

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)

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