Guide

ROBERT L. CARTLEDGE PAPERS 1922-1971 & UNDATED

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COLLECTION SUMMARY
for the
ROBERT L. CARTLEDGE PAPERS

The Robert L. Cartledge Papers were collected by Robert Lee Cartledge over his lifetime and consist of both business and personal papers. The collection was donated to the Archives of the Big Bend by Betty Cartledge Rogers, Robert Cartledge's daughter. Mrs. Rogers brought some materials to the Archives on April 19, 1983, and her February 29, 1984 donation was collected at her home in Buda, Texas.

Robert Lee Cartledge was born June 26, 1890 in San Angelo, Texas, the son of Eugene C. and Nancy Isabelle Harris Cartledge. He had one brother, Wayne Rollins Cartledge, and six sisters—Maude, Corrine, Helen, Louise, Florence, and Elizabeth. The Cartledge family moved to Austin, Texas, in 1894, where Eugene Cartledge was an attorney and land specialist with the law firm of Cochran and West. When Howard E. Perry contacted the firm in 1900 to hire them to secure the disputed title to the Brewster County land he had bought in 1887, Eugene Cartledge was assigned to the case, which resulted in victory for Perry. Immediately after the settlement Perry began his Terlingua quicksilver production under the name Chisos Mining Company, and both of Eugene Cartledge's sons were later involved in this company.

Wayne R. Cartledge preceded his brother Robert as the company store clerk for the Chisos Mining Company from 1909-1913. He was general manager from 1913 to 1919, when he went into partnership with Perry in La Harmonia Company. Robert Cartledge joined the Chisos Mining Company in 1911 as store clerk. While working there he met and married a Study Butte schoolteacher, Elinor Schley, whose two brothers, Winfield Scott and Charles Cecil Schley, were employed at Chisos. In 1923 Cartledge became general manager at Chisos, a position he held until 1940. On August 24, 1940, Howard E. Perry wrote Cartledge and demanded his resignation. Cartledge complied on August 26, 1940.

After leaving Chisos, Cartledge tended to his ranching interests and dealt with the problems he faced with the Billalba Court Case. He had been appointed administrator of the estate of Federico Billalba in 1933. To settle Billalba's debts, including debts to Chisos Mining Company and La Harmonia Company, Cartledge sold some of the stock. He then turned the remaining cattle over to Charles Burnam with the agreement that Burnam would at his own expense pasture the cattle until they were sold, at which time Burnam would receive half the profit from the increase in cattle. After the increase was sold, the remainder of the cattle was left with Burnam. Cartledge used this method of making money to settle the Billalba debts from 1933 to 1939.

In 1939 the Billalba heirs questioned Cartledge's accounting and requested a bill of review. The case was tried in Brewster County Court and resulted, on April 4, 1940, in approval of Cartledge's final account. On August 21, 1940, the Billalbas appealed to the District Court, where the ruling went against Cartledge. Cartledge's request for rehearing in the Court of Civil Appeals of Texas was denied September 25, 1941. The review that resulted in this denial may be found at the end of this guide.
From 1941 through 1946 Cartledge was an auditor for the Texas State Parks Board, overseeing operations at Indian Lodge at Davis Mountains State Park and dealing with operations at Balmorhea State Park. During this time he was also assigned to the Big Bend Land Acquisition division of the Park Service. In attending to the bookkeeping of that division, Cartledge as responsible for paying land owners whose land was bought for Big Bend National Park, and much of the correspondence in this section of papers concerns those financial transactions. After leaving the Park Service Cartledge continued with ranching and other personal business interests and worked for his brother Wayne until his retirement in 1957. He died in La Mesa, California, in 1972.

The collection is housed in file folders in archival boxes, and one oversize folder. Materials are arranged chronologically except for one section under Texas State Parks Board--Land Owners, which was arranged alphabetically for ease in research. The five main divisions of material are Correspondence and Business Records, Billalba Estate Papers, Chisos Mining Company Papers, Texas State Parks Board Papers, and Photographs and consist of correspondence, financial documents, legal documents, maps, printed materials, records, and photographs. Conservation measures taken include the removal of metal staples and clips, which were replaced with both plastiklips and stainless steel paper clips. The three cubic feet of material in this collection bulk in three nearly equal areas: Business and Personal Papers, Chisos Mining Company Papers, and Texas State Parks Board Papers. The Chisos Mining Company Papers were a primary source for Kenneth B. Ragsdale's book Quicksilver when they were still in the possession of Robert Cartledge.

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May 16, 1984
APPENDIX I

Photographs (folder 139)

APPENDIX II

Appendix II, donated in 1988 by Betty Cartledge Rogers, consists of additional personal and business correspondence of Robert L. Cartledge, as well as additional business records of R. L. Cartledge dealing with real estate and also his duties with the Texas State Parks Board. Approximately 300 leaves, 1919-1949, bulking in the forties (folders 140-148).

APPENDIX III

Appendix III, donated in 2004 by Betty Cartledge Rogers, consists of two files of Robert L. Cartledge correspondence, one relating to Indian Lodge (1945) and the other to Foot and Mouth Disease (1952-1954). Approximately 100 leaves (folders 149&150).
CORRESPONDENTS IN BIG BEND LAND OWNERS FILES
(Folders #'s 127-129)

Aberwetter, E. R., Jr.                      Hodges, W. L.
Baggett, Ammie (Mrs. T. J.)                Hotchkiss, R. H.
Barr, Rosa                                 Jackson, A. M.
Becze, A.                                  Jackson, H. E.
Boatwright, M. D.                          Lewis, Silvie J.
Bow, Jesse                                 Lilley, Dorothy
Bryan, Mrs. C. O.                          Loomis, Sarah A. F.
Click, W. W.                               McComas, Louvina
Colombo, Bart                              McKay, Margerie
Cook, C. H.                                Marsh, A. V.
Coward, A. H.                              Massey, Minnie
Curl, O. C.                                Morgan, Mary A.
Daniels, David                             Morriss, Gilmer
Estes, Lee                                 Neese, J. T.
Fain, Berry C.                             Rhodes, Annie
Falvey, Thomas S.                          Rogers, Mrs. E. C.
Fletcher, George                           Ruckman, Mrs. C. A.
Fletcher, John E.                           Semmes, D. R.
Fletcher, Yvonne                           Sherwood, Charles E.
Gillock, Frank                             Southworth, Kate
Goff, James A.                             Standford, G. P.
Gordon, Phil                               Thompson, Elizabeth
Hargrove, Effie                           Thornton, W. A.
Hartman, Nora M.                           Tinkle, G. R.
Heartsill, Mr. and Mrs. Charles            Turner, M. W.
Upton, Howard
Varnon, J. T.
Wacker, A. H.
Wilbanks, ks. Allen, Jr.
Williams, Ethel
Williams, Mary A.
Williams, fvlrs. K. P.
Wrucke, H. A.
1. **COLLECTION TITLE**  Robert Cartledge Collection

2. **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON**  Robert Lee Cartledge

3. **DATE OF BIRTH**  July 26, 1890  **PLACE OF BIRTH**  San Angelo, Texas

4. **DATE OF DEATH**  July 2, 1972  **PLACE OF DEATH**  La Mesa, California

5. **FATHER’S NAME**  Eugene Cartledge  **MOTHER’S NAME**  Nancy I. Harris Cartledge

6. **NAMES OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF #2 ABOVE, WITH BIRTH AND DEATH DATES FOR EACH:**

   - Leasel  b. c. 1883--d. c. 1890
   - Maude Eugenia  b. June 25, 1885
   - Wayne Rollins  b. April 2, 1887--d. February 17, 1972
   - Corrine  b. July 23, 1888  [Mrs. R. A. Ritchey]
   - Helen  b. January 18, 1892  [Mrs. A. J. Jones]
   - Louise  b. July 4, 1894  [Mrs. George Harwood]
   - Florence  b. October 1, 1896  [Mrs. Earl McDonald]
   - Elizabeth  b. December 14, 1898  [Mrs. F. M. Covert, Jr.]

7. **EDUCATION (LEVEL OF EDUCATION, NAMES OF SCHOOLS & COLLEGES, DATES OF ATTENDANCE):**

8. **DATE OF MARRIAGE**  May 5, 1919  **NAME OF SPOUCE**  Elinor Schley

9. **CHILDREN OF #2 ABOVE, WITH BIRTH AND DEATH DATES:**

   - Nancy Adair  b. March 27, 1920  [Mrs. Nancy C. Lewis]
   - Elinor Claire  b. March 23, 1922  [Mrs. H. H. Howie]
   - Robert Lee, Jr.  b. March 19, 1927

10. **PRIMARY RESIDENCE(S), WITH DATES IF KNOWN:**

    - San Angelo, Texas  1890-1894  Fort Davis/Alpine, Texas  1941-1946
    - Austin, Texas  1894-1911  Castolon, Texas  1947-1957
    - Terlingua, Texas  1911-1940  Austin, Texas  1957
    - Austin, Texas  1940-1941  Spring Valley, California  1972

11. **PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S)**  Store Clerk and Manager, Chisos Mining Company, Auditor, Texas

12. **MEMBERSHIPS, PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, OFFICES HELD:**

    Justice of the Peace, Brewster County, Texas
    Brewster County Parole Board 1942
    1926-1927; 1931; 1939.
13. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AND DATES IN THE LIFE OF #2 ABOVE

1911-1923 -- Store Clerk for Chisos Mining Company, Terlingua, Texas
1923-1940 — General Manager for Chisos Mining Company, Terlingua, Texas
1941-1946 — Auditor, Texas State Parks Board, Big Bend Land Development Board
1947-1957 -- Manager, La Harmonia Company, Castolon, Texas
1954-1957 — worked for U.S. Department of Agriculture, riding along the river to turn back Mexican cattle because of hoof and mouth disease
1. **COLLECTION TITLE**  Robert Cartledge Collection

2. **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON**  Elinor Schley Carledge

3. **DATE OF BIRTH**  July 26, 1890  **PLACE OF BIRTH**  San Angelo, Texas

4. **DATE OF DEATH**  July 2, 1972  **PLACE OF DEATH**  La Mesa, California

5. **FATHER’S NAME**  Gustavul Adolph Schley  **MOTHER’S NAME**  Alice Adair Schley

6. **NAMES OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF #2 ABOVE, WITH BIRTH AND DEATH DATES FOR EACH:**
   - Effie Lea/Lee  b. June 22, 1883 [Mrs. Fredrick Rice]
   - Eva Beatrice  b. October 20, 1885
   - Charles Cecil  b. October 26, 1887
   - Alice  b. December 28, 1889
   - Thomas Jackson  b. April 3, 1895
   - Robert Lee  b. April 3, 1895
   - Winfield Scott  b. April 26, 1898

7. **EDUCATION (LEVEL OF EDUCATION, NAMES OF SCHOOLS & COLLEGES, DATES OF ATTENDANCE):**
   - Devine High School, c. 1910
   - Cornell Institute, San Marcos, Texas--graduated in 1913
   - Alpine Summer Normal

8. **DATE OF MARRIAGE**  May 5, 1919  **NAME OF SPOUCE**  Robert Lee Cartledge

9. **CHILDREN OF #2 ABOVE, WITH BIRTH AND DEATH DATES:**
   - Nancy Adair  b. March 27, 1920 [Mrs. Nancy C. Lewis]
   - Elinor Claire  b. March 23, 1922 [Mrs. H. H. Howie]
   - Robert Lee, Jr.  b. March 19, 1927

10. **PRIMARY RESIDENCE(S), WITH DATES IF KNOWN:**
    - Teaching in Study Butte, Texas by 1919
    - 1939-death - Austin, Texas

11. **PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S)**  School Teacher; Bookkeeper, c. 1945-c. 1960

12. **MEMBERSHIPS, PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, OFFICES HELD:**

13. **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AND DATES IN THE LIFE OF #2 ABOVE**
SEE ALSO:

WAYNE R. CARTLEDGE COLLECTION, 1909-1970 & UNDATED
SEE ALSO:

Business Correspondence in this section deals primarily with Cartledge's settling his accounts with the Chisos Mining Company after his resignation in 1940, dealing with his executorship of the Billalba Estate, and exploring independent business ventures such as quicksilver mining, production of candelilla wax, ranching, land development, and oil exploration. Of note are correspondence discussing the bankruptcy of the Chisos Mining Company and letters to the stockholders of the Border Mines, Inc., of Patagonia, Arizona, discussing its bankruptcy.

There are several letters in Spanish which have accompanying translations. Personal Correspondence in this section contains letters between family members, covering such topics as the disposition of family land in Coke County, Texas, the death and estate of Gene Cartledge, son of Wayne Cartledge, and Robert Cartledge's 1937 appointment to the Texas Parole Board.

Folder #1 Correspondence, Business and Personal 1922-1940 (75 leaves)
Folder #2 Correspondence, Business and Personal 1941 (40 leaves)
Folder #3 Correspondence, Business and Personal 1942 (73 leaves)
Folder #4 Correspondence, Business and Personal 1943 (22 leaves)
Folder #5 Correspondence, Business and Personal 1945 (3 leaves)
Folder #6 Correspondence, Business and Personal 1958-1959 (58 leaves)
Folder #7 Correspondence, Business and Personal 1960-1965 and n.d. (56 leaves)
This correspondence, primarily between Gene Cartledge (son of Wayne Cartledge) and Robert L. Cartledge, comprises business letters (some in Spanish) dealing with business prospects, ranching, accounts, candelilla wax and La Harmonia Company business dealings. Personal letters contain family news and family business.

Folder 8a  Correspondence: Dolores Garcia Estate / Felicia Ramirez / Pedro Rohana (some in Spanish, a few translated), 1925-1940

Folder 8b  Personal correspondence, 1949-1955

Correspondents of note: Frank D. Quinn (Big Bend National Park concessions) and Governor Allan Shivers (re J. C. Epperson).

Folder 9  Letter Box Contents

Following correspondence was removed from the letter box in 2005 and foldered. The filing order of this business correspondence (most recent date to the front) has been maintained.

Folder 9a  La Harmonia / Cartledge & Son, 1957-1956 & undated
Folder 9b  La Harmonia / Cartledge & Son, 1955-1954
Folder 9c  La Harmonia / Cartledge & Son, 1953
Folder 9d  La Harmonia / Cartledge & Son, 1952
Folder 9e  La Harmonia / Cartledge & Son, 1951
Folder 9f  La Harmonia / Armendaiz, Sues., 1952-1950 (in Spanish)
Folder 9g  La Harmonia / Cartledge & Son, 1950-1948
CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS RECORDS (cont.)

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS 1922-1971 and n.d. (55 leaves) (1 unbound, 64 leaves)

Financial Documents include business receipts for purchase of Texas school lands and notes on cattle purchases and sales. Personal finances are recorded in a ledger, which contains accounts of such expenses as charities, medical services, savings accounts, and taxes.

Folder #10 Financial Documents, receipts and notes 1922-1942 and n.d. (55 leaves)

Folder #11 Financial Documents, ledgers 1969-1971 (1 unbound, 64 leaves)

LEGAL DOCUMENTS 1925-1959 and n.d. (35 leaves)

Legal Documents include contracts for the sale of cattle and property, lease agreements, and certificates. Certificates issued Cartledge document his appointments as Justice of the Peace and as a member of the Brewster County Parole Board. Of note are a Prospectus of the Alpine Mining Company, a power of attorney, and contracts dealing with the Two Nations Mine.

Folder #12 Legal Documents 1925-1959 and n.d. (35 leaves)

PRINTED MATERIALS 1941-1942 (2 leaves)

Printed Materials contains two newscarrings, one a legal notice concerning an estate settlement and one discussing the effects of drought on ranching.

Folder #13 Printed Material, newscarrings 1941-1942 (2 leaves)

RECORDS [1924]-1944 and n.d. (26 leaves) (3 unbound, 134 leaves)

Records of special interest include a copy of Robert Cartledge's letter of resignation from Rainbow Mining Company, a report to the stockholders of Big Bend Cinnabar Mining Company (folder 14a), and survey maps of that pertain to the Rainbow Mine Episode (folder 15). Also in this section are lists of cattle sales, Christmas card lists, Robert L. Cartledge's birth certificate (folder 14a) and diagrams of machinery and notes on the Billalba and Huerta/Anderau lawsuits (folder 14b).

Folder 14 Personal Records, 1930-1944 & undated (subfolders a & b)

Folder 15 Records: survey maps [1924-1928] (2) OS: ASK FOR M 912 .764 (297) & (298) MSS 6
BILLALBA ESTATE PAPERS 1925-1943 and n.d. (653 leaves) (2 unbound, 33 leaves)

CORRESPONDENCE 1925-1943 (306 leaves)

Correspondence in this section concerns Robert Cartledge’s executorship of the Federico Billalba estate and the details of the court case brought by the Billalba heirs against Cartledge over the financial settlement of the estate. Correspondents include the Billalba heirs and Howard E. Perry, as well as Texas attorneys C. E. Mead of Marfa and Eugene T. Edwards of El Paso, and Texas judges Eugene Cartledge, Robert’s father, of Austin, Hunter O. Metcalfe of Marfa, Ike D. White of Austin, and Wigfall Van Sickle of Alpine.

Folder #16 Correspondence 1925-1939 (57 leaves)
Folder #17 Correspondence 1940 (68 leaves)
Folder #18 Correspondence 1941 (96 leaves)
Folder #19 Correspondence 1942 (83 leaves)
Folder #20 Correspondence 1942 (2 leaves)

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS 1932-1942 and n.d. (70 leaves)

Financial Documents include accounts, receipts, sales slips and statements dealing with the financial disposition of the Billalba estate and cover such matters as pasturage, herding, shearing, disposing of property, settling accounts, and paying legal expenses.

Folder #21 Financial Documents 1932-1942 and n.d. (70 leaves)

LEGAL DOCUMENTS 1933-1942 and n.d. (188 leaves)

Legal Documents include contracts, chattel mortgages, and legal briefs explaining the facts of the Billalba court case, involving claims against the estate by the Billalba heirs against Robert Cartledge, the administrator of the estate, Charles Burnam, with whom Cartledge had pastured some Billalba stock with the promise to Burnam of half the sales, Wayne R. Cartledge, and Clara and Reginald Votaw. Also included are the findings of the jury, a list of the petit jury slate called, transcripts of testimony, and a copy of a summons for Charles Burnam.

Folder #22 Legal Documents 1933-1942 and n.d. (188 leaves)

RECORDS 1933-1939 and n.d. (89 leaves) (2 unbound, 33 leaves)

Records in the Billalba Papers include appraiser’s records for emergency cattle purchases, cattle tallies, Cartledge’s notes on the case, and records of cattle delivery.

Folder #23 Records 1933-1939 and n.d. (89 leaves) (2 unbound, 33 leaves)
Correspondence in this section is primarily between Robert Cartledge, general manager of the Chisos Mining Company, and Howard E. Perry, company president. In these letters Cartledge and Perry discuss Cartledge’s duties as Justice of the Peace and such daily activities at the mine as quicksilver production and shipping; company store accounts, sales, and personnel; discipline, medical care, housing, and work schedules for workers; equipment purchase and repair; company schools; voting; and the lawsuits and business ventures Perry was involved in. Telegrams dealing with sensitive issues are in code. Perry’s August 24, 1940 letter demanding Cartledge’s resignation closes the company correspondence. Other correspondents are E. A. Montenyohl, the company doctor, and Ahna H. and Wigfall VanSickle.

Folder #24 Correspondence 1923 (4 leaves)
Folder #25 Correspondence 1924 (7 leaves)
Folder #26 Correspondence 1925 (5 leaves)
Folder #27 Correspondence 1927 (77 leaves)
Folder #28 Correspondence 1928 (42 leaves)
Folder #29 Correspondence 1929-1931 (14 leaves)
Folder #30 Correspondence 1932 (17 leaves)
Folder #31 Correspondence 1933 (35 leaves)
Folder #32 Correspondence January, 1934 (5 leaves)
Folder #33 Correspondence February, 1934 (17 leaves)
Folder #34 Correspondence March, 1934 (6 leaves)
Folder #35 Correspondence April, 1934 (17 leaves)
Folder #36 Correspondence May, 1934 (2 leaves)
Folder #37 Correspondence July, 1934 (14 leaves)
Folder #38 Correspondence August, 1934 (24 leaves)
Folder #39 Correspondence September, 1934 (47 leaves)

Folder #40 Correspondence October, 1934 (11 leaves)
Folder #41 Correspondence November, 1934 (14 leaves)
Folder #42 Correspondence December, 1934 (23 leaves)
Folder #43 Correspondence January, 1935 (60 leaves)
Folder #44 Correspondence February, 1935 (20 leaves)
Folder #45 Correspondence March, 1935 (18 leaves)
Folder #46 Correspondence April, 1935 (31 leaves)
Folder #47 Correspondence May, 1935 (36 leaves)
Folder #48 Correspondence June, 1935 (34 leaves)
Folder #49 Correspondence July, 1935 (55 leaves)
Folder #50 Correspondence August, 1935 (12 leaves)
Folder #51 Correspondence September, 1935 (22 leaves)
Folder #52 Correspondence October, 1935 (29 leaves)
Folder #53 Correspondence November, 1935 (29 leaves)
Folder #54  Correspondence  December, 1935  (24 leaves)  
Folder #55  Correspondence  January, 1936  (29 leaves)  
Folder #56  Correspondence  February, 1936  (18 leaves)  
Folder #57  Correspondence  March, 1936  (10 leaves)  
Folder #58  Correspondence  May, 1936  (7 leaves)  
Folder #59  Correspondence  June, 1936  (45 leaves)  
Folder #60  Correspondence  July, 1936  (33 leaves)  
Folder #61  Correspondence  August, 1936  (28 leaves)  
Folder #62  Correspondence  September, 1936  (42 leaves)  
Folder #63  Correspondence  October, 1936  (40 leaves)  
Folder #64  Correspondence  November, 1936  (33 leaves)  
Folder #65  Correspondence  December, 1936  (38 leaves)  
Folder #66  Correspondence  January, 1937  (29 leaves)  
Folder #67  Correspondence  February, 1937  (37 leaves)  
Folder #68  Correspondence  March, 1937  (7 leaves)  
Folder #69  Correspondence  April, 1937  (5 leaves)  
Folder #70  Correspondence  May, 1937  (9 leaves)  
Folder #71  Correspondence  June, 1937  (25 leaves)  
Folder #72  Correspondence  July, 1937  (41 leaves)  
Folder #73  Correspondence  August, 1937  (38 leaves)  
Folder #74  Correspondence  September, 1937  (38 leaves)  
Folder #75  Correspondence  October, 1937  (48 leaves)  
Folder #76  Correspondence  November, 1937  (42 leaves)  
Folder #77  Correspondence  December, 1937  (67 leaves)  
Folder #78  Correspondence  January, 1938  (70 leaves)  
Folder #79  Correspondence  February, 1938  (90 leaves)  
Folder #80  Correspondence  March, 1938  (12 leaves)  
Folder #81  Correspondence  April, 1938  (7 leaves)  
Folder #82  Correspondence  May, 1938  (10 leaves)  
Folder #83  Correspondence  June, 1938  (1 leaf)  
Folder #84  Correspondence  July, 1938  (26 leaves)  
Folder #85  Correspondence  August, 1938  (43 leaves)  
Folder #86  Correspondence  September, 1938  (81 leaves)  
Folder #87  Correspondence  October, 1938  (87 leaves)  
Folder #88  Correspondence  November, 1938  (56 leaves)  
Folder #89  Correspondence  December, 1938  (34 leaves)  
Folder #90  Correspondence  January, 1939  (31 leaves)  
Folder #91  Correspondence  February, 1939  (36 leaves)  
Folder #92  Correspondence  March, 1939  (33 leaves)  
Folder #93  Correspondence  April, 1939  (10 leaves)  
Folder #94  Correspondence  May, 1939  (21 leaves)  
Folder #95  Correspondence  June, 1939  (32 leaves)  
Folder #96  Correspondence  July, 1939  (69 leaves)  
Folder #97  Correspondence  August, 1939  (42 leaves)
CHISOS MINING COMPANY PAPERS (cont.)

CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Folder #98  Correspondence  September, 1939  (23 leaves)
Folder #99  Correspondence  October, 1939  (85 leaves)
Folder #100  Correspondence  November, 1939  (16 leaves)
Folder #101  Correspondence  December, 1939  (12 leaves)
Folder #102  Correspondence  January, 1940  (36 leaves)
Folder #103  Correspondence  February, 1940  (18 leaves)
Folder #104  Correspondence  March, 1940  (21 leaves)
Folder #105  Correspondence  April, 1940  (4 leaves)
Folder #106  Correspondence  May, 1940  (1 leaf)
Folder #107  Correspondence  June, 1940  (1 leaf)
Folder #108  Correspondence  July, 1940  (3 leaves)
Folder #109  Correspondence  August, 1940 and n.d.  (27 leaves)

ALSO SEE Folder 140, Correspondence between RLC & Perry

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS 1935-1940  (33 leaves)

Chisos Mining Company Financial Documents consist of statements of accounts with the company, noting payments for repairs, merchandise, services, and deductions for Robert Lee Cartledge.

Folder #110  Financial Documents 1935-1940 & n.d. (33 leaves)

LEGAL DOCUMENTS 1939 (1 leaf)

The Legal Document in this section is a 1939 criminal fee bill for court costs levied by the Brewster County District Court against Robert Cartledge and paid by Chisos Mining Company check.

Folder #111  Legal Documents 1939 (1 leaf)

MAPS n.d. (1 leaf)

The Maps section is comprised of one hand-drawn map of Chisos Mining Company, Terlingua, Texas, showing the location of Howard E. Perry's house, the company store, tennis courts, the hospital, the hotel, and various shops.

Folder #112  Maps n.d.  (1 leaf) HOUSED IN OVERSIZE FILE:  ASK FOR M912.764 (207) MSS 6

RECORDS 1933-1934  (4 leaves)


Folder #113  Records 1933-1934 (4 leaves)
General correspondence for Texas State Parks Board contains letters, telegrams, and inter-office memoranda dealing with the details of setting up state offices in Alpine for the Big Bend Park land acquisition and with the management of Indian Lodge, in Davis Mountains State Park, and Balmorhea State Park. Included are such topics as employees, gasoline rationing, machinery, office supplies, orders, and payments. The bulk of the correspondence concerns Indian Lodge and Lodge accounts and budget, employees, guests, inventory, repairs, state vehicles, and supplies. Primary correspondents are Robert Cartledge (auditor), Frank D. Quinn (director), Bob Rushing (purchasing agent), and Eugene Thompson (chief appraiser). Of note is a November 19, 1944 letter from Quinn to Cartledge mentioning Mac Sproul’s purchase of Ft. Davis and expressing the state’s interest in the fort and copies of 1944 correspondence between President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Mexican President M. Avila Camacho about an international park at Big Bend.

Folder #114 Correspondence, General 1941 (72 leaves)
Folder #115 Correspondence, General 1942 (149 leaves)
Folder #116 Correspondence, General January-June, 1943 (176 leaves)
Folder #117 Correspondence, General July-December, 1943 (163 leaves)
Folder #118 Correspondence, General 1944 (116 leaves)
Folder #119 Correspondence, General 1945 (181 leaves)
Folder #120 Correspondence, General 1946 (93 leaves)
Folder #121 Correspondence, General 1947 (3 leaves)

Correspondence, Big Bend Land Department 1941-1945 and n.d. (371 leaves)

Letters, memoranda and telegrams in this section concern such daily activities of the Big Bend Land Department as expense accounts, payroll, and purchases. The bulk of correspondence deals with the purchase of land and includes land purchase procedures, action taken for mandamus suits, and vouchers for land purchase. Of note are May, 1943 correspondence about turning Boquillas mining equipment over to the War Production Board for scrap metal, an August 26, 1943 memorandum detailing plans for the September transfer of land from Texas to the U.S. and a February 7, 1944 telegram announcing Governor Stevenson’s final release of land. Correspondents include land department employees Robert Cartledge, Bob Hamilton, Frank Quinn, Bob Rushing, and Eugene Thompson, as well as Amon Carter and National Park Service Director Newton B. Drury.

Folder #122 Correspondence, Big Bend Land Department 1941 (72 leaves)
TEXAS STATE PARKS BOARD PAPERS  (cont.)

CORRESPONDENCE  (cont.)

Folder #123  Correspondence, Big Bend Land Department 1942  (117 leaves)
Folder #124  Correspondence, Big Bend Land Department 1943  (127 leaves)
Folder #125  Correspondence, Big Bend Land Department 1944  (45 leaves)
Folder #126  Correspondence, Big Bend Land Department 1945 and n.d.  (10 leaves)

Correspondence, Land Owners 1939-1946  (280 leaves) (1 unbound, 25 leaves)

Correspondence in this section deals primarily with state purchase of those lands in the proposed Big Bend National Park that had disputed title, so that the state had to effect purchase by writs of mandamus. Correspondents include Parks Board Auditor Robert Cartledge and Administrator Frank Quinn as well as Alpine attorney Frank O. Ray and the land owners. A list of names of land owners in this correspondence may be found after the Collection Summary in this inventory. Correspondence in folders 127 and 128 was arranged in alphabetical order for ease in researching; the material in folder 129 consists of a notebook with loose correspondence with land owners inserted by Cartledge and was left as found.

Folder #127  Correspondence, Land Owners, A-J 1939-1946  (81 leaves)
Folder #128  Correspondence, Land Owners, K-Z 1942-1946  (83 leaves)
Folder #129  Correspondence, Land Owners 1939-1946  (116 leaves)  (1 unbound, 25 leaves)

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS  1941-1945 and n.d.  (339 leaves)

Financial Documents include operating accounts summaries, statements of expenditures, and ledger sheets for Indian Lodge operations and employees; Big Bend Land Department payrolls and requests for vouchers; and Indian Lodge and General Land Office purchase vouchers and receipts. Of note is one folder with receipts and ledger sheets from Balmorhea Park account with Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company of Balmorhea, Texas.

Folder #130  Financial Documents, accounts and statements 1941-1945 and n.d.  (68 leaves)
Folder #131  Financial Documents, Balmorhea Park/Foxworth-Galbraith 1944-1945  (124 leaves)
Folder #132  Financial Documents, payroll 1941-1942  (36 leaves)
Folder #133  Financial Documents, receipts 1941-1944 and n.d.  (111 leaves)

ALSO SEE Folder 149: Butane Gas System (Indian Lodge)
TEXAS STATE PARKS BOARD PAPERS (cont.)

LEGAL DOCUMENTS 1942-1946 (8 leaves)

Texas Parks Board Legal Documents include a copy of Governor Stevenson's authorization of the Parks Board to acquire land for Big Bend Park and affidavits and court petitions dealing with land ownership in the Park area.

Folder #134 Legal Documents 1942-1946 (8 leaves)

PRINTED MATERIAL n.d. (8 leaves)

Texas State Parks Board Printed Material contains a mimeographed copy of the legislation that created Big Bend National Park. The papers include a description of the boundaries of the Park and a description of the steps to be taken by the State of Texas to acquire the land and to turn it over to the National Park Service.

Folder #135 Printed Material n.d. (8 leaves)

RECORDS 1941-1946 and n.d. (146 leaves) (1 unbound, 18 leaves)

Records in this division are comprised of audit reports for the Texas State Parks Board, inventories of Davis Mountains State Park's Indian Lodge, a list of land owners included in a general mandamus suit for Big Bend land, and undated notes. Of interest is an organizational chart for the Big Bend Land Department and an inventory of Big Bend Park.

Folder #136 Records 1941-1945 and n.d. (91 leaves) (1 unbound, 18 leaves)
Folder #137 Records, Big Bend Inventory 1943-1946 and n.d. (55 leaves)

PHOTOGRAPHS c. 1920’s-1930’s (32 leaves)

Photographs in this collection include scenes from a hunting camp, aerials and overviews of the Big Bend region, casual scenes with the Cartledge family and friends, and views of Terlingua Creek and mining and daily activities at Terlingua, Texas.

Folder #138 Photographs (7 leaves)

APPENDIX I (Photographs G.9*.97-100 and G.9.a.4 MSS 6)
Folder #139 Robert L. Cartledge, undated (5)
APPENDIX II

Folder 140  Robert L. Cartledge- Personal, 1921-1952 & undated
Folder 141  Robert Cartledge - H. E. Perry (Chisos Mining Company), 1940-1941 & undated
Folder 142  Mounted Customs Officer, 1932
Folder 143  Real Estate Transactions, 1919-1952 (bulk 1945-1950)
Folder 144  Louis Kempf Property, 1930-1937
Folder 145a  Robert L. Cartledge Personal Ledger, 1926-1940 & undated

Records of cattle deals, loans, the accounts of Mrs. R. L. Cartledge. Of special interest (p. 101) is a record of marriages and fees collected, perhaps in his position of Notary or Justice of the Peace.

Folder 145b  Materials Associated with Ledger, 1928-1940 & undated
Folder 146  Texas State Parks Board – Big Bend National Park, 1944-1949
Folder 147  Big Bend National Park Land Acquisition, 1943-1946 & undated
Folder 148  Balmorhea State Park Canal, 1946

APPENDIX III

Folder 149  Butane Gas System for Indian Lodge, 1945
Folder 150  Foot and Mouth Disease, 1952-1954
Name of Repository: Archives of the Big Bend
Reported by: Beverly G. Case, Archivist
Date: May 17, 1984

1. Name of collection and inclusive dates of material:
   Robert L. CARTLEDGE PAPERS 1922-1971 and n.d.

2. Principal name around which the collection is formed; i.e., person (full name, birth and death dates), family, business, society, governmental agency, or some other corporate body:
   Robert Lee Cartledge (June 26, 1890-July 2, 1972)

Give relationship to the collection; i.e., writer X, addressee X, collector X, other (specify) ____________________________

3. Occupation or type of activity of the principal person, family, or corporate body; significant events and dates in the career or activity; and place of residence or location of activity:
   Store Clerk and General Manager, Chisos Mining Company, Terlingua, Texas 1911-1940
   Auditor, Texas State Parks Board, Big Bend National Park Land Development Board, Ft. Davis/Alpine, Texas 1941-1946
   Manager, La Harmonia Company, Castolon, Texas 1947-1957

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   Gift from Betty Cartledge Rogers (Mrs. Joe), Buda, Texas, April 19, 1983 and February 29, 1984.

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   Robert Lee Cartledge was born June 26, 1890 in San Angelo, Texas, the son of Eugene C. and Nancy Isabelle Harris Cartledge. He had one brother, Wayne Rollins, and six sisters—Maude, Corrine, Helen, Louise, Florence, and Elizabeth. The Cartledge family moved to Austin, Texas, in 1894, where Eugene Cartledge was an attorney and land specialist with the law firm of Cochran and West. Through this firm he did work for Howard E. Perry, president of Chisos Mining Company, who later employed both Cartledge’s sons. Robert Cartledge joined Chisos in 1911 as store clerk. While working there he met and married a Study Butte schoolteacher, Elinor Schley. In 1923 he became general manager at Chisos, a position he held until 1940. On August 24, 1940, Perry demanded Cartledge’s resignation. After leaving Chisos, Cartledge tended to his ranching interests and dealt with the problems he faced with the administration of the Billalba estate. From 1941 through 1946 Cartledge was an auditor for the Texas State Parks Board, overseeing operations at Indian Lodge at Davis Mountains State Park and dealing with operations at Balmorhea State Park. During this time he was also assigned to the Big Bend Land Acquisition division of the Park Service. In attending to the bookkeeping of that division, Cartledge was responsible for paying land owners whose land was bought for Big Bend National Park. After leaving the Park Service he continued with ranching and other personal business interests and worked for his brother Wayne until his retirement in 1957. He died in 1972.

   Materials in this collection have five main divisions: Correspondence and Business Records, Billalba Estate Papers, Chisos Mining Company Papers, Texas State Parks Board Papers, and Photographs. Correspondence and Business Records include Cartledge’s personal and family correspondence and business records. Billalba Estate papers concern Cartledge’s executorship of Federico Billalba’s estate and contain correspondence, trial briefs, and courtroom transcripts. Chisos Mining Company Papers contain correspondence between Howard E. Perry, president of Chisos, and General Manager Cartledge, dealing with the mining business in Terlingua, Texas, as well as accounts, ledgers, and a hand-drawn map of Terlingua. The Parks Board papers deal with the management of Davis Mountains State Park [Ft; Davis, Texas] and Balmorhea State Park [Balmorhea, Texas] and the acquisition of land for Big Bend National Park. In these four divisions the bulk of materials is correspondence. Photographs are of Cartledge family activities and of landscape and daily activities around Terlingua, Texas.
Donor: Betty Cartledge Rogers

Reference: Type: Oral

CARTLEDGE, ROBERT L. PAPERS

1922-1971 and n.d.

Donation Date: April 19, 1983 & February 29, 1984

Reference File:
Biographical Data Sheet: Yes
Summary Sheet: Yes
Microfilmed: No

Oral History Interviews:
None

Type of Material:
The Cartledge Papers contain correspondence, financial documents, legal documents, maps, printed materials, records, and photographs.

Number linear feet: 3.7
Number of items: 6,769

Catalogued:
Date: May 16, 1984
By: Beverly Case

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Big Bend National Park Land Acquisition Papers
Wayne R. Cartledge Collection

Principal Subjects: (continued on back)

Alcus, Mrs. Douthitt
Alpine Mining Company
Alment, Mae
Balmorhea State Park
Big Bend Cinnabar Mining Company
Bend National Park
Billalba, Federico
Billalba, Federico, Jr.
Billalba, Felipe
Billalba, George
Billalba, Regina de Esquivel
Billalba, Santos
Billalba, Severa

Evaluation:

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Papers contain correspondence, trial briefs, and courtroom (over). By: Beverly Case
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Principal Subject:

National Park Service
Quinn, Frank D.
Ranch Life and Customs
Ray, Frank O.
Roosevelt, Franklin D.
Rushing, Bob
Terlingua, Texas
Texas, State of--Board of Pardons and Paroles
Texas, State of--Parks Board
Thompson, Eugene
Townsend, Everett Ewing
Two Nations Mine
Van Sickle, Wigfall
Votaw, Clara
Votaw, Reginald
White, Ike D.
Terlingua, Texas--Maps

Evaluation: transcripts. Chisos Mining Company Papers contain correspondence between Howard E. Perry, president of Chisos, and General Manager Cartledge, as well as accounts, ledgers, and a hand-drawn map of Terlingua, Texas. The Parks Board papers deal with the management of Davis Mountains and Balmorhea State Parks and the acquisition of land for Big Bend National Park. In these four divisions the bulk of materials is correspondence. Photographs are of Cartledge family activities and of landscape and daily activities around Terlingua.