

**ARMANDO ALONZO MANUSCRIPT: “THE TRIAL, CAPTURE, AND
HANGING OF ABRAHAM ORTIZ”**

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SUMMARY

Size	1 folder
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Inclusive Dates	1968
Languages	English
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

In 1912 Martin Martinez was murdered. Abraham Ortiz was arrested, tried, and executed for the murder. His hanging took place at 11:00 AM on May 2, 1913 in the Hidalgo County Jail on McIntyre Street in Edinburg, Texas. Ortiz's hanging is the only execution that took place in that jail. The building is now a part of the Museum of South Texas History.

Armando Alonzo was a student at Edinburg High School in 1968. He prepared the paper in the collection as a member of the Doctor Ohland Morton Chapter of Junior Historians of Edinburg High School.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

A class assignment by Edinburg High School Student Armando Alonzo about Abraham Ortiz is included in this collection. The paper is nine pages long and includes endnotes and a bibliography. The events described in the paper include the murder of Martin Martinez and the arrest, trial, and execution of Abraham Ortiz. Ortiz's 1913 execution is the only hanging that took place in the Hidalgo County Jail on McIntyre Street in Edinburg, Texas.

The manuscript is secondary source material, and researchers are strongly encouraged to check the accuracy of the facts found in the paper for themselves.