
Finding Aid to the Criminal Complaint of Daniel Dubois against Zuni Indians MS.681

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Abstract: This is a criminal complaint filed by Daniel Dubois against men of a Zuni tribe in Apache County, Arizona Territory on July 17, 1880.

creator: Dubois, Daniel, 1833-1925

Scope and Contents

This is a criminal complaint filed by Daniel Dubois against men of a Zuni tribe in Apache County, Arizona Territory on July 17, 1880. This is a hand-written document, signed J. P.

From "Old Dan Dubois" by F.W. Hodge, *The Westerners Brand Book*, 1950:

"The Zuni Indians conduct periodically a ceremony that takes them to a sacred lake. Among members of the pilgrimage is Shulawitsi, the Little Fire God, one of whose functions, during the return journey to Zuni, is to set afire anything that chanced to be in the way, not excepting ranch fences and the like. It happened that Dan's fence was along the trail of the Little Fire God, consequently it suffered as the following shows: Territory of Arizona, County of Apache, Before Marcos Baca y Padilla, J.P. Saing John Precint: Criminal Complaint Daniel Dubois a resident of Deer Springs, in and for the County of Apache, Territory of Arizona being first duly sworn, disposes and sasy that heretofore to Wit, on the 12th day of July AD 1880 at Deer Springs in the County and Territory aforesaid one Juan Tomas and one Patricio resident of the Zuni Village, did then and there wilfully and intentionally set on fire or caused to be set on fire my fence or inclosure on my property, with the intent of doing me Malicious Damage. About that time I went and told them not burn my fence and they exibted arms (pistols) in a rude angry and threatening manner, at the time above Stated there must have been about Forty (40) men altogether but cannott recognise only the aforesaid Juan Tomas and Patricio. Now therefor your Diponent asks of this Hon. Court that a Warreant for the arrest may be issued against the Said Juan Tomas and Patricio and be dealt with according to Law. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of July AD 1880 (Signed) Marcos B. y Padilla -- J.P.

The outcome of this complaint has not been revealed. The Patricio mentioned was doubtless Palowahti, the adopted brother of Cushing, who lived in Zuni at the time."

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