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MS 117

EVE BALL COLLECTION

Span Dates 1880s-1976

Bulk Dates 1895-1901

16 Linear Inches

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Donated by Eve Ball in 1972.

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BIOGRAPHY

Eve Ball was born Katherine Evelyn Daly, to Samuel Richard and Gazelle (Gibbs) Daly on March 14, 1890 in Clarksville, Tennessee. She earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from universities in Kansas and received an honorary doctorate from Artesia College. She taught at both elementary and secondary schools in Kansas from 1914-1919, and 1946-1947, and in Oklahoma from 1920-1921. From 1968-1970 she taught English and Apache Culture at the college level.

In 1949, she moved to Ruidoso, New Mexico, where she gained the confidence of the Apache Nation. During the next three decades she interviewed Apaches and ranchers from southern New Mexico, near the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation. After years of study and research, she became a well-known historian and authority on the Apaches.

Ball wrote a number of books, two specifically about the Apache Indians: *In the days of Victorio: Recollections of a Warm Springs Apache* (1970), and *Indeh: An Apache Odyssey* (1980), with Nora Henn and Lynda Sanchez. Her other books are: *Ruidoso: The Last Frontier* (1963); *Bob Crosby, World Champion Cowboy* (1966), with Thelma Crosby; *Ma'am Jones of the Pecos* (1969); and *My Girlhood Among the Outlaws* (1972), which she edited. She also wrote many magazine and journal articles.

Active in many organizations, she served as the president of the New Mexico Folklore Society in 1947, and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She won the Golden Spur Award of the Western Writers of America for her short story, "Buried Money," published in *True West Magazine* in 1974. In 1982 she was inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame, and in that same year she received the Western Writers of America's top award, the Saddleman Award. The U.S. Senate passed a joint resolution honoring her for her life's work in 1984. On December 24, 1984, Eve Ball died at her home in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

DESCRIPTION OR ARRANGEMENT

The Eve Ball Collection is arranged in four series: Series I. Photographs; Series II. Business and Financial Records; Series III. Newspaper Articles; and Series IV. John S. Chisum Diary.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Eve Ball Collection consists of materials collected by Eve Ball (1890-1984), historian and authority on the Apache. The collection includes photographs, business ledgers and daybooks, newspaper articles, and a partial diary transcript. The Photographs series contains original photographs and copy prints of photographs from the National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution, and the Eve Ball papers held by L. Tom Perry Special Collections in the Harold B. Lee Library at Brigham Young University. These images are of people, places, events, and some images by the Thirman Studios. Portraits of both individuals and groups that appear in Ball's books

and photographs of buildings and locales, including the "Mescalero Agency, 1895," "Mt. Vernon Barracks after 1886," "Fort Union, September 1896," and "Mrs. Blazer's Indian School, Mescalero 1919" are in this group. The collection also contains photographs celebrating noted events, such as one image portraying the council between General Crook and Geronimo in March 1886. The Thirman Studio photographs include individual and group portraits of Apaches.

The Business and Financial Records contain daybooks, ledgers, billing statements, and a correspondence copy book from three companies in White Oaks, New Mexico: Goodman Ziegler, Ziegler Bros., and White Oaks Mining Company. Entries in the ledgers and daybooks include customer names, goods purchased, and the purchase price. The correspondence copy book contains business correspondence dated 1898 - 1903, from Ziegler Bros., a dry goods store in White Oaks, New Mexico.

The Newspaper Articles series consists of one article, "Apache Leader Makes Chapel Possible," from the El Paso Times, March 11, 1976. It relates the story of how Shanta Boy, a wealthy Apache leader, made it possible for Father Albert Braun to build a chapel on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

The John S. Chisum Diary series includes a typescript copy of a portion of the diary of Chisum, a noted cattleman from New Mexico, who sold beef to government contractors for the Navajo and Apache Indian Reservations. It consists of a statement made by John Chisum in Las Vegas on January 16, 1878 about his imprisonment after being sued by William Rosenthal of Santa Fe for non-payment of notes left by the company Wilbern, Chisum and Clark. The transcription from the diary also includes an interview with Mr. Pecos, a man who claimed to be Chisum's bookkeeper.

PROVENANCE

The Eve Ball Collection was donated to the University of Texas at El Paso Library by Eve Ball in 1972. The previous accession numbers were 383 and 717.

RESTRICTIONS

The copyright for some of the photographs in the Eve Ball Collection may be held by the repositories that hold the original images.

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NOTE TO RESEARCHERS

The paper in the book of correspondence is very fragile and should be handled with care. For further identification of the photographs, see Eve Ball's books.

RELATED COLLECTIONS

Leon Metz papers, MS 157, C. L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, University of Texas at El Paso Library.

Eve Ball papers, MSS 3096, L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

CONTAINER LIST

Series I. Photographs

Box	Folder	Title or description	Dates
1	1	Identified Individuals	1880s-1960s
1	2	Unidentified Individuals	1880s-1960s
1	3	Identified Groups	1880s-1960s
1	4	Unidentified Groups	1880s-1960s
1	5	Places	1880s-1960s
1	6	Copy of map of Apache Prisoners of War	undated
1	7	Events	1880s-1960s
1	8	Thirman Studio Photographs	1880s-1960s

Series II. Business and Financial Records

Box	Folder	Title or description	Dates
2	1	Statements, Bills to Ziegler Bros.	1898
2		Ledger/Daybook	1895-1896
2		Daybook	1899
2		Daybook, White Oaks	1899-1900
2		Daybook (some pages removed)	1900
3		Daybook	1901
3		Ledger/Daybook	1901
3		Book of Copy Letters to and from Ziegler Bros.	1898-1903
4		Daybook II	1887-1888
4		White Oaks Mining Company Ledger	1894-1895
4		Goodman Ziegler Co. Inventory	1897

Series III. Newspaper Articles

Box	Folder	Title or description	Dates
3	1	"Apache Leader Makes Chapel Possible," <i>EI Paso Times</i>	March 11, 1976

Series IV. John S. Chisum Diary

Box	Folder	Title or description	Dates
3	2	Typescript of partial copy of John S. Chisum diary	Jan. 16, 1878