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## **Guide to MS143 James Connor papers relating to the El Paso Chamizal land dispute**

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## **Biography**

James F. Connor worked in the Publicity and Information Department of the United Home Owners of the El Paso Area. He opposed the proposed Chamizal settlement, as it would displace El Pasoans from their homes. In his opposition work, he wrote to the news media and local and national elected officials.

## **Series Description or Arrangement**

These papers are minimally processed.

## **Scope and Content Notes**

Consists of materials relating to the El Paso Chamizal land dispute. Materials include newspaper clippings, correspondence, scrapbooks, reports, copies of speeches, photographs, and maps. The papers date 1959 – 1970.

## **Provenance Statement**

Donated by James F. Connor in 1971.

## **Restrictions**

None.

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## **Notes to the Researcher**

See also:

El Paso Department of City Planning records, MS204

Jonathan Cunningham papers, MS287

El Paso Herald-Post records, MS348

El Paso documents collection, MS652

Cleofas Calleros papers, MS231

Ellwyn Stoddard borderlands collection, MS591

## Container List

| Box | Folder | Description   |
|-----|--------|---|
| 1   | -----  | Two unfolded scrapbooks, papers mainly on the Chamizal land grant. Newspaper clippings. Information from newspapers such as the "Sun Shopper", the "El Paso Herald Post", and the "El Paso Times". Dates: 1963-1965.  |
| 1   | 1      | Newspaper clippings: Chamizal map showing the Chamizal area in 1903. Newspapers: "El Continental", "El Paso Herald-Post", "The El Paso Times", "Sun Shopper", "El Fronterizo". Dates: 1966-1970.  |
| 1   | 2      | Newspaper clippings. Chamizal. Dates: 1964-1967.  |
| 1   | 3      | Newspaper clippings. Chamizal. Dates: 1967-1969.  |
| 1   | 4      | Special news on "Transfer to Mexico Ends Old Dispute", Friday, October 27, 1967. Newspaper clippings.   |
| 1   | 5      | Human events. Chamizal and other government papers. Papers: "Notes Regarding Chamizal Tract", "A Bill: In the Senate of the United States S. 2394", "Tax Records Analysis—Areas affected by Chamizal Settlement, August, 1963", "White House Press Release: Copy July, 18, 1963", "To: United States Committee on Foreign Relations: From: Dr. S. L. Abbot. Title: A Citizen of the United States of America Looks at the Chamizal, "Declaration of Resolution", The Chamizal Dispute", "Chamizal Civic Association", "Convention of the Chamizal", Including miscellaneous—Memorial Park Rededication, July 4, 1969. |
| 1   | 6      | Correspondence: February 15, 1963-  |

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|   |   | <p>June 21, 1964 and six papers undated. Papers on Chamizal dispute compiled by James F. Connor opposed to the giving of land and his efforts to help the people affected by the proposal. Letters to: Ed Foreman, Editors of Time, Life and newspapers, John Tower, Walter Cronkite, Feliciano Hinojosa, George Smathers, Jack Kruger, J. W. Fulbright, Strom Thurmond, Wayne Hays, Michael Mansfield, Sen. Yarbrough, Senate Rules Committee, Attorney Sayer and Judge Glenn Woodward. From: John Tower, Ed Foreman, Everett Jordan, Edward A. Karnacki, Jim Wright, Vance Hartke, John Sherman Cooper, John E. Blaine, Senator J.W. Fulbright, Feliciano Hinojosa.</p> |
| 1 | 7 | <p>Correspondence. Letters written by people directly affected by the Chamizal Land Proposal. To: John Tower, President Kennedy, Ralph Yarbrough, editors of Time. From: James Connor, Gregorio Chavez, Josefina Chavez, Blasa Aparicio, Bertha Isela Chavez. Last efforts to stop the land give-away. February 24, 1963- December 8, 1963. Maps Chamizal, Plat of Town of El Paso, 1959-1963.</p>  |
| 1 | 8 | <p>Photographs. Documents of El Chamizal. Booklets: Convention in the Chamizal, Hearings – First Session on Executive 88th Congress- December 12 &amp; 13, 1963.</p>  |
| 1 | 9 | <p>Explanation of a painting by James F. Connor called “The Erosion of the Republic”.</p>   |