u> . and Peralta family tree. |
| 12        | Notes and photos for book, <u>Tales of the Superstitions</u> .   |
| 13        | Adolph Ruth-correspondence, obit, articles.  |
| 14        | Jacob Walz-correspondence, notes, documents.   |
| 15        | Reference sources.   |
| 16        | Correspondence from friends concerning book.   |
| 17        | Correspondence, newsclippings.   |

#### BOX 3

Tales of the Superstitions manuscript and note cards.

## BOX 4

- Folder 1 Index to Tales of the Superstitions, 1974.  
2 Intro. to Epilogue, 1974.  
3 Correction sheets  
4 Foreward  
5 Part I  
6 Part II  
7 Part III  
8 Footnotes

## BOX 5

### Notes on J.A. Peralta-Reavis

- Folder 1 Doña Sofia Micaela de Maso y Peralta de Ia Cordoba vs. U.S. Government of Claims (photocopies), 1890-1892  
2 Legal documents pertaining to J.A. Peralta vs. U.S. Court of Claims (photocopies). 1892-1894  
3 Legal documents pertaining to J.A. Peralta vs. U.S. Court of Claims (photocopies). 1895  
4 Legal documents pertaining to J.A. Peralta vs. U.S. Court of Claims (photocopies), correspondence, telegrams. 1896  
5 Depositions (Photocopies). 1890  
6 Depositions (Photocopies). 1890  
7 Reavis claim dismissal. 1892-1896

## BOX 6

- Folder 1 C.E. Cooley. Biographical Information  
2 Claims, deeds, etc. County Recorder Material. Photocopies of primary documents from 1860s, 1870s, 1892  
3 Frontier Army Posts, post-Civil War period. Photocopies of short published descriptions  
4 Dr. W.W. Jones. Biographical Information 1 860s- 1890s  
5 Lost Dutchman Mine - General Information (photocopies)  
6 Miscellaneous. Bibliography draft, correspondence, Territorial Capitol floor plan, poem, receipts. 1968, 1972  
7 Mining. Miscellaneous clippings and articles. 1892, 1911, 1947, 1968  
8 Misc. research notes of Robert Blair (handwritten)

**BOX 6 (continued)**

- 9 Miguel Peralta, Mines and Land Grant  
Adolph and Erwin Ruth  
Baron of Arizona (James Addison Reavis)
- 10 Misc. notes on Arizona pioneers/miners
- 11 H. Petrach. Letter, 1953
- 12 Starrer Brothers - research notes (citations from 1869-1874)
- 13 Dr. A.D. Thorne, 1866 - research correspondence
- 14 Jacob Walz, Waltz, Walzer (The Old Dutchman)

Betty Bustos  
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Kris Darnall  
1-29-92