



Guide to  
MS 556  
Escajeda Family Papers

1818 - 2005,  
1880 - 1932,

4 feet, 7 inches (linear)

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## Biography or Historical Sketch

The Escajedas, an early El Paso pioneer family, originally came to the El Paso area from Spain. In 1818 the family received a land grant from King Ferdinand VII of Spain, which was later approved by the Mexican government in 1822, and settled in San Elizario and Ysleta.

One of the family's most prominent members was José Antonio Escajeda (1866 – 1932). In 1891 he married Luz Guerra (1868 – 1922) at the Ysleta Mission. They owned homes in San Elizario and El Paso. The Escajedas moved to El Paso in the early 1890s. They lived on Campbell Street and later at 1418 E. Yandell Boulevard. In 1887 José Antonio Escajeda began his career in a variety of elected and appointed public offices. His positions included: Deputy Clerk of the District Court of El Paso County (1887 – 1888); Deputy County Clerk of El Paso County (1888 – 1892); City Clerk of El Paso (1901 – 1903); City Sanitary Commissioner of El Paso (1905 – 1907); Deputy Sheriff (1908); and County Auditor (1911 – 1912, 1917 – 1931). In 1915 he was indicted for violations of Texas election laws regarding poll taxes, but was found not guilty on March 12, 1915. In addition to his public offices, Escajeda worked in the real estate business with his brother, A.E. Escajeda, and edited *El Monitor*, a political campaign newspaper first published in 1896. He was also a charter member of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Council No. 8 and served as its chaplain. In 1982 an apartment complex at 5<sup>th</sup> and Kansas Street in El Paso was named in his honor. His daughters, Luz, Lorenza, Adelina, and Josefina all became educators, and his son was discharged as a colonel after WWII and later became Vice-President of El Paso National Bank. Another Escajeda relative, Dr. Manuel Hornedo, served as City/County Health Department Director from 1953 – 1969 and helped reduce typhoid, smallpox, and polio in El Paso County.

## Series Description or Arrangement

The Escajeda family papers are arranged in five series:

### I. Family members

Series is arranged alphabetically.

### II. Family history

Series is chronologically by date.

### III. Photographs

Series is arranged chronologically by date.

### IV. El Paso and Border Region history

Series is arranged chronologically by date.

#### V. County and other legal records

Series is arranged chronologically by date.

## **Scope and Content Notes**

The Escajeda family papers date 1818 – 2005, bulk 1880 – 1932. Types of records include correspondence, photographs, county records, deeds, legal documents, clippings, a family bible, and other printed material. Arranged in five series (Family members, Family history, Photographs, El Paso and Border Region history, and County and other legal records), these records document the lives and activities of the Escajeda family and the history of El Paso during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

The Family members series documents the personal lives and careers of Escajeda family members through clippings, correspondence, and other materials. The Family history series contains materials relating to the family's settlement in the El Paso area, the family homes, and records having information about several family members. This series also contains a family tree. The Photographs series consists of photographs, a negative, and scanned copies of photographs of family members and events. The El Paso and Border Region history series contains publications, clippings, and other printed material about El Paso, Socorro, and Ysleta. The County and other legal records series includes receipts, notarized documents, letters to José Antonio Escajeda relating to his activities in various government positions, and several deeds and titles to land belonging to the Escajeda family. Many of these records were created and signed by José Antonio Escajeda in the course of his work for the city and county.

## **Provenance Statement**

Donated by Alberto Trevino and Barbara Delgado in 2008, and Alicia Trevino in 2009.

## **Restrictions**

## **Literary Rights Statement**

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## **Notes to the Researcher**

Original clippings have been separated and placed at the end of the collection.

See also:

The José Manuel Escajeda Collections, MS 587.

# Container List

## Series I. Family members

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	1	Maria del Refugio Carreon	August 1957
1	2	José Antonio Escajeda	1892 – 1932
2	1	José Antonio Escajeda (legal-size materials)	about 1921 – 1932
1	3	Luz Guerra Escajeda	about 1910s – 1920s
1	4	(José) Manuel Escajeda	July 1918, 2008
2	2	(José) Manuel Escajeda (legal-size, copy of French citation from WWI)	1919
1	5	Maria Luisa Escajeda	1932, 1939
1	6	Luz Escajeda Flores	1966
1	7	Gregoria Guerra	January 1941
1	8	Josefina Escajeda Hardré	about 1920, 1995
1	9	José M. Hornedo	about 1950s
2	3	Dr. Manuel Hornedo	1983, 1995
1	10	R. Noel Longuemare	2005
1	11	Adelina Escajeda Trevino	about 1909 – 1974
1	12	Alberto F. Trevino	about 1980 – 1981

## Series II. Family history

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	13	Transcription of land grant charter, notes, and clippings	about 1818 – 1990s
2	4	Original land grant charter with transcription and clippings (legal-size)	about 1818, 1930s, 1982
Map Drawer W1	1	Scanned copies of land grant charter (copies made in 2008, over-size)	about 1818
3		Family bible	1882
Map Drawer W1	1	Family tree (over-size)	1976
2	5	Dedication of José Antonio Escajeda apartments in El Paso	May 1982

### Series III. Photographs

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	14	Individual family photographs, 1 of 2	about 1880s – 1950s
1	15	Individual family photographs, 2 of 2	about 1880s – 1950s
1	16	Wedding photographs (possibly the wedding of Adelina Escajeda to Alberto Trevino)	about 1920
1	17	Mission at San Elizario	about 1940s – 1950s
1	18	Family wedding photographs	about 1950s
1	18	Church and grave marker for Maria del Refugio Carreon	about 1957
Neg. file drawer		Negative of grave marker photograph	about 1957
1	20	Dedication of José Antonio Escajeda apartments, 1 of 2 (removed from album)	1982
1	21	Dedication of José Antonio Escajeda apartments, 2 of 2 (removed from album)	1982

### Series IV. El Paso and Border Region history

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	22	Clippings and other material	about 1900 – 1982
1	23	Auditor's Annual Report on the Financial Affairs of El Paso County, Texas for the Period of January 1, 1927 to December 31, 1927, Including Stories of Chihuahua, Las Cruces and their Resources	1927
1	24	San Elizario commemorative envelope and early church history articles	1936, about 1990s
1	25	Statement Concerning the Relation Between the Location of the Rio Grande at San Elizario Island and Cordova Island	about 1936 – 1940s
2	6	Clippings and other material	1966 - 1998
Map Drawer	1	Anniversary of Providence Memorial Hospital, 1952 – 1992 (over-size flyer)	about 1992

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Map Drawer W1	1	Charts of El Paso history (over-size)	about 1990s

Series V. County and other legal records

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	26	Tax collection receipts	1870s – 1880s
1	27	Receipts and other financial records	1881 – 1898
2	7	Deeds and other legal papers (legal-size)	about 1882 – 1901
1	28	Arrest warrant issued by Mariano Escajeda over water use	1891
1	29	Deeds and titles (most belonging to the Escajeda family)	1893 – 1912
1	30	Correspondence (letters to José Antonio Escajeda relating to his work in El Paso government)	1896 – 1902, 1924
Map Drawer W1	1	Certificate of Redemption, Comptroller's Office	1898
2	8	Correspondence	May 26, 1906
1	31	Other legal records	1922, 1925