

FELIX DOMINGUEZ, SR. COLLECTION
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SUMMARY

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| Size | 1 folder |
| Geographic Locations | Lower Rio Grande Valley, Hidalgo County, Texas |
| Inclusive Dates | 1915-1917 |
| Languages | English |
| Summary | The collection consists of two documents and one photograph used by Felix Dominquez, Sr. during his service as a deputy sheriff of Hidalgo County during the early 1900s. |
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| Stack Location(s) | SMC 10, RGDOC 1, B:1 |

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Felix Dominguez, Sr. was born on the Toluca Ranch in August 1872. His father served as a Commissioner of Hidalgo County.

When Dominguez worked as a River Guard from about 1909 to about 1917, he lived one mile east of Progresso on the Rosario Ranch. He carried a letter written by his employer First Lieutenant J.E. Abbott stating that he was authorized to patrol the Rio Grande River during the day time from Progresso to the Santa Maria Pump, and if necessary was also authorized to talk with Mexicans on the other side of the river. Lieutenant Abbott was the commanding officer of the US Troops stationed in Mercedes, Texas.

A photograph was taken of Detachment Troop C at Llano Grande Pumps on the Rio Grande on November 27, 1917. The photograph shows the soldiers of Troop C and seven Mexicans who were captured crossing into Texas. Dominguez is shown seated in the center of the first row wearing a Stetson.

On April 15, 1916, Dominguez was appointed Deputy Sheriff of Hidalgo County, Texas, by Sheriff A.Y. Baker. He was given a salary to take care of his family and a horse to complete his duties. His job involved such tasks as delivering citations for jury summons in Hidalgo County.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of two documents and one photograph used by Felix Dominguez, Sr. during his service as a River Patrol officer and a deputy sheriff of Hidalgo County during the early 1900s. The first document was a letter written by First Lieutenant J.E. Abbott stating that Dominguez was a member of the River Patrol and was authorized to patrol the Rio Grande River during the day time from Progresso to the Santa Maria Pump, and if necessary was also authorized to talk with Mexicans on the other side of the river. Lieutenant Abbott was the commanding officer of the US Troops stationed in Mercedes, Texas. The letter is dated December 20, 1915.

The second document is a Certificate of Deputation from the Hidalgo County Texas Court that certified that Dominguez was appointed Deputy on April 15, 1916 by Sheriff A.Y. Baker. The certificate was signed in Edinburg, Texas by Hidalgo County Clerk A.E. Chavez.

The third item is a 3.5"X5.25" sepia copy of a photograph that was taken of Detachment Troop C at Llano Grande Pumps on the Rio Grande on November 27, 1917. The photograph shows the soldiers of Troop C and seven Mexicans who were captured crossing into Texas. Dominguez is shown seated in the center of the first row wearing a Stetson.