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**MS 1176  
DeKalb, Courtenay, 1861-1931  
Papers, 1888-1931**

**DESCRIPTION**

Correspondence, mine reports, mine research, industry and literary publications, speeches, notebooks, photographs, and mine blueprints document the life of Courtenay DeKalb in Tucson, New York, Louisiana, and California, including his experiences in Spain, Morocco and Mexico.

32 Boxes, 19.75 linear ft.

**ACQUISITION**

Frances Douglas DeKalb, wife of Courtenay DeKalb, donated the collection.

**RELATED MATERIAL**

PC 213 : Courtenay DeKalb Photo Collection  
See also University of Arizona Library, Special Collections, MS 037 Frances Douglas Papers

**ACCESS**

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

**LANGUAGE NOTE**

Primarily English but some correspondence and reports are in Spanish.

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**PROCESSING**

The collection was processed by Archives volunteer Megan Doughty Mulligan and Riva Dean in December 2000.

## ARRANGEMENT

Ten series: 1/ Family Records, 1909-1931; 2/ Notebooks, 1899-1930; 3/ Speeches, Lectures, and Publications, 1894-1934; 4/ Business Correspondence, 1901-1931; 5/ Mining and Industry Reports, 1888-1945; 6/ Roadside Mine, 1915-1936; 7/ Frances Douglas DeKalb papers; 8/ Photographs; 9/ Oversized Materials.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Courtenay DeKalb, an internationally recognized mining engineer, was born in Loudoun County, Virginia in 1861, and held a variety of professional positions throughout his life. He was a professor of Mining and Metallurgy at the University of Missouri, professor of Mining Engineering at the University of Alabama, and he founded the School of Mines at Queens College in Kingston, Ontario. He managed several mines in California and Mexico, including the Roadside Mine in Tucson which he opened in 1921. He was the associate editor of the *Mining and Scientific Press* and was President of the Pacific Mining and Smelting Company. In 1913, he married his second wife, Frances Douglas, in Tucson. In 1919, he became a trade commissioner for the U.S. Department of Commerce, where he researched the mineral resources of Spain, Morocco, and Portugal. He was a long-time member of the National Arts Club in New York City, and published literary work, as well as scientific publications. From his first marriage he had two sons, Bozarte and Keith, and two daughters, Eugenie and Beatrice. He died in 1931 before finishing his biography of Charles III of Spain.

Frances Douglas DeKalb, an internationally recognized scholar known mostly for her translation of the Spanish writers Vincente Blasco Ibanez and Concha Espina, was born in East Cornwall, Connecticut in 1870. In 1891, she married Charles Lummis, the first city editor of the Los Angeles Times, but the two divorced in 1911. She promptly moved to Tucson and married Courtenay DeKalb two years later. She was a regular contributor for the *New York Times Book Review* and published works in such newspapers as the *Los Angeles Times*, the *New York Evening Post*, and the San Francisco Examiner. In 1933, she received an honorary doctorate of letters from the University of Arizona. In 1934, she received the Medalla de Honor de la Instrucción Pública de Venezuela. From her first marriage, she had two sons, Keith and Jordan (a.k.a. Quimu), and one daughter, Turbesé. Before she moved to California in 1963, she donated her personal library to the Romance Languages Department at the University of Arizona. She died in 1969.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Correspondence, research materials, family history, publications, industry reports, and photographs relating to Courtenay DeKalb make up the bulk of this collection. The materials encompass mining blueprints, mining reports, Roadside Mine materials, poems, and plays written by Courtenay DeKalb. Courtenay DeKalb applied for several patents including a patent for new mining techniques and for processing molybdenum. Additionally, he produced several governmental and industry reports on mining in the western United States, Mexico, Morocco, Portugal, and Spain. There are pictures of Courtenay DeKalb with Frances Douglas DeKalb in their Tucson home and at the Roadside Mine. The correspondence ranges from personal letters exchanged between DeKalb and his family, his publishers, and his colleagues. This correspondence documents the attempts to open the Roadside Mine in Tucson, and also includes Courtenay DeKalb's opinions on World War I, nationalism, mining techniques, and published articles. There are letters from Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Phelps-Dodge Manager John C. Greenway, Colonel William F. Cody's (a.k.a. Buffalo Bill) mining company, the Ford Motor Company, the President of Stanford University, and Madame Marie Curie.

Additionally, the collection contains family correspondence from Courtenay and Francis DeKalb's children and relatives. This correspondence includes financial advice, business relationships, and personal advice to the children. There is also material relating to Francis Douglas DeKalb, including poems and correspondence.

## SERIES NOTES

**Series 1, Family Papers, 1909-1931.** This series includes personal correspondence, biographical material, Lummis divorce documents, Frances DeKalb's papers, and obituary notices on Courtenay DeKalb's death. 1 box, (.5 linear ft.) primarily arranged by name of correspondent.

**Series 2, Notebooks and diaries, 1899-1930.** This series includes notes and drafts of writings by Courtenay DeKalb. The notebooks include mining notes, literary ideas, address books and travel notes. 4 boxes, 2 linear ft. primarily arranged chronologically, though several notebooks are undated and have a topical arrangement.

**Series 3 : Speeches, Lectures, and Publications, 1894-1934.** This series includes speeches and lectures given by Courtenay DeKalb on a variety of subjects including World War I, the Mexican Revolution, South American History, and Mining History. This series includes DeKalb's literary output of plays, novels and poems as well as his political and technical articles. 3 boxes (1.5 linear ft.) arranged by type of writing and topically.

**Series 4 : Business Correspondence, 1901-1931.** Primarily business correspondence concerning DeKalb's mining work, this series also includes his correspondence concerning various publications. Correspondence from Mexico during the Mexican Revolution includes descriptions of conditions in Mexico. Principal correspondents include George M. Ryall, Victor H. Power, Louis D. Ricketts, T. A. Rickard and Richard Edmonds. Some correspondence is in Spanish. This series is primarily arranged chronologically, but several correspondents had been kept separate including H. E. Huntington, Jack Burgess, James Douglas and F. Lynwood Garrison. It should be noted that these correspondents also have more correspondence in the chronological arrangement. 12 boxes (6 linear ft.).

**Series 5 : Mining and Industry Reports, 1888-1945.** This series includes reports and blueprints for national and international mining areas that Courtenay DeKalb completed for various mining companies and for the U.S. government. It also includes patent applications and notes on molybdenum and DeKalb's research, reports as a consultant and inventions. 4 boxes (1.75 linear ft.) arranged topically.

**Series 6 : Roadside Mine, 1915-1936.** This series includes correspondence, reports, store ledgers, maps, and blueprints. This series is arranged by subject but the correspondence is arranged chronologically, with the exception of one folder of correspondence with H. E. Huntington. 3 boxes (1.5 linear ft.)

**Series 7 : Frances Douglas DeKalb papers.** Small amount of notebooks, correspondence and publications of Frances Douglas DeKalb. 1/2 box, .25 linear ft. arranged by format.

**Series 8 : Photographs.** This series is primarily portraits of Courtenay DeKalb, Frances Douglas DeKalb, and their family and friends. Also includes photographs of the Roadside mine, and other photographs of Mexico. One small album (box 29) is primarily photographs of mining operations in Superior and the Roosevelt Dam. 2 boxes (1 linear ft.) arranged topically.

**Series 9 : Oversized Materials.** Two scrapbooks of DeKalb's writings from 1905 to 1918. Also includes oversized blueprints, plats and diagrams on the Roadside Mine, various other mines and DeKalb's diagrams to accompany his patents. 3 boxes (5 linear ft.)

## **BOX AND FOLDER LIST**

### **Series 1: Family Papers, 1909-1960**

#### **Box 1**

- f. 1 Biographical Material
- f. 2 DeKalb Obituaries, 1931
- f. 3 Correspondence with DeKalb, Beatrice (daughter), 1912-1930
- f. 4 Correspondence with DeKalb, Bozarte (son), 1918-1928
- f. 5 Correspondence with DeKalb, E. A. (mother), 1915-1917
- f. 6 Correspondence with DeKalb, Eugenie, 1911-1930
- f. 7 Correspondence concerning Eugenia, 1918-1925
- f. 8 Papers concerning Lummis, Jordan, 1917-1929
- f. 9 Correspondence between Frances Douglas DeKalb and Courtenay, 1911-1919
- f. 10 Correspondence concerning DeKalb, Keith Lummis, 1917-1926
- f. 11 Correspondence with DeKalb, Lily, 1913-1924
- f. 12 Correspondence from Hazard, Ada (sister), 1916-1930
- f. 13 Correspondence to Hazard, Ada (sister), 1916-1929
- f. 14 Correspondence concerning Ada Hazard's family, 1910-1931
- f. 15 Miscellaneous correspondence with family and friends, 1908-1931
- f. 16 Divorce Documents : Lummis vs. Lummis, 1911-1915
- f. 17 Legal Documents, 1906-1926

### **Series 2 : Notebooks and Diaries, 1899-1930**

#### **Box 2**

- f. 18-26 Notebooks & Diaries, 1899-1915

#### **Box 3**

- f. 27-32 Notebooks & Diaries, 1917-1923

#### **Box 4**

- f. 33-40 Notebooks & Diaries, 1924-1931

#### **Box 5**

- f. 41 Literary Notebook, n.d.
- f. 42 Literary ideas, n.d.
- f. 43 Travel diaries, n.d.
- f. 44 Notebooks & Diaries, undated
- f. 45 Miscellaneous topical diaries, undated

- f. 46 Topical diaries : “Crushing Socialism” and “The Hills of San Francisco,”  
n.d.

### **Box 6**

- f. 47 Notebooks & Diaries : Address Books, 1925 & undated  
f. 48 Notebooks & Diaries : Autograph Book  
f. 49 Ticketbooks, 1919-1920

### **Series 3 : Speeches, Lectures, and Publications, 1894-1934**

- f. 50 Address: “Compulsory Voting,” 1909  
f. 52 Address: “Foundation of World Democracy,” nd  
f. 51 Address: “Social and Political Development of the South American People,”  
1894  
f. 53 Speech: “Gilbert K. Chesterton, Wit,” 1912  
f. 54 Address: Chamber of Commerce Dinner, 1915  
f. 55 Speech: “Gold,” 1921  
f. 56 Documents & Research on “Gold”  
f. 57 Lecture: DePauw University “Horizon Lectures,” 1924-1925  
f. 58 Lecture: “International Intrigue for Moroccan Iron”  
f. 59 Lecture: “The Mexican Revolution of Restoration,” n.d.  
f. 60 Lecture: “Mines and Miners of Bible Times,” n.d.  
f. 61 Lecture: “Some of King Solomon’s Mines,” 1925  
f. 62 Lecture Notes & Drafts : Miscellaneous, 1923-1926

### **Box 7**

- f. 63 Lecture Correspondence, 1925  
f. 64 Log of Publications, 1895-1914  
f. 65 Publication: “Gold Deposits in Nicaragua,” 1896  
f. 66 Major Publications, 1917-1927  
f. 67 Mining Publications, 1906-1934  
f. 68 Publications & Notes on various industries, 1916-1924  
f. 69 Political Publications, 1911-1931  
f. 70 Drafts & Notes of Political Writings  
f. 71 Writings on Morocco, 1924  
f. 72-73 Writings on Spain  
f. 74 Publication: “Hunger & Dope,” 1923  
f. 75 Publication: “The Spiritual Law of Gravitation....” 1931  
f. 76 Articles in *Arizona Cattleman, Farmer*, 1927-29  
f. 77-78 Articles in *Manufacturers Record*, 1916-24

**Box 8**

- f. 79 Articles in *Manufacturers Record*, 1925-28
- f. 80-82 *Cleófas* (novelette), 1908
- f. 83 Poems: *Virgin Songs*
- f. 84 Poems by DeKalb
- f. 85 Notes for poems
- f. 86 Play: *The Hamite*, 1908
- f. 87 Untitled play
- f. 88 Manuscript: *The Wooing of Doña Luisa*
- f. 89 Manuscripts & Essays : A - Z
- f. 90 Editorials & Miscellaneous writings
- f. 91 Miscellaneous drafts of writings by DeKalb

**Series 4 : Business Correspondence, 1901-1931****Box 9**

- f. 92-100 Correspondence, 1901-June 1912

**Box 10**

- f. 101-111 Correspondence, July 1912-May 1915

**Box 11**

- f. 112-124 Correspondence, June 1915-May 1917

**Box 12**

- f. 125-135 Correspondence, June 1917-May 1918

**Box 13**

- f. 136-146 Correspondence, June 1918-December 1919

**Box 14**

- f. 147-156 Correspondence, January-September 1920

**Box 15**

- f. 157-168 Correspondence, October 1920-November 1921

**Box 16**

f. 169-179 Correspondence, January 1922-September 1924

**Box 17**

f. 180-189 Correspondence, October 1924-July 1925

**Box 18**

f. 190-201 Correspondence, August 1925-July 1926

**Box 19**

f. 202-213 Correspondence, August 1926-August 1928

**Box 20**

f. 214-219 Correspondence, September 1928-1932  
f. 220-222 Letters of Introduction, 1903-1926  
f. 223 Correspondence with Jack Burgess, 1912-1915  
f. 224 Correspondence with Melbert Cary, October-November 1911  
f. 225 Correspondence with James Douglas, 1912-1916  
f. 226 Correspondence with F. Lynwood Garrison, 1909-1911  
f. 227 Correspondence with Epes Randolph, 1919  
f. 228 Correspondence - Drafts of Letters, 1908-1929 (& undated)  
f. 229 Correspondence, undated

**Series 5 : Mining and Industry Reports, 1888-1945****Box 21**

f. 230 South Central Arizona, 1913  
f. 231-232 New Dominion Mine, Globe, 1925-26  
f. 233 Princess Pat Mine (Arizona), 1917  
f. 234 St. Francis Mining Claims (Arizona), 1928, 1945  
f. 235 San Jacinto Estate (California), 1890  
f. 236 San Antonio Mine (Mexico), 1912  
f. 237 Mines in Mexico, n.d.  
f. 238 La Azteca y La Verde Mines (México)  
f. 239 Burgos Coal, Iron & Copper in the Sierra de La Demanda (Spain)  
f. 240 Compañía de Sierra Menera (Spain), 1917  
f. 241 Pacific Smelting & Mining Co. (Mexico), 1910-1912  
f. 242 Mining & Tariffs in Mexico, 1908-09



## **Box 22**

- f. 243           Freighting Costs from El Cobre to Fundición, 1912
- f. 244           Granada: Copper in the Sierra Nevada, n.d.
- f. 245           Las Guijas Mining Camp, Supplies, 1912-1913
- f. 246           Rio Tinto Mine (photo descriptions), 1919
- f. 247           Terreno Mochis (México), 1925
- f. 248           Mining in Morocco, 1920
- f. 249           Mining in Oregon, 1919
- f. 250           Petroleum in Portugal, n.d.
- f. 251           Gold Property in Oconee County, South Carolina, 1927
- f. 252           Almaden Quicksilver Mine (Spain), 1919
- f. 253           Cordoba Coal Manuscript (Spain)
- f. 254           Guipúzcoa: Iron Mines of Irún y Lesaca (Spain), ca. 1919
- f. 255           Iron Ores of Spain, 1920
- f. 256           Peñarroya Company (Spain), 1924-25
- f. 257           Petroleum in Spain, 1920

## **Box 23**

- f. 258           Mining in Spain (in Spanish)
- f. 259           Province of Huelva, Spain, ca. 1919
- f. 260           Pyrite in Spain, 1920
- f. 261           Mining in the Sierra Nevada, n.d. (Spain)
- f. 262           Seville: Copper Mines of the Monte Azul (n.d.)
- f. 263           Virginia Lead & Zinc Corporation, 1916-1918 (oversized in f. 335)
- f. 264-265       Notice of Mining Location Claims, 1925-1931
- f. 266-267       Patent Applications & Documents, 1912-1918 (oversized in f. 336)

## **Box 24**

- f. 268           Notary Public Documents (Mexico), 1910-1911
- f. 269           Mining Research on Molybdenum, 1915-1916
- f. 270           Miscellaneous Papers on Mining

## **Series 6 : Roadside Mine, 1915-1936**

### **Box 25**

- f. 271           Roadside Mine - Ownership & Background
- f. 272           Maps, Diagrams & Notes (Small - oversized in f. 338)
- f. 273           Reports & Description, 1913-1914
- f. 274           Accounts & Expenses, 1916-24
- f. 275           Orders & Supplies, 1916-24
- f. 276           Roadside Mine Papers (general), 1916-32
- f. 277           Assay Notebook

- f. 278-279 DeKalb's Roadside Mine Notebooks, 1916-17, 29-30
- f. 280 Store Ledgers, Accounts, 1912

**Box 26**

- f. 281-283 Store Ledgers, Counter Books, 1913, 1926
- f. 284 Roadside Mine Correspondence with H. E. Huntington, 1916-29
- f. 285-292 Roadside Mine Correspondence, 1915-1920

**Box 27**

- f. 293-303 Roadside Mine Correspondence, 1921-1934

**Series 7 : Frances Douglas DeKalb papers**

**Box 28**

- f. 304 Frances Douglas DeKalb notebooks, 1915, 1941
- f. 305 Frances Douglas DeKalb publications, 1916-1960
- f. 306 Miscellaneous printed material by Charles Lummis
- f. 307 Frances Douglas DeKalb correspondence, 1931-1934
- f. 308 Issues from *The Land of Sunshine*, 1901

**Series 8 : Photographs**

**Box 28**

- f. 309 Portraits - Bartlett, Lanier
- f. 310 Portraits - DeKalb, Charles
- f. 311 Portraits - DeKalb, Courtenay
- f. 312 Portraits - DeKalb, Frances Douglas
- f. 313 Portraits - Duque, R., 1926
- f. 314 Portraits - Edmonds, Richard H.
- f. 315 Portraits - Epley, Marion J.
- f. 316 Portraits - Haak, Mrs. John
- f. 317 Portraits - Hazard, Gibson
- f. 318 Portraits - Hazard, John
- f. 319 Portraits - Hazeltine, A. B.
- f. 320 Portraits - Matthiessen, Mrs. Conrad Henry
- f. 321 Portraits - Matthewson, E. P., 1920 & undated
- f. 322 Portraits - Milmore, Mary Longfellow, 1900
- f. 323 Portraits - Spalding, Mr. & Mrs. W. A., 1921
- f. 324 Portraits - Unidentified
- f. 325 Places - California, 1912
- f. 326-327 Places - Mexico
- f. 328 Places - Morocco
- f. 329 Subjects - Mines - "Mina de Los Angeles"

- f. 330 Subjects - Mines - Buena Vista Mine (Sonora, Mexico), 1912
- f.331-333 Subjects - Mines - Roadside Mine, 1922 & undated
- f. 334 Drawings

**Box 29**

1 small photo album of Arizona photographs, primarily Roosevelt Dam & mining in the Superior area.

**Series 9 : Oversized Materials**

**Box 30**

Scrapbook, 1905-1914 : Newspaper clippings by and about Courtenay DeKalb

**Box 31**

Scrapbook, 1915-1918 : Newspaper clippings by and about Courtenay DeKalb

**Box 31 A**

Scrapbook, 1914-1915 : Newspaper clippings from Arizona Daily Star about DeKalb social activities

**Box 31 B**

Scrapbook, 1915-1916 : Newspaper clippings from Arizona Daily Star about social activities

**Box 31 C**

Scrapbook, ca. 1902 : Newspaper clippings from Los Angeles Sunday Examiner about Arizona news

**Box 32**

- f. 335 Blueprints, maps & diagrams for Virginia Lead & Zinc
- f. 336 Blueprints & diagrams for patent applications
- f. 337 Misc. mining maps & plats
- f. 338 Roadside mine diagrams & plats