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**MS 667**  
**Power Brothers**  
**Papers, 1918-1990**

## **DESCRIPTION**

Copies of documents concerning the "Power Brothers Shootout" in 1918. Collection includes a transcript of the inquest over the bodies of Robert F. McBride, Martin R. Kempton and Thomas K. Wootan killed in 1918. A copy of transcript of an oral history interview of Thomas Power done in 1969 is included. Also includes a file of newspaper clippings concerning the shootout from original newspapers, as well as historical articles. Also includes copies of the death certificates of the Power brothers and information concerning the restoration of the "Power cabin" as a historic site.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

In 1918, John and Tom Power lived in a remote cabin in the Galiuro Mountains of Arizona with their father, Thomas J. Power. Graham County sheriff Robert McBride, deputies Martin Kempton and Kane Wootan, and U. S. deputy marshal Frank Hayes came to arrest the sons for draft evasion during World War I. A shootout ensued, killing Robert F. McBride, Martin R. Kempton and Thomas K. Wootan as well as the senior Power. The sons spent forty-two years in the state prison and were paroled in 1960.

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