

**TITLE:** Courtenay DeKalb photograph collection

**DATE RANGE:** 1910-1927

**CALL NUMBER:** PC 213

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear ft. (2 boxes)

**PROVENANCE:** Donated by Frances Douglas DeKalb, wife of Courtenay DeKalb.

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**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 Vicente 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:** The photographs in this collection are primarily of the “snapshot” variety and include mining, travel and family portraits. The bulk of the mining and travel snapshots are taken in Mexico and Spain, though there are some from Arizona, California, Nevada and other places where DeKalb went for mining work and where Frances and Courtenay traveled. Portrait files are primarily members of the DeKalb family. For the most part, the quality of the photographs is not very high, though there are some nice early family portraits.

The mining photographs include workers in mines as well as equipment and general views of mining operations. This includes one folder of Mexican Revolution photographs labeled “Maderistas at Fundición,” 1911 (photos by Parlee). The travel snapshots of Arizona include a number of photographs around San Xavier Mission including two folders of pictures around the Tohono O’odham reservation.

Arranged in three series: 1. Mining photographs; 2. Travel snapshots; 3. Portraits

**CONTAINER LIST:**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>1</b>	1	Homes - Tucson	undated
	2	Homes - Tucson - Ransome Home (506 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street)	1927
	3	Mines - Arizona - Bisbee	undated
	4	Mines - Arizona - Cababi	undated
	5	Mines - Arizona - Castle Dome	undated
	6	Mines - Arizona - Coyote Mountain	1925
	7	Mines - Arizona - Douglas Copper Company	undated
	8	Mines - Arizona - Miami & Inspiration	undated
	9	Mines - Arizona - Old Yuma Mine	undated
	10-13	Mines - Arizona - Roadside Mine	1922-1924; undated
	14	Mines - California	undated
	15	Mines - California - Island Mountain	1912
	16	Mines - Chile	undated
	17	Mines - Mexico - El Cobre	undated
	18	Mines - Mexico - Sonora - Aduana	undated
	19	Mines - Mexico - Fundición “Maderistas at Fundición”	1911
	20	Mines - Mexico - Sonora - Guaymas	undated
	21	Mines - Mexico - Hermosillo	undated
	22	Mines - Spain - La Union Mine, Bilbao	undated
	23	Mines - Mexico - Mina Washington	undated
	24	Mines - Spain - Minas del Rif	undated
	25	Mines - Mexico - Nacozari	undated
	26	Mines - Mexico - Sonora - La Soledad	undated
	27	Mines - Mexico - Miscellaneous	undated
	28	Mines - Nevada	undated
	29	Mines - South Africa - Premier Diamond Mine	undated
	30	Mines - Spain - Centenillo	undated
	31	Mines - Spain - Almaden	undated
	32	Mines - Spain - Malaga	undated
	33	Mines - Spain - Miscellaneous	undated
	34	Mines - Unidentified	undated
	35	Travel snapshots - Arizona - Ajo area	1924
	36	Travel snapshots - Arizona - San Pedro River	undated
	37	Travel snapshots - Arizona - San Xavier Mission	undated
	38	Travel snapshots - Arizona - San Xavier Mission and Reservation	undated
	39	Travel snapshots - Arizona - Santa Catalina Mountains	undated

	40	Travel snapshots - Arizona - Tohono O'odham Indians	undated
	41	Travel snapshots - Arizona - Pinal County	undated
	42	Travel snapshots - Arizona - Whetstone Mountains	undated
	43	Travel snapshots - Mojave Desert	1912
	44	Travel snapshots - Yosemite	undated
	45	Travel snapshots - China	undated
	46	Travel snapshots - Mexico	undated
	47	Travel snapshots - Mexico - Fundición and Navajoa	undated
	48	Travel snapshots - Mexico - Sinaloa	undated
	49	Travel snapshots - Mexico - Sonora	undated
	50	Travel snapshots - Mexico - Sonora - Alamos	undated
	51	Travel snapshots - Mexico - Sonora - Guaymas	undated
	52	Travel snapshots - Mexico - Sonora - Nacozari	undated
	53	Travel snapshots - Morocco	1919
	54	Travel snapshots - New Mexico (?)	undated
2	55	Travel snapshots - Spain	1926
	56	Travel snapshots - Spain	1929
	57	Travel snapshots - Spain - Bilbao	undated
	58	Travel snapshots - Spain - Cordoba	1919-1926
	59	Travel snapshots - Spain - Granada	1919
	60	Travel snapshots - Spain - Huelva	undated
	61	Travel snapshots - Spain - Madrid - Castilla Museum	undated
	62	Travel snapshots - Spain - Puertollano	undated
	63	Travel snapshots - Spain - Segovia	undated
	64	Travel snapshots - Spain - La Rabida	undated
	65	Travel snapshots - Spain - Sevilla	undated
	66	Travel snapshots - Spain - Tarragona	undated
	67	Travel snapshots - Spain - Olive growing	undated
	68	Portraits - DeKalb, Ada Bosarte	undated
	69	Portraits - DeKalb, Bozarte	undated
	70	Portraits - DeKalb, Courtenay	undated
	71	Portraits - DeKalb, Courtenay at Casa Verdugo	1912
	72	Portraits - DeKalb, Courtenay & Frances (Grace King's Garden)	undated
	73	Portraits - DeKalb, Enoch & Ada (parents & sister)	undated
	74	Portraits - DeKalb, Eugenia (Lily)	undated
	75	Portraits - DeKalb, Frances	undated
	76	Portraits - DeKalb, Frances (NY & Washington)	1927
	77	Portraits - DeKalb, Frances & Gibson at 829 N. Tyndall	undated
	78	Portraits - DeKalb, Keith	undated
	79	Portraits - DeKalb family (unidentified)	undated
	80	Portraits - DeKalb family (unidentified, Syracuse)	undated
	81	Portraits - Hazard, Barbara Peace	undated
	82	Portraits - Hazeltine, Ross	undated
	83	Portraits - Hodges, A.D., Jr.	undated
	84	Portraits - Lummis, Jordon	1910

	85	Portraits - Posada family	undated
	86	Portraits - Unidentified	undated
	87	Subjects - "Archimedes Screw"	undated
	88	Postcards - Miscellaneous	undated