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Wham Payroll Robbery Records, 1887-1891 (Photocopies)

DESCRIPTION

Photocopies of the complete transcripts, copied from the National Archives, for the case of United States vs. Mark R. Cunningham, et.al., the trial of the suspects in the Wham Payroll Robbery of 1889. The transcripts are separated into Volume 1, 2, 3 and 4. There are indexes to witnesses for each volume. Records of associated cases are also included.

5 boxes, 2.5 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

U.S. Army paymaster Major Joseph W. Wham and his military escort were robbed of more than \$28,000 in gold and silver coins on May 11, 1889 along the road between Fort Grant and Fort Thomas about fifteen miles west of Pima, Arizona. The trial for seven suspects lasted from November 11, 1889 to December 14, 1889 when all were acquitted. The money was never recovered.

ACQUISITION

Acquired from the National Archives by the A.H.S. Publications Department prior to their publication of the book *Ambush at Bloody Run: the Wham Paymaster Robbery of 1889* by Larry D. Ball. Series II (formerly MS 1304) was donated by Larry Ball in 2006, and was merged with this collection in 2015.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

Kim Frontz processed this collection in March 2002. Dave Tackenberg processed series II in 2006. In 2015 former MS 1304, Wham Payroll Robbery Collection was integrated into this collection and now makes up Series II.

ARRANGEMENT

Chronological order.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Series 1: Record Group 60, Department of Justice, Letters received, Arizona, Year file 4265 – 1889 (National Archives, Washington, D.C.)

Box 1

- f.1 Wham trial correspondence, Roll 1, May 1889-Sept. 1889
- f.2 Wham trial correspondence, Roll 1, Oct. 1889-Dec. 1889
(Includes testimony of D. W. Wickersham, Dan Ming, J. T. Fitzgerald, and Ben Goodrich as sureties for bond answering questions about themselves and property)
- f.3 Wham trial correspondence, Roll 1, Jan. 1890-March 1890
(Includes jury statement as to verdict)

- f.4 Wham trial testimony, vol. 1, Nov. 12, 1889
(Juror selection - John Filliman, J. H. Campbell, F. M. Allison, James H. Hurt, L. M. Prince)
- f.5 Wham trial testimony, vol. 1, Nov. 13, 1889
(Juror selection)
- f.6 Wham trial testimony, vol. 1, Nov. 14, 1889
(Juror selection - C. F. Shoemaker, Heil Hale, L. Lynd, George Cooler, Adam Saunders, A. H. Emanuel)

- f.7 Wham trial testimony, vol. 1, Nov. 15, 1889
(Testimony of Joseph W. Wham, paymaster of U. S. Army)
- f.8 Wham trial testimony, vol. 1, Nov. 16, 1889
(Includes Mr. Short, James Young, Isaiah Mays)
- f.9 Wham trial testimony, vol. 1, Nov. 18, 1889, pp. 1-195
(Includes index to witnesses for the prosecution)
- f.10 Wham trial testimony, vol. 1, Nov. 19, 1889, pp. 196-392
(Index in f.9)

Box 2

- f.11 Wham trial testimony, roll 1, Nov. 20, 1889, pp. 394-523
(Includes a copy of index from f.9)
- f.12 Wham trial testimony, vol. 2, Nov. 21, 1889, pp. 524-670
(Index in f. 11)
- f.13 Wham trial testimony, vol. 2, Nov. 22, 1889, pp. 671-838
(Index in f.11)
- f.14 Wham trial testimony, vol. 2, Nov. 23, 1889, pp. 839-932
(Index in f. 11)
- f.15 Wham trial testimony, vol. 2, Correspondence - May 1891-March 1892

- f.16 Wham trial testimony, vol. 3, Nov. 23, 1889 afternoon, pp. 1-251
(Includes index to defense witnesses)
- f.17 Wham trial testimony, vol. 3, Nov. 26, 1889, pp. 252-424
(Includes index to defense witnesses)

Box 3

- f.18 Wham trial testimony, vol. 3, Nov. 27, 1889, pp. 425-625
(Includes index)
- f.19 Wham trial testimony, vol. 3, Nov. 29, 1889, pp. 626-789
(Includes index) (Includes testimony of C.S. Fly)
- f.20 Wham trial testimony, vol. 3, Nov. 30, 1889, pp. 790-851
(Includes index) (duplicate of f.21)
- f.21 Wham trial testimony, vol. 3, Nov. 30, 1889, pp. 790-888
(Includes index)

- f.22 Wham trial testimony, vol. 4, Dec. 2, 1889, pp. 1-159
(Includes index to Vol. 4)
- f.23 Wham trial testimony, vol. 4, Dec. 3, 1889, pp. 160-346
(Index in f.22)
- f.24 Wham trial testimony, vol. 4, Dec. 4, 1889, pp. 347-508
(Index in f. 23)

Box 4

- f.25 Wham trial testimony, vol. 4, Dec. 5, 1889, pp. 509-697
(Includes index to Vol. 4)
- f.26 Wham trial testimony, vol. 4, Dec. 6, 1889, pp. 686-844
(Includes index to Vol. 4)
- f.27 Wham trial testimony, vol. 4, Dec. 7, 1889, pp. 845-977
(Index in f.25)
- f.28 Wham trial testimony, vol. 4, Dec. 9, 1889, pp. 978-1081
(Index in f.25)
- f.29 Wham trial testimony, vol. 4, Dec. 10-13, 1889, pp. 1082-1133

Series II: Record Group 21, Records of the District Court of the United States for the Territory of Arizona, First Judicial District, Criminal Cases 1882-1912 (National Archives, Pacific Southwest Region)

Box 5

- f. 30 Arizona District Court Records (Box 2, C150), 1887-1888
- f. 31-33 Arizona District Court Records (Box 3, c189-213), 1889-1890
- f. 34 Arizona District Court Records (Box 3, c214), 1889
- f. 35 Arizona District Court Records (Box 3, c215-241), 1889-1890
- f. 36 Arizona District Court Records (Box 3, c242-244), 1889
- f. 37-38 Arizona District Court Records (Box 3, c245-263), 1889-1891
- f. 39-40 Arizona District Court Records (Box 3, c253), 1888-1889
- f. 41 Arizona District Court Records (Box 3, 265), 1889-1890