John LaMarr Collection - MSS 73

Dates: 1871-1991
No. of Items: 5 boxes, 2 linear ft.

Provenance: Donated to the Arizona Historical Society in 2012 by the Arizona Historical Foundation.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

John LaMarr was a volunteer for the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Posse from the 1970s until 1982. During this time he belonged to a crime prevention posse. He collected stories and photographs about the various county sheriff offices of the state of Arizona. In addition, he also collected articles about U.S. marshals and rangers.

This collection represents LaMarr’s effort to organize a variety of articles into a single volume about Arizona sheriffs which resulted in the book Arizona Lawmen. Many of the articles were taken from the Arizona Sheriff magazine during the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. The author has arranged his collection by Arizona counties, with Maricopa, the largest and most populous, first. It consists primarily of research notes and clippings. In using the collection, the researcher should be aware that LaMarr’s documentation is not always complete. Duplicate information has been withdrawn from the collection, retaining only the finished manuscript and research materials.

The collection includes a series of photographs which LaMarr had copied in connection with the book. These photographs were obtained from various publications, agencies and repositories for LaMarr’s research purposes.

In addition, the collection includes an incomplete run of the magazine The Sheriff that later became The Arizona Sheriff, 1946 – 1991.

Three items were removed from the collection and cataloged separately as books.

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19.  Carl Hayden, Maricopa County Sheriff, 1907-1912  
20.  Wyatt Earp, 1905  

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22. Unidentified Sheriff

Folder 3  
La Paz and Yuma County Sheriff Departments, c. 1980 (Items 23-29)

23. Yuma County Sheriff’s Reserve Organization, c. 1980
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30. Paradise Valley Sheriff’s Posse
31. Equipment in the Bureau of Identification Department of the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office
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34-5 Maricopa County Sheriff Department staff members. Some names on back.

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The following items were removed from the LaMarr Collection and cataloged separately:


Maricopa County Sheriff Department. *Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office Book of Memories*, 1983.


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