

MS 1071**James Addison Reavis, 1843-1914
Peralta Land Grant Case Exhibits, 1886****DESCRIPTION**

Bound volume containing certified photostats of Exhibits "AAA" and "BBB" for the court case resulting from James Addison Reavis' fraudulent land grant claim. Exhibit "AAA" is a copy of the Royal Patent granted by Fernando VI, King of Spain to Don Miguel de Peralta de la Cordoba. Exhibit "BBB" is the will and codicil of Don Miguel de Peralta. Also present are typescripts of the documents in both Spanish and English and Notary certifications of the authenticity of the copies.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

James Addison Reavis was born in Missouri in 1843; he worked as a salesman and invested in real estate. He arrived in Arizona in 1882 and filed claim on more than twelve million acres of land in Arizona and New Mexico based on altered Spanish documents. The fraudulent land claim and resulting court cases are detailed in Donald M. Powell's book [The Peralta Land Grant: James Addison Reavis and the Barony of Arizona.](#)

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