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Biographical Sketch

Calvin “Cal” Lee Charles Traylor (October 5, 1924 – June 11, 2015) was a business owner, historical researcher, and an active and important member of the Doña Ana County Historical Society and the Archaeology Society of Southern New Mexico. He served twice as the president of the Doña Ana County Historical Society (he joined the organization in 1964 and was its first life member) and was a member of the Rotary Club.

Born in Melrose, New Mexico to Elmer and Myrtle Traylor, Calvin Traylor was raised in Elida, New Mexico. He honorably served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. On May 31, 1957 Traylor married Frances Pill and in 1963 they moved to Las Cruces. The Traylor's owned an employment and business college which had offices in Las Cruces and Alamogordo as well as a gift and craft wholesale company. Traylor had an MBA and also taught accounting, management, and marketing courses at New Mexico State University.

Traylor's main interest was history, particularly the history of the Mesilla Valley and of Pat Garrett. In addition to his extensive historical research activities, Traylor conducted tours of locations important to Pat Garrett's life and was known for his expertise about him. Additionally, Traylor and Jarvis Garrett (son of Pat Garrett) identified the site where Pat Garrett was killed. Traylor was also responsible for arranging for the hearse that transported Pat Garrett to his grave to be brought back to Las Cruces. Traylor purchased the hearse from a small museum in Pinos Altos and then donated it to the Doña Ana Sheriff's Museum in Las Cruces.

Series Description or Arrangement

Records are in two series: Biographical information and Research files.

Records were left in original order (largely alphabetical) except for legal-size materials which were rehoused in a separate box.

Scope and Content Notes

The Calvin L. Traylor papers date 1845 – 2014, bulk 2001– 2013. These papers were left in original order (largely alphabetical) except for legal-size materials which were rehoused in a separate box. The papers are in two series: Biographical information and Research files. Types of records include correspondence, email correspondence,

newsletters, photographs, photographic copies of historic documents and printed out historic documents from the internet, and other materials. Because most of the materials in these papers are not original historic documents, dates are differentiated between the original date of the materials and the date that they were copied or printed out.

The Calvin L. Traylor papers document Calvin Traylor's research into the history of the Mesilla Valley, Billy the Kid, Pat Garrett, and the Garrett family as well as his activities with the Doña Ana County Historical Society and the Archaeology Society of Southern New Mexico.

Provenance Statement

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Restrictions

None.

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Notes to the Researcher

Creator's file titles and notes were used when present. Notes by archivist are in square brackets.

Some files were found empty. They are noted in the container list.

Some file titles contain notes about material locations (i.e. "see horizontal box") that no longer exist.

See also:

Leon Metz papers, MS157.

Billy the Kid collection, MS610.

Container List

Series I. Biographical information

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	1	The Life and Death of Mr. Calvin Traylor of Las Cruces, New Mexico	c. 2007, 2015

Series II. Research files

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	2	AAA Methodology, boxes large (vertical by name), boxes 3" (horizontal by date)	1 February 2012
1	3	Adamson, Carl, in date order	1905 – 1919 [original date], c. 2008 – 2012
1	4	Altman Related to Cox, see: Bio Misc 9 x 15 [description of <i>Last Frontier West</i>]	c. 2012
1	5	Amador, date order	1896 – 1920 [original date], 2012 – 30 January 2015
1	6	Anton Chico	13 December 1881 [original date]; 23 October 2005; 22 December 2008
1	7	Armijo Gallagher	1896 – 1908 [original date]; 2004 – 2011
1	8	Badge, see: Barrett Gold [file envelope found empty]	
1	9	Baird, see: Cox friends [file envelope found empty]	
1	10	Barncastle, in order by dates	1897 – 1904 [original date], c.

			2004 – 2011
1	11	Bartlett Conte and Guadalupe H, in date order	1994 – 2009
1	12	Bataan, see: Fall – Chase – Bataan [found empty]	
1	13	Bentley organ [cemetery], in date order	c. 2001 – 2004
1	14	Billy BTK, see vertical white boxes [empty envelope with notes]	
1	15	Bio Misc: Wilson, Anderson; Middleton; O'Folliard; Riley, John; Pickett, in date order by birth date	4 June 1918 [original date], c. 2006
1	16	Blazer, see Lincoln County, Blazer of Blazer Mill near Mescalero community [found empty]	
1	17	Bowman Bank, see: Cox Bowman [found empty]	
1	18	Boyd see: Brazel, Wayne [found empty]	
1	19	Brands, in order by owner	1881 – 1896 [original date], 2013 – 2014
1	20	Branigan Mr., also see libraries	1925 [original date], 2010
1	21	Brazel master file, not Wayne, in date order	1870 – 1947 [original date], 2004, 2013
1	22	Brazel Wayne by Mullin, 1 copy [family tree, census, article]	1880 – 1920 [original date], 2009, undated
1	23	Brazel Trial Organ	4 May 1909 [original date], 22 – 28 August 2012
1	24	Smallbooks Panhandle Plains 1969 pp.23-59 re: Brazel by Mullin [found empty]	
1	25	Briscoe Joe Buffalo Hunter killed by Garrett, see Glenn Box [found empty]	
1	26	Bristol Hack Judge	1883 – 1890 [original date], 2008, 2011
1	27	Butterfield Trail, in date order	1 September 1860

			[original date?], June – August 2001
1	28	Camino Real see also Mission Trail	1893 [original date], 1991, 1994, c. 2000s
1	29	Carr aka Karr, see: Lee friends [found empty]	
1	30	Cemeteries also see: Garrett, Graves	c. 1996 – 2009
1	31	Carlsbad, also see Garrett – Home Carlsbad	1888 – 1899 [original date], 2012, undated
1	32	Chase Family – see: Fall Family [page of article “The Two Alberts” by Owen]	undated
1	33	Chisum Master File in date order, Chisum owe BTK \$500 wages	1876, 1886, 1937 [original dates], 2004 – 2009
1	34	Cloudcroft newspaper not scanned	1986, c. 1990s, undated
1	35	Columbus and Pancho Villa	1986, 1999, c. 1990s
1	36	Confederate occupation	2001, 2007 – 2008
1	37	Cox, in date order	16 June 1864 – 1935 [original dates]
1	38	Cox family, in date order	c. 2008
1	39	Cox, Bowman, Bowman bank	8 June 1880 – 1914 [original dates], c. 2011
1	40	Cox – Friends	1874 – 1900 [original date], 2007 – 2014
2	1	Cox – Isaacks, friend of Cox, in date order [contains negatives and photographs]	1890 – 1901? [original date], c. 2001
2	2	Cox – McCall, Cox hand, Brazel pistol	1959 – 1966 [original date], undated
2	3	Cox – Newman event 1899, in date order	c. 1898 – 1899 [original date], c.

			2007 – 2011
2	4	Cox and Cox Ranch, House Tax, Assessor, in date order, Cox San Augustin	1870s – 1890s [original date] 2004, 2010 – 2011
2	5	Cox and Rhode and Family in order by dates	1890s, 1961 [original date], c. 2012
2	6	Cox – San Augustin in date order	1872 – 1894 [original date], c. 2014
2	7	Cox – Wildy see Wildy [found empty]	
2	8	Crosses, Las Cruces, named by the Spaniards, Hangar Lake, see: Las Cruces, Fletcher, Crosses [found empty]	
2	9	Crosses, see: Las Cruces crosses	3 January 2015, undated
2	10	Dachs and Garrett see : Garrett Dachs [found empty]	
2	11	Deming, Camp Codey Museum	1891 [original date], 2 June 2008
2	12	Doña Ana County	1855 – 1895 [original date], 2013 – 2014
2	13	Doña Ana village	c. June 2013
2	14	Dripping Springs and Cueva and Boyd's and Van Patten	15 September 2008
2	15	Eagle, NM in date order	May 1881 – 1912 [original date], c. 2001, 2008
2	16	Este City now on WSMR [White Sands Missile Range; found empty]	
2	17	Fall Albert Friends, Parker Judge	1964 [original date], c.2011
2	18	Fall – Chase – Bataan, in date order	13 May 1918 [original date], 15 May 2003, 2012
2	19	Fall – Chase, G. son, Albert Fall Chase, re: pistol that killed Garrett, see gun that killed Garrett	1881 – 1900 [original date], c. 2013 – 2014

2	20	Field Dr. W.W. in date order	1905 – 1908 [original date]
2	21	Fletcher, see: Las-Cruces Fletcher	1852? [original date]
2	22	Forts, see separate boxes “Fort”, about 6” shelf [envelope copied, found empty]	
2	23	Fountain, see Box Horizontal, shelf about this box	20 February 1896 [original date]
2	24	Fort Sumner town	1862 – 1870, 1881 – 1917 [original date], c. 2013
2	25	Freudenthal [The Freudenthal Family – oral history]	2 January 2003
2	26	Gililland, see: Lee Gililland [found empty]	
2	27	Gold camp	14 September 2007
2	28	Griggs Family	22 September 2009
2	29	Griggs Family [found empty]	
2	30	Griggs Restaurant – Bldg History [found empty]	
2	31	Guns in date order	c.1873 – 1983 [original date], 1998 – 2014
2	32	Gun, pistol Billy, killer, see envelope time line 1881 07 14	19 July 1881 [original date], 26 December 1982
2	33	Gun killed Garrett, see envelope time line 1908 02 29 [found empty]	
2	34	BTK Col. 41, see box in metal rack [original envelope note copied, includes other notes, envelope found empty]	
2	35	Garrett Home, Fort Griffin, 1876-77 Garrett Buffalo area, and Glenn, see horizontal box “Glenn”	c. 2 February 2015
2	36	Garrett Jarvis	c. 1918 – 2012
2	37	Garrett Mason or (?)	c. 2004 – 2014

2	38	Garrett newsletter	26 March 2006, 30 March 2007, 28 May 2007
2	39	Garrett photos	c. 1882 – 1945 [original date], c. 1991 – 2012
2	40	Garrett? Photo 1869 LA? Surfaced 2013 11	2014
2	41	Garrett note stolen [found empty]	
3	1	Garrett note Bank vs. Garrett 6556 note	14 June 1896 – 22 February 1908 [original date], 29 March 1999, 2011 – 2013
8	1	Garrett, note for Curry, \$1,000 to \$3,000, in date order, 1 of 2 [legal- size]	c. 1890s – 1906 [original date], c. 2010s
8	2	Garrett, note for Curry, \$1,000 to \$3,000, in date order, 1 of 2 [legal- size]	c. 1890s – 1906 [original date], c. 2010s
3	2	Garrett Texas Ranger	c. 1884 – 1885 [original date], 2004 – 2011
3	3	Garrett Home Carlsbad 1888 Garrett arrive Carlsbad, also see Carlsbad, in date order	c 1889 – 1892 [original date], c. 2010 – 2013
3	4	Garrett Home Uvalde	18 April 1891 – 15 December 1901 [original date], c. 2007 – 2013
3	5	Garrett Pat Bio-Psyche poker	c. 1855 – 1908 [original date], c. 2013
3	6	Garrett Home Las Vegas	1885 [original date], c. 2011
3	7	Garrett home Louisiana? Photo GGG 1869?	c. 1860 – 1869 [original date], 2005 – 2013
3	8	Garrett House Lincoln, Ruidoso area	c. 1881 – 1886 [original date], c. 2008 – 7 January

			2015
3	9	Garrett, Buck Bad nephew of Pat, in date order	c. 1922 [original date], c. 2012
3	10	Garrett Car, Yale auto not owned by Pat Garrett	c. Spring 1979 – 2007
3	11	Garrett House Lancaster TX	1869 – 16 January 1954 [original date], c. 2003 – 2004
3	12	Garrett House Roswell Elizabeth 1887 – Pat	c. 1879 – 1882 [original date], c. 2005 - 2012
3	13	Garrett House El Paso	c. 1890s – 1909 [original date], c. 2007 – 2008
3	14	Garrett House Bear Canyon aka Stinking Springs in date order	1906 – 1909 [original order], 2002 – 2009
3	15	Garrett House Cottonwood Spring, order by date	c. 1890s – 1900s [original date], c. 2010s
3	16	Garrett Dachs, in date order	27 January 1987 – 2012
3	17	Garrett, Elizabeth, blind; also see: Roswell in order by year	c. 1903 – 1909 [original date], 8 June 2001 – 2013
4	1	Garrett, errors by authors Patrick Floyd Jarvis-Garrett, not in order	c. 2012
4	2	Garrett, Close Family, A-M, first names in ABC order	c. 1890s – 1910s [original date]
4	3	Garrett Close Family N-Z first names, ABC order	c. 2000s
4	4	Garrett Badge – Gold, in date order	1881 – 1905 [original date], 2008, 13 July 2011
4	5	Garrett Gratuities	c. 1881 [original date] c. 2010
4	6	Garrett, Graves Masonic 1872, Oddfellows	c. 2001 – 2008
4	7	Garrett Hearse	c. 2000s

4	8	Garrett insurance \$5.000 2.000	c. 1902 – 1903 [original date], c. 2013
4	9	Garrett House Las Cruces c. 1886 Rent a Few Months	13 July 1896 – 1907 [original date], 2003, 2011
4	10	Garrett House Las Cruces, Pauline's Home	1921 – 2012
4	11	Hillsboro and Lake Valley Nutt, Kingston, in date order	29 March 1882 – 18 March 1902 [original date], 4 June 2001
4	12	Hueco Tanks	April 20, 1985; October 27, 2007
4	13	Indians Mescalero [found empty]	
4	14	Indians Tortugas	c. 2000s?
4	15	Indian Victorio and Others [article]	undated
4	16	Isaacks, see Cox – Isaacks [found empty]	
4	17	Jews [article]	19 October 1970
4	18	Karr, see Carr [found empty]	
4	19	Kingston, see Hillsboro [found empty]	
4	20	Las Cruces – Rio Grande Theater opening	c. 1926 – 1934 [original date], c. 2007 – 2008
4	21	Las Cruces – Misc. History 1954 – Present, in date order	c. 2004 – 2008
4	22	Las Cruces – Misc. History 1854 – 1958, in date order	c. 2000s – 2010s
4	23	Las Cruces Historic, small books by Marshall [found empty]	
4	24	Las Cruces Hangar Lake Air Field	c. 2001
4	25	Las Cruces Fletcher, in date order	c. 1845 – 1881 [original date], 2010 - 2014
4	26	Las Cruces crosses, in date order	c. 1860s – 1930s [original date], c. 2013 – 2014
4	27	Las Cruces City Hall Library, in date order	2009

4	28	Las Cruces Camino Real in date order	2011 – 2012
4	29	Las Vegas, NM also see Garrett Home Las Vegas	c. 1852 – 1972 [original date], c. 2004 - 2007
4	30	Landed Gentry	30 May 2012
5	1	La Luz and Fountain Sutherland, in date order	1884 – 1992 [original date], 2007
5	2	Lee Bad Things, in date order	c. 1890s [original date], 2004 – 2011
5	3	Lee Friends and Family, in date order	1880 – 1899 [original date], 1 October 2014
5	4	Lee – Gililand	1880 – 1890s [original date], 2004 – 2009
5	5	Lee – McNew Bio, also see researcher, see McNew 9 x 14 envelope, McNew home, Alamogordo, in date order	c. 1881 – 1916 [original date], 2004 – 2012
5	6	Lee Oliver, in date order	c. 1941 – 2004, 2014
5	7	Lee-Rhodes, Eugene Manlove 1889 03 13 Train Ride	c. 2009 – 2011
5	8	Lee – Wildy Well shoot out, in date order	3 October 1887 – 1935 [original date], c. 2007- 2009
5	9	Lemon Family, in date order	c. 1890 – 1930 [original date], c. 2009 – 2011
5	10	Lincoln 0000-1879 County and Town, in date order	1850s – 1935? [original date], 2004 – 2008
5	11	Lincoln County and Town, in date order 1880 – 1882	c. 1880 – 1882 [original date], c. 1969, 2009
5	12	Lincoln County and Town, 1883 – Present, also see “La Luz”, in date order	c.1883 – 1980 [original date], c. 2014?

5	13	Lincoln 'Disorder' NMSU	1878 [original date], undated
5	14	Lordsburg, see: Shakespeare [found empty]	
5	15	Lucero [family history]	c. 2008 – 2010
5	16	Maps, see maps storage [found empty]	
5	17	Mason Ranch aka Fort	20 January 1994, 27 February 2010, 28 January 2012
5	18	Masons org. Las Cruces	c. 1910 – 1911 [original date], c. 2008
5	19	Maxwell, also see Ft. Sumner, in date order	c. 1881 – 1916 [original date], 2007 – 2013
5	20	McCall see Cox – McCall [found empty]	
5	21	McFie	1903, 1913 [original date], undated
5	22	McNew see Lee – McNew [found empty]	
5	23	Mesilla BTK courthouse jail, in date order	1876 – 1936 [original date], 2005 – 2008
5	24	Mesilla churches – Catholic, Episcopal, Presbyterian, in date order	c. 1855 – 1990 [original date], c. 2008
5	25	Mesilla and Mesilla Ferry All Ferry see: Water, in date order	c. 1861 – 1888 [original date], c. 2008 – 2012
5	26	Mesilla, Misc, in date order	1853 – 1940 [original date], 2009 – 2013
5	27	Mesilla Guard and Militia, see Fountain Militia [found empty]	
5	28	Small books by Museum of New Mexico, El Palacio, RE Mesilla Times Press	1910, 1930 [original date], 2009 – 2013
5	29	Mesilla Valley Oral History see: Oral History, Folded 2013 06 06 [found	

		empty]	
6	1	Museums Autry [found empty]	
6	2	New Mexico – County Boundary History, 1850 – 1921	1850 – 1921 [original dates of maps]
6	3	New Mexico History Conference Annual, Cal headed this meeting in Las Cruces	30 April 2009, 3 March 2010, 29 April 2010
6	4	NMMI [cover for the General Douglas L. McBride museum brochure]	1981 – 1989?
6	5	Nutt, see Hillsboro [found empty]	
6	6	Oil, in date order	1901 – 1920 [original date], 2012
6	7	Olinger, in date order	1878 – 1881 [original date], 2008 – 2010
6	8	Oral history, in date order	2010 – 2013
6	9	Organ Town Organ Pass, in date order	2006 – 2013
6	10	Outlaws Rudabaugh see BTK and Friends [found empty]	
8	3	Paraje, Town Eastbank Rio Grande Ferry Crossing at Fort Craig [legal-size]	1984, 2009
6	11	Phillipow Developer, in date order	2007 – 2009
6	12	Photos in date order [Jim Saloon and Elizabeth Garrett]	2008
6	13	Pistol see: guns powers [found empty]	
6	14	Portales, Los Portales, Spanish origin BTK, Spring	c. 2008 – 2011
6	15	Powers Probate includes pistol, in date order	1908 [original date], 1997 – 2008
6	16	Powers Tom El Paso	c. 1903 – 1919 [original date], c. 2008
6	17	Rhode see Lee Family [found empty]	
6	18	Rhodes, Eugene see: Lee – Rhodes RR Trip [found empty]	
6	19	Riley John, in date order	c.1871 – 1890s [original date],

			2002 – 2014
6	20	Rincon Petroglyphs	17 February 1987
6	21	Rodey [New Mexico] was “Colorado”	2011 – 2012
6	22	Roswell, also see NMMI	c. 1883 – 1910s [original date], 1996 – 2012
6	23	Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs	1990
6	24	San Augustin Hotel see Cox Augustin [found empty]	
6	25	San Elizario and BTK Festival	8 December 2009
6	26	Santa Fe	1882 [original date], c. 2000
6	27	Santa Fe Trail	2007 – 2009
6	28	Shakespeare and Lordsburg	c. 1988 – 2005
6	29	Shalam Colony	c. 2000s
8	4	Sierra County and T & C [Truth or Consequences] [Legal-size]	1984
6	30	Silver City	1956 – 1970, 2013 – 2014
6	31	Stein pass, part of Butterfield Trail	2011 – 2012
6	32	Taiban and Yeso and Tolar	30 December 2002, 15 November 2009
6	33	Tascosa Panhandle, Texas	1880s – 1936 [original date], 2003 - 2012
7	1	Texas Ranger, also see Garrett Texas Ranger [found empty]	
7	2	Tour, see tours in horizontal box [found empty]	
7	3	Trade beads [African currency exhibit]	3 February 2005
7	4	Tularosa, see Alamogordo [found empty]	
7	5	Uvalde see Garrett Home Uvalde [found empty]	
7	6	Van Patten	15 September 2008
7	7	Water, River, Ferry, Canal, Dam, in date order	1874 – 1910 [original date], 2014 – 2015

7	8	Western History promotion misc ideas	c. 2004 – 2008
7	9	White Oaks	c. 1881 [original date], c. 2007
7	10	Wildy, see Lee-Wildy in date order	15 November 1893 [original date], 19 March 2012
7	11	WSMR Trinity [White Sands Missile Range Trinity site]	c. 1990s? – 2000s
7	12	WSMR [White Sands Missile Range] Victorio Peak, in date order	c. November – December 1999, 2008