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## Guide to the Brad Bogart Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Brad J. Bogart Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1911-1927
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0128
<b>Creator:</b>	Bogart, Brad J. Lark, Frank E.
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Cubic foot (2 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	Collection consists of court proceedings in Yuma County, Arizona relating to the remains of W.C. Gilbert and charges against Rex Dalgish, Manuel Leobo, R. W. Wilson, and Andrew Chavez. In addition, there is a scrapbook documenting a trip along the Mississippi, Ohio, and Tennessee Rivers.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Brad J. Bogart on November 12, 1984. Bogart acquired the scrapbook at a flea market in Montague, Michigan and the owner purchased it in Sturgis, Michigan. The immediate source of the court proceedings is unknown.

### Processing Information

Processed by Amber Covington, intern, March, 2011; supervised by Vanessa Broussard-Simmons, supervisory archivist.

### Preferred Citation

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### Restrictions

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## Biographical / Historical

Brad Bogart is a Michigan based writer. He acquired the court materials in this collection to write a novel and to pursue the possibility of his work becoming a movie. He was intrigued by the images in the scrapbook of stevedores working along the docks in different cities along the Mississippi, Ohio, and Tennessee Rivers. Bogart furthered researched and planned to build a monument dedicated to these workers in St. Louis, but there is no further evidence of his plans.

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## Scope and Contents

Collection consists of material collected by Bogart in his role as a professional writer. It is arranged in two series. Series one is a scrapbook documenting a trip along the Mississippi, Ohio, and Tennessee Rivers. Series two is court proceedings in Yuma County, Arizona relating to the remains of W.C. Gilbert.

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## Arrangement

Collection is divided into two series.

**Series 1: Frank E. Lark Scrapbook, 1914**

**Series 2: Court Proceedings, 1911-1927**

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## Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Unprotected photographs must be handled with gloves.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Colorado River Indian Reservation (Ariz. and Calif.) -- 1910-1930
- Coroners -- 1910-1930
- Court records -- 1910-1930
- Death -- Causes -- 1910-1930
- Travel -- 1910-1920
- Travel photography -- 1900-1950

Types of Materials:

- Diaries -- 20th century
- Photographs -- Black-and-white photoprints -- 1910-1930
- Scrapbooks -- 1900-1950

Names:

- Chavez, Andrew
- Dalgish, Rex

Gilbert, W. C.  
Leobo, Manuel  
Wilson, R.W.

Places:

Arizona -- 1910-1930  
Mississippi River -- 1910-1920  
Ohio River -- 1910-1920  
Tennessee River -- 1910-1920

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Frank E. Lark Scrapbook, 1914

*Box 1*

Scope and  
Contents:

Consist of pages of court record proceedings from the territory of Arizona, Justice's Court of Swansea, Yuma County. One page relates to an inquest of the remains of W. C. Gilbert, found dead on the Colorado River Indian Reservation, fifteen miles from Parker, Arizona. The other pages have detailed information about a felony charge against Rex Dalgish and misdemeanor charges against Manuel Leobo, R. W. Wilson, and Andrew Chavez. The court proceedings are hand-written in ink.

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## Series 2: Court Proceedings, 1911-1927

### *Box 2*

Scope and  
Contents:

Includes a scrapbook of sixty photographs inside of a 1913 Crane and Company desk diary created by Frank E. Lark. The photographs vary in size ranging from 2.5 x 4.5 inches to 3.5x 5.5 inches. These images document a trip on the Mississippi, Ohio, and Tennessee Rivers in June 1914. The snapshots include people traveling with Lark, scenes of the rivers, and workers along boats and docks. Several of the images have captions with names and locations within the cities. Frank E. Lark died in the 1960s and is buried in Sturgis, Michigan along with his wife Bertha Lark.

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