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Guide to the Wanted Posters Collection

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: WA MSS S-3705

TITLE: Wanted posters collection

DATES: 1903-1924

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.21 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: In English.

SUMMARY: 16 wanted posters for criminal suspects primarily in California and Missouri,

with additional posters from Kansas, North Dakota, and Oregon, 1903-1924. Crimes include failure to provide for minor children, rape, embezzlement, forgery, grand larceny, and contributing to the dependency of a minor. Most posters include a monetary reward and an image or description of the

suspect. Includes 2 photographs of suspects.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Fairlook Antiques on the Arthur Corbitt Hoskins Memorial Fund, 2018.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Processing Information

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Scope and Contents

16 wanted posters for criminal suspects primarily in California and Missouri, with additional posters from Kansas, North Dakota, and Oregon, 1903-1924. Crimes include failure to provide for minor children, rape, embezzlement, forgery, grand larceny, and contributing to the dependency of a minor. Most posters include a monetary reward and an image or description of the suspect. Includes 2 photographs of suspects.

Arrangement

Organized into five series: I. California Wanted Posters, 1923-1924. II. Missouri Wanted Posters, 1903-1911. III. Kansas Wanted Poster, 1919. IV. North Dakota Wanted Poster, 1924. V. Oregon Wanted Poster, 1924.

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Series I: California Wanted Posters, 1923-1924

b. 1, f. 1	Black, Charles	1923
b. 1, f. 2	Hedges, Olin P. and George Clark	1924
b. 1, f. 3	Leeper, William	1923
b. 1, f. 4	Loomis, E. D.	1924
b. 1, f. 5	McLean, W. J.	1924
b. 1, f. 6	Saunders, Zephie	1923
b. 1, f. 7	Spence, Robert	1924
b. 1, f. 8	Tice, Albert and Theodore Reser	undated

Series II: Missouri Wanted Posters, 1903-1911

b. 1, f. 9	Byers, Benjamin	1903
b. 1, f. 10	Everly, Charles H.	1906
b. 1, f. 11	Gaulding, William and Henry Gaulding	1904
b. 1, f. 12	Snider, Thomas W.	1911
b. 1, f. 13	Te Linde, Frank Arnold	undated

Series III: Kansas Wanted Poster, 1919

b. 1, f. 14 Puffenberger, William H. 1919

Series IV: North Dakota Wanted Poster, 1924

b. 1, f. 15 Daly, B. L. 1924

Series V: Oregon Wanted Poster, 1924

b. 1, f. 16 Annes, A. A. 1924

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Crime -- West (U.S.)
Criminal justice, Administration of -- West (U.S.)
Criminals -- West (U.S.)
Law enforcement -- West (U.S.)
Outlaws -- West (U.S.)

Geographic Names

California -- Politics and government -1850-1950
Kansas -- Politics and government -- 1865-1950
Missouri -- Politics and government -1865-1950
North Dakota -- Politics and government -20th Century
Oregon -- Politics and government -- 1859-1950

Genres / Formats

Photographs -- United States Wanted posters

Names

Annes, A. A., active approximately 1924 Black, Charles, active approximately 1923 Byers, Benjamin, active approximately 1903 Clark, George, active approximately 1924 Daly, B. L., active approximately 1924 Everly, Charles H., active approximately 1906 Gaulding, Henry, active approximately 1904 Gaulding, William, active approximately 1904 Hedges, Olin P. Leeper, William, active approximately 1923 Loomis, E. D., active approximately 1924 McLean, W. J., active approximately 1924 Puffenberger, William H., active approximately 1919 Reser, Theodore Saunders, Zephie, active approximately 1923 Snider, Thomas W., active approximately 1911 Spence, Robert, active approximately 1924 Te Linde, Frank Arnold Tice, Albert