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MS 1259
John M. Jeffrey's Papers
1959 - 1977**DESCRIPTION**

This unique collection consists of the research notes, photocopied reports, and articles dealing with the Territorial Prison at Yuma which operated from 1875 to 1909. Much of the research effort by John Jeffrey provided a basis for his book on the prison, *Adobe and Iron*. In addition to the book Jeffrey also wrote numerous other articles associated with the history of the prison. The collection has excerpts from Territorial Governor Reports, books dealing with state history, and prison photographs. In addition to the Yuma prison other materials provide information on the Territorial prison in New Mexico and the Arizona Rangers which Jeffrey also wrote an article about in 1977

19 Boxes, 9 linear ft.

ACQUISITION

Donated by John M. Jeffrey in 1987.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in April 2005.

HISTORICAL NOTE

In 1876 the Arizona Territorial Prison at Yuma became operational receiving its first inmates. Until its decommissioning in 1909 the prison housed a total of 3,069 prisoners including 29 women. Crimes ranged from polygamy, to grand larceny to murder. The majority served only a portion of their sentences due to lenient paroles and pardons. One hundred and eleven individuals died while serving time at the prison. Of the many escape attempts by prisoners 26 individuals were successful but only two ever escaped from the actual prison confines. There were no executions conducted at the prison. Many articles debate the reputation of the prison as either humane or a "Hell Hole." Prisoners had access to church services, a hospital, some schooling, and a prison library. Many individuals took part in constructing craft items for public sales. An electrical plant provided early power for

lights at the prison. By 1909 the prison suffered from overcrowding and further expansion was impossible due to the location next to the Colorado River. The last prisoners left the Yuma facility on September 15, 1909.

The Yuma Union High School occupied the abandoned building from 1910 to 1914 teaching some classes. During the Depression many homeless individuals attempted to live in the cells. Nature and vandals destroyed some of the prison facilities until 1941 when the city of Yuma took steps to preserve the facility as a historical landmark. The city operated the facility as a museum until 1960 when the state took over and designated it as state park. Today visitors receive guided tours and answers to questions by park rangers stationed at the facility. A prison museum houses artifacts and provides historical information related to the story of the prison.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Jeffrey's Collection contains the research notes as well as copies of primary and secondary materials related to the history of the Yuma Territorial Prison. Materials reflect reference materials available to Jeffrey at the time including Governor Reports, Superintendent and Penitentiary Commission Reports, journal articles, newspaper clippings, and photographs. Three microfilm roles contain images of prisoner name listings with additional paper copies listings in the collection. A card file contains another listing of prisoners and prison staff members developed by Jeffrey. There are four interviews on audiotapes present in the collection providing more personal information on the prison history and the inmates who served time there.

In addition to the materials related to the Arizona Territorial Prison history there also exist research items associated with the Arizona Rangers and the prison system in New Mexico. New Mexico materials highlight construction costs and planning for the Territorial Prison built in 1887, reports by the Territorial Governors and Penitentiary Commissions, and rules and regulations for prison life and administration. There are no photographs or journal articles associated with the New Mexico prison. Jeffrey published in 1977 an article on the Arizona Rangers and materials in the collection reflect his research on this topic. An index card file contains names of Rangers and numerous journal articles and newspaper clipping highlight the story of this Arizona law enforcement group. Ranger photographs of Jeff Kidder, Burt Mossman, along with photo sheets of additional Ranger images are present.

In organizing this collection six series have been developed to follow the basic topical and form structures. The first series provides Jeffrey's research notes and ideas for study organization, sources for quoted materials, and correspondence related to the Yuma prison history. Series 2 contains all information and research associated with the Yuma prison with the exception of the microfilm, file cards and photographs. The third series provides the materials related to New Mexico and may have been researched by Jeffrey in part for a comparison with the story of the Arizona facility. Series 4 has the Arizona Ranger materials with the exception of the file card index listing and photographs. Series 5 houses the photographs of the collection including the Yuma prison, Arizona Ranger images, and images of an autograph party for Jeffrey associated with the publication of his book *Adobe and Iron* in 1969. The last series consists of note cards, microfilm and audiotapes associated with Jeffrey's research.

Two final words with reference to this collection are in order. First the materials contained represent copies of both primary and secondary materials collected by Jeffrey. There appears

to be no original materials that could not be located in other places and facilities. The photographs are all copy prints of images contained in archives or historical institutions, again collected by Jeffrey. A large majority of these prints were provided through the Arizona Historical Society in Tucson. Second, Jeffrey maintained his Arizona prison materials with a numerical numbering system, which was maintained in the organization for the second series of the collection. This organization does not always arrange materials topically together. In compensation for this the collection box and folder listing has been expanded to provide the researcher with a more complete listing of the materials.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box 1

Series 1: Jeffrey's Research Notes

Folder 1: Research File Organization Index

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| F.3 | Prison Construction Costs – Correspondence | 1959 |
| F.4 | John M. Jeffrey Correspondence for Microfilm | 1973 |
| F.5 | John M. Jeffrey and Ray Van Deren Correspondence | 1966 – 1967 |
| F.6-7 | Jeffrey's Research Notes | |
| F.8 | Jeffrey's Notes and Ideas for Organization | |
| F.9 | Text to Add to Manuscript (Possibly to Book) | |
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Series 2: Arizona Territorial Prison at Yuma

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| F.11 | <i>Adobe and Iron: The Story of the Arizona Territorial Prison at Yuma</i>
By John M. Jeffrey | 1969 |
| F.12 | “Rules and Regulations of the Arizona Territorial Prison”
By John M. Jeffrey | |
| F.13 | “Arizona Territory Penal System: The Territorial Prison, Easy or Tough?”
By John M. Jeffrey | |
| F.14 | “Arizona Territorial Prison: Penitentiary or Reformatory?”
By John M. Jeffrey | |
| F.15 | “Arizona Territorial Prison: The Prison Contract”
By John M. Jeffrey | 1973 |
| F.16 | “The Bizarre Bazaar”
By John M. Jeffrey | 1970 |
| F.17 | “Discipline in the Arizona Territorial Prison: Draconian Or Enlightened Administration?”
By John M. Jeffrey | 1968 |
| F.18 | Jeffrey's Prison Talk Presentation Outline | |

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| F.19 | “Discipline, Draconian or Enlightened in the Arizona Territorial Prison” (Paper Presented at 9 th Arizona Historical Convention) By John M. Jeffrey | 1968 |
| F.20 | Arizona Territorial Governor Listing | 1865 – 1909 |
| F.21 | Arizona & Yuma History | |
| F.22 | Arizona Territorial Prison Notes (Photocopies – Source Unknown) | |

F.23	Prison Reform Articles	1913
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F.25	Prison Rules and Regulations with Correspondence	1875/1885/1897
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F.27	Biennial Report of the Territorial Prison (111)	1897 – 1898
F.28	Biennial Report of the Board of Control of Arizona (102)	1895 – 1896
F.29	Biennial Report of the Board of Control of Arizona (112)	1899 – 1900
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F.31	Biennial Report of the Board of Control of Arizona (137)	1902
F.32	“Tombstone’s Yesterday” (140)	1928
F.33	Governor Report to Secretary of Interior (143)	1895
F.34	Biennial Message by Governor Benjamin J. Franklin (144)	1897
F.35	Laws of Arizona (Ref. To Territorial Prison) (145)	
F.36	“The Society of Captives: A Study of a Maximum Security Prison” (146) By Gresham M. Sykes	
F.37	“Wranglin The Past: The Reminiscences of Frank M. King” (149) By Charles M. Russell	1935
F.38	“Apache Vengeance” (Exc.) (151) By Jeff G. Hayes	1954
F.39	“Let Some Die Natural” (158)	
F.40	“The Arizona Territorial Prison at Yuma” (173) By Lawrence R. Murphy	1960

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F.41	“Prison Days on the Arizona Frontier” (181) By John S. Gorby	1929
F.42	“Tombstone Yesterday” (182) By Lorenzo D. Walters	
F.43	“City of Lost Hope” (183) By Joseph Stocker	1961
F.44	“Yuma Territorial Prison” (184) By Ethal and Orville Taylor	1960
F.45	“The Prison at Yuma” (185)	1890
F.45A	“Arizona’s Institution of Incarceration – A View of the Inside” (186)	1885
F.46	“The Prison Guard” (187) By George W. P. Hunt	
F.47	“Tales of the Old Territorial Prison” (188) By Ray V an Deren	
F.48	“Historic Desert Alcatraz Is Now Museum” (189) By Charles Hillinger	
F.49	“Sunshine Capital of the U.S.” (Exc.) (191)	
F.50	“Desert Scrapbook” (192) By Preston Mercer	
F.51	“Yuma’s Page in History” (193) By Samuel A. Sicilian	1948
F.52	“Yuma’s Territorial Prison” (194) By Hal M. Hayhaurst	1946
F.53	Milford Windsor Papers (195)	
F.54	U.S. Prisoners at Yuma Arizona (196)	
F.55	Recommendation of Sentence to Territorial Prison (199)	1884
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F.57	Reports and Correspondence from Territorial Prison (201)	
F.58	“History of Arizona” (Exc.) (202) By Edward H. Peplow	
F.59	“Yuma Territorial Prison Records, Contradict ‘Hellhole’ Stories” (203) By Joanne Van Cleve	1960
F.60	Arizona vs. State of Arizona Improvement Company (206)	1896
F.61	Superintendent Report to Board of Control (214)	1906
F.62	Act to Permanently Locate the Territorial Prison of the	1868

	Territory of Arizona (215)	
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F.64	Prison Death Listing (216)	1882 – 1909
F.65	Prison Reform: A Report on Prison Reform in the State of Arizona (220) By J. J. Sanders	1913
F.66	“The Luxury of Crime” (222) By O. E. Library League	1914
F.67	Prison Reform and Governor Hunt (227)	1912
F.68	Prisoner Letter to Mrs. Ingallis (228)	1886
F.69	Report of the Industrial Commission on Prison Labor (230)	1900
F.70	“Territorial Prison Was a Real Hell Hole” (231) By Roscoe Wilson	1905
F.71	“Pioneers in Criminology” (Coversheet Only) (232)	
F.72	“Manual of Correctional Standards (Coversheet Only) (233)	
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F.85	Microfilm of Governor Reports and Messages (262)	
F.86	Observations of Warden Millary (263)	1906
F.87	“...And The There Were None...A Long Buried Chapter in In Apache History” By Jess G. Hayes	1965
F.88	Governor Message to Arizona Legislature (265)	1865
F.88A	Governor Report to Secretary of Interior (266)	1903
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F.119	Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Arizona Territorial Court (301)	1970
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- F.201 Reports by Governor of Arizona 1901 – 1906
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 Thomas Gates – Superintendent
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- F.220 Arizona Territorial Prison Inmates
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- F.222 Additional People Associated with the Prison
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 - View from Across River
 - Prison Yard

- F.224 Prison Buildings and Interiors
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 - Guard Towers
 - Office and Guard Quarters
 - Stable Area
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- F.225 Scenes Around the Prison Areas and Yuma
 - Colorado River Flooding
 - Prison Hill
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 - Colorado River Beside Prison
 - Sketch at Yuma Court House
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 - Steamboat on River
 - Aerial View of Old Prison Area

- F.226-227 Prison Artifacts
 - Old Wagon in Yard
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F.230 Photos of Arizona Territorial Prison Rules and Regulations

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Rye Mills and Jeff Kidder on Horses
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Rangers Riding Horses
Ranger Star Badge
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Subseries D: Photos Mounted on Index Cards

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All Duplicate Images Found Elsewhere in the Collection
Sketches of Prison Scenes Believed Made by Jeffrey

Series 6: Note Cards, Microfilm, and Tapes

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Jeffrey's Research Note Cards Arranged by Subject Listings

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Arizona Territorial Prison Inmate Listing on Filecards
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Microfilm Listings of Prisoners Assigned to Territorial Prison

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Arizona Ranger Name Listings on Note Cards

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Oral Interviews on Tapes
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Negatives of Images from Collection
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