Guide to the Brad Bogart Collection

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Collection Overview

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

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, archivist.

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Biographical / Historical

Brad Bogart acquired the items in this collection with intentions to create a novel and erect a monument from the snapshots in the scrapbook. Brad Bogart, a writer from Michigan, was inspired by the scrapbook to write a novel and pursue the possibility of his work becoming a movie. He was also intrigued by the scenes of stevedores working along the docks in different cities along the Mississippi, Ohio, and Tennessee Rivers. Bogart researched and planned to build a monument dedicated to these workers in St. Louis, but there is no further evidence of his plans.

Frank E. Lark created the scrapbook by placing 60 photographs inside of a 1913 Crane and Company desk diary with his name written on the front. Bogart reported that Frank E. Lark died in the 1960s and is buried in Sturgis, Michigan along with his wife Bertha Lark.

Scope and Contents

This collection has two series with the content not being related.

Series 1, Court Proceedings, 1911-1927, consists of three pages (1911, 1912, 1927) of court record proceedings from the territory of Arizona, Justice's Court of Swansea, Yuma County. One page concerns an inquest over the remains of W. C. Gilbert, found dead on the Colorado River Indian Reservation, 15 miles from Parker, Arizona. The other court proceedings have detailed information about a felony charge against Rex Dalghish and misdemeanor charges against Manuel Leobo, R. W. Wilson, and Andrew Chavez. The court proceedings are handwritten in ink.

Series 2, Frank E. Lark Scrapbook, 1914, consists of a 1913 Crane Company desk diary containing 61 photographs by Frank E. Lark documenting a trip on the Mississippi, Ohio, and Tennessee Rivers, June 1914. The snapshots include people traveling with Bogart, scenes of the rivers, workers along boats and docks, and several have captions with names and locations within cities. The scrapbook photographs vary in sizes that range from 2.5 by 4.5 inches to 3.5 by 5.5 inches.

Arrangement

Collection is divided into two series.

Series 1, Court Proceedings, 1911-1927

Series 2, Frank E. Lark scrapbook, 1914

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Unprotected photographs must be handled with gloves.
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
Coronors -- 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.

Geographic Names:
Arizona -- 1910-1930
Mississippi River -- 1910-1920
Ohio River -- 1910-1920
Tennessee River -- 1910-1920
Container Listing

Series 1: Frank E. Lark scrapbook, 1914

Box 1

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