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LEE BROTHERS
LEE PAPERS, 1946-1961

DESCRIPTION

The Lee Brothers (Ernest E. ca. 1889-1957, Vince, Dale, 1908-1988 and Clell, 1905-1981) operated a guide and big game hunting business in Tucson during the 1940s and 1950s. The collection of a diary, correspondence, articles, clippings and photographs describe aspects of hunting and killing wild animals in the United States, Central and South America. The photographs depict the brothers with their dogs and their game and camp scenes.

1 Box, .5 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The Lee Brothers were among the seven children of John and Jane Lee and they were all born in Texas. They moved to a farm on the east side of the Chiricahua Mountains around 1910. The father died in 1916 and the family moved to Paradise where Jane operated a stage line hotel. The four Lee Brothers were active in big game hunting, first in Arizona and New Mexico and as their reputations increased, they worked their way into the professional guide business. From his home in Tucson, Ernest ran the organization while Clell and Dale were the hunters. Vince worked part time. The brothers worked to develop a stronger breed of hunting dog and they developed the "Bluetick hound" which they registered with the United Kennel Club in 1938. Following World War II, the Lee Brothers began hunting jaguars in Mexico and Central and South America. Ernest died in 1957, Clell died in 1981 and Dale died in 1988.

ACQUISITION

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