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TULLAR, ROBERT S. 1915-1993
Papers, 1953-1979

DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of correspondence, probation reports, news clippings, and court documents associated with the 1953 polygamy case against 26 Short Creek, AZ male citizens. Correspondence entails communication with the Chief Probation Officer for the men, Chas Adams, as well as communications from interested citizens and colleagues expressing opinions or asking questions in relation to the case. An extensive written report prepared by Patricia Wendel of the University of Arizona Law School, "Red Letter Day at Short Creek" provides a complete story of the raid by state officers, the trial proceedings, and results. Journal articles on the Short Creek raid and on polygamy are also included.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Robert S. Tullar, a former Pima County Superior court judge, was born in 1915 in Waukesha, Wisconsin and came to Tucson in 1937. He attended the University of Arizona College of Law from 1943 to 1946. In 1953, while as Pima Superior Court Judge, Tullar presided over polygamy charges against 26 Short Creek male citizens. Tullar retired from the bench in 1959 to return to private law practice with the McCarty, Chandler, Tullar, and Udall law firm. He served as president of the Arizona Court Judges Association, vice president of the Arizona Tuberculosis Association, and was a member of several community organizations. Tullar died in May 1993.

RELATED MATERIAL

PC 138 Tullar Photo Collection; AV 0412-36 Robert Tullar Oral History Interview

ACQUISITION

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