

John LaMarr Collection - MSS 73

Dates: 1871-1991

No. of Items: 5 boxes, 2 linear ft.

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

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

John LaMarr was a volunteer for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Posse from the 1970s until 1982. During this time he belonged to a crime prevention posse. He collected stories and photographs about the various county sheriff offices of the state of Arizona. In addition, he also collected articles about U.S. marshals and rangers.

This collection represents LaMarr's effort to organize a variety of articles into a single volume about Arizona sheriffs which resulted in the book Arizona Lawmen. Many of the articles were taken from the Arizona Sheriff magazine during the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. The author has arranged his collection by Arizona counties, with Maricopa, the largest and most populous, first. It consists primarily of research notes and clippings. In using the collection, the researcher should be aware that LaMarr's documentation is not always complete. Duplicate information has been withdrawn from the collection, retaining only the finished manuscript and research materials.

The collection includes a series of photographs which LaMarr had copied in connection with the book. These photographs were obtained from various publications, agencies and repositories for LaMarr's research purposes.

In addition, the collection includes an incomplete run of the magazine The Sheriff that later became The Arizona Sheriff, 1946 – 1991.

Three items were removed from the collection and cataloged separately as books.

DESCRIPTION

Box 1

Series 1 **Research Notes/Clippings**

Folder 1	Maricopa County, 1871-1968
Folder 2	Maricopa County, 1969-1982
Folder 3	Apache County
Folder 4	Cochise County

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Folder 5	Coconino County
Folder 6	Gila County
Folder 7	Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Mohave, Navajo, and Pima Counties
Folder 8	Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, and Yuma Counties
Folder 9	Arizona History-General
Folder 10	U.S. Marshals/Arizona Rangers
Folder 11	Miscellaneous

Box 2

Series 2 Arizona Lawmen

Folder 1	<u>Arizona Lawmen</u> proposed cover design
Volume 2	<u>Arizona Lawmen</u> manuscript, 1982

Series 3 Photographs

Folder 1	Early Law Enforcement (Items 1-10)
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1. Texas Rangers, c. 1890
2. Old Jail, 2 views
3. Records from Yuma Territorial Prison
4. Yuma Territorial Prison documents (ArizonaSheriff, March 1977)
5. Horse-drawn Police Wagon
6. Policemen posed in front of station
7. Arizona Highway Patrol car
8. Arizona Highway Patrol car
9. Arizona Highway Patrol car
10. Philadelphia and Reading Railroad and Coal & Iron Police Quarters, 1888

Folder 2	Sheriffs-Portraits (Items 11-22)
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11. Milton Duffield, 1863-66
12. Crawley P. Dake, 1878-82
13. Zan L. Tidball, 1882-85
14. William M. Griffith, 1897-1901
15. Myron H. McCord, 1901-1905
16. Charles A. Overlook, 1904-1914
17. John R. Phipps, Yuma County Sheriff, 1982
18. Ernest W. "Goldie" Roach, 1945-46
19. Carl Hayden, Maricopa County Sheriff, 1907-1912
20. Wyatt Earp, 1905
21. Paul E. Blubaum, 1973

22. Unidentified Sheriff

Folder 3 La Paz and Yuma County Sheriff Departments,
c. 1980 (Items 23-29)

- 23. Yuma County Sheriff's Reserve Organization, c. 1980
- 24. La Paz County Sheriff Department insignia (from car door)
- 25. La Paz County Sheriff's Office staff, c. 1982
- 26. Rayburn Evans, La Paz County Sheriff, c. 1982 (2 views)
- 27. Annette Berry, Matron and Clerk, La Paz County Sheriff's Office, c. 1982
- 28. Ruth Herbst, La Paz County Sheriff's secretary, c. 1982
- 29. La Paz County Sheriff Department officer, c. 1982

Folder 4 Maricopa County Sheriff Department, c. 1960
(Items 30-35)

- 30. Paradise Valley Sheriff's Posse
- 31. Equipment in the Bureau of Identification Department of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
- 32-3 Maricopa County Sheriff Department Officers; group photo
- 34-5 Maricopa County Sheriff Department staff members. Some names on back.

Folder 5 Miscellaneous (Items 36-54)

- 36. Yuma County Sheriff badge, 1982
- 37. Wyatt Earp, Deputy U.S. Marshall oath of office, 1870
- 38. Copper Head Coronado Railroad Engine, Clifton, AZ
- 39. O. Frank Townsend, early Yuma County settler
- 40. Charles Trumbull Hayden
- 41. Isaac Polhamus on Colorado River boat
- 42. Charles Poston, 1864
- 43. Tombstone prostitutes
- 44. May Davenport, Tombstone prostitute
- 45. Minnie Bignon, Tombstone Madam
- 46. First Catholic Church at Yuma, AZ (adobe structure)
- 47. Switzer Store at Fort McDowell, 1867
*43-47 reproduced from The Arizona Sheriff
- 48. Brigham Young and his wives
- 49. U.S. Post Office, Earp, CA, c.1975
- 50. Unidentified structural remains
- 51. "Old Timers Rest Stop", c. 1880
- 52. Abandoned jail
- 53. Bureau of Indian Affairs police uniform insignia
- 54. Salt River Indian Agency, Tribal Police uniform insignia
- 55. Noah M Broadway, 1885-1886

- 56. Noah M. Broadway, 1887-1888
- 57. Andrew Jackson Halbert, 1887-1888
- 58-63. Miscellaneous

Folder 6 Negatives

Box 3

Series 3 Negative and Positive Photographs

Arizona law enforcement officials and places, 1870's – 1980's, published in The Sheriff and the Arizona Sheriff magazines.

Box 4

Series 4 The Sheriff

- Folder 1 1946
- Folder 2 1947
- Folder 3 1948
- Folder 4 1949
- Folder 5 1951
- Folder 6 1952
- Folder 7 1953
- Folder 8 1954
- Folder 9 1955
- Folder 10 1956

Box 5

Series 4 The Sheriff and The Arizona Sheriff

- Folder 1 1957
- Folder 2 1958
- Folder 3 1959
- Folder 4 1960
- Folder 5 1962
- Folder 6 1967
- Folder 7 1970-1971
- Folder 8 1972
- Folder 9 1973
- Folder 10 1974-1975
- Folder 11 1980
- Folder 12 1981
- Folder 13 1982
- Folder 14 1991

The following items were removed from the LaMarr Collection and cataloged separately:

Adams, Marc. Villains and Heroes. The Arizona Republic, 1978.

Maricopa County Sheriff Department. Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Book of Memories, 1983.

Traywick, Ben. Tombstone, 1877-1900. Ben T. Traywick, 1970.

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