

Robert Blair Collection-MSS 24

6 boxes, 3.0 cu.ft.

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

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Robert Blair Collection consists of research material and drafts to Blair's book, *Tales of the Superstitions, the Origins of the Lost Dutchman Legend* (F817. 59 B5x). Also included in this collection are copies of documents relating to the infamous Peralta-Reavis Land Grant in 1890.

BOX 1

Folder 1	Manuscript - "Days of the Dutchman," bibliography and forward, correspondence, maps.
2	Maps: Superstition Wilderness -Tonto National Forest, Map of the Lost Dutchman and other mines, Superstition Mountains. Article - "Hunting 37 Lost Mines," correspondence, article from <i>The Apache Sentinel</i> on the Lost Dutchman.
3	Notes, articles and correspondence concerning Peralta Black Canyon Mine (Valenciana).
4	Maps, Miscellany.
5	"Gross Lode," article, correspondence.
6	Documents
7	Charles M. Clark
8	Census, correspondence, notes.
9	Articles on Superstition murders.
10	Book reviews: "Lost Dutchman Gold Mine," and "The True Story of Jacob Waizer and His Famous Hidden Gold Mine."

BOX 2

Folder 11	Peralta file-Peralta-Reavis land grant, Reavis vs. U.S., <u>The Prince of Imposters</u> . and Peralta family tree.
12	Notes and photos for book, <u>Tales of the Superstitions</u> .
13	Adolph Ruth-correspondence, obit, articles.
14	Jacob Walz-correspondence, notes, documents.
15	Reference sources.
16	Correspondence from friends concerning book.
17	Correspondence, newsclippings.

BOX 3

Tales of the Superstitions manuscript and note cards.

BOX 4

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| Folder | 1 | Index to <u>Tales of the Superstitions</u> , 1974. |
| | 2 | Intro. to <u>Epilogue</u> , 1974. |
| | 3 | Correction sheets |
| | 4 | Foreward |
| | 5 | Part I |
| | 6 | Part II |
| | 7 | Part III |
| | 8 | Footnotes |

BOX 5

Notes on J.A. Peralta-Reavis

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| Folder | 1 | Doña Sofia Micaela de Maso y Peralta de Ia Cordoba vs. U.S. Government of Claims (photocopies), 1890-1892 |
| | 2 | Legal documents pertaining to J.A. Peralta vs. U.S. Court of Claims (photocopies). 1892-1894 |
| | 3 | Legal documents pertaining to J.A. Peralta vs. U.S. Court of Claims (photocopies). 1895 |
| | 4 | Legal documents pertaining to J.A. Peralta vs. U.S. Court of Claims (photocopies), correspondence, telegrams. 1896 |
| | 5 | Depositions (Photocopies). 1890 |
| | 6 | Depositions (Photocopies). 1890 |
| | 7 | Reavis claim dismissal. 1892-1896 |

BOX 6

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| Folder | 1 | C.E. Cooley. Biographical Information |
| | 2 | Claims, deeds, etc. County Recorder Material. Photocopies of primary documents from 1860s, 1870s, 1892 |
| | 3 | Frontier Army Posts, post-Civil War period. Photocopies of short published descriptions |
| | 4 | Dr. W.W. Jones. Biographical Information 1 860s- 1890s |
| | 5 | Lost Dutchman Mine - General Information (photocopies) |
| | 6 | Miscellaneous. Bibliography draft, correspondence, Territorial Capitol floor plan, poem, receipts. 1968, 1972 |
| | 7 | Mining. Miscellaneous clippings and articles. 1892, 1911, 1947, 1968 |
| | 8 | Misc. research notes of Robert Blair (handwritten) |

BOX 6 (continued)

- 9 Miguel Peralta, Mines and Land Grant
Adolph and Erwin Ruth
Baron of Arizona (James Addison Reavis)
- 10 Misc. notes on Arizona pioneers/miners
- 11 H. Petrach. Letter, 1953
- 12 Starrer Brothers - research notes (citations from 1869-1874)
- 13 Dr. A.D. Thorne, 1866 - research correspondence
- 14 Jacob Walz, Waltz, Walzer (The Old Dutchman)

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