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**MS 1404
Cassidy, Michael E.
Scrapbooks, 1921 - 1940****DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists of nine scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, arranged under five topics covering the years 1921 to 1940, and compiled by Cassidy for whom politics was an interest and hobby. Clippings highlight politics, taxes, activities of Senator Cameron of Arizona, and two scrapbooks on miscellaneous Arizona topics and events. Most significant for researchers are four scrapbooks featuring the planning, legislation, and construction of Boulder/Hoover Dam. Additional water issues and disputes by the various concerned states are also covered in these scrapbooks including Arizona's feud with California over Parker Dam. Clippings are not arranged chronologically or by specific event or topics in the books and mostly overlap each other on pages. Five scrapbooks do have indexes in the front that will assist researchers in locating stories of interest.

9 Scrapbooks, 4.25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Active in public service for much of his life, Michael E. Cassidy was born in Ireland and came to the United States in 1894. He settled in Illinois and joined the Illinois National Guard. In 1894 he participated with other Guard members in the Chicago Pullman strike. He was commissioned and served during the Spanish-American War with the Seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry. After discharge Cassidy moved to Bisbee Arizona and became a claims agent for Phelps Dodge Corporation and later was named to postmaster. During World War I he served at Camp Cody, Deming, New Mexico. Upon his release from service he was named prohibition director for Arizona by President Harding in 1921. He studied law and received a degree in 1923. Between 1924 and 1929 Cassidy was associated with the Phoenix National Bank and practiced law in Phoenix. From 1929 to 1931 he served as assistant secretary of state under I. P. Fraizer. Michael E Cassidy died December 5, 1940 at the age of 66.

ACQUISITION - Unknown

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in July 2010.

Box and Folder Listing

Scrapbook #1

MISC Arizona Topics 1938 – 1939
Highway Jobs and Funding
Parker Dam Construction
Tax Legislation
Cattlemen Issues of Concern
Series “Under the Capital Dome” by William Turnbow
Political Parties and Issues

Scrapbook #2

MISC Arizona Topics 1929 – 1940
Series “Under the Capital Dome” by William Turnbow
Arizona Government and Legislation Passed
Arizona Industrial Commission News
Political Parties and Convention News

Scrapbook #3

Colorado River Topics 1922 – 1928
Boulder Dam Planning
Dam Legislation Considered and Passed
Arizona’s Colorado River Concerns
Other State’s Concerns

Scrapbook #4

Colorado River Topics 1924 – 1927
Issues of Concern for Water Appropriation
Legislation for Boulder/Hoover Dam
Colorado River Conference – 1925
Various State’s Water Positions Outlined

Scrapbook #5

Colorado River Topics 1926 – 1929
Construction Activities at Boulder Dam
Water Legislation Considered
California and Arizona Water Controversies

Scrapbook #6

Colorado River Topics 1926 – 1939
Hoover Dam Construction Activities
Colorado Aqueduct Project from Parker Dam
Arizona’s Opposition to Parker Dam
Parker Dam Construction

Scrapbook #7

Taxation Topics and Concerns 1924 – 1930
Taxing Rates
Tax Classifications
Taxpayer Complaints
Arizona Tax Statistics

Education Costs for Citizens
Arizona Government Expenses

Scrapbook #8

Political Topics and Issues 1921 – 1930
Arizona Roads and Highway Issues
Political Election Results
Taxes
Arizona Legislative Actions

Scrapbook #9

Senator Cameron's Record 1926
Political Concern and Issues
Senator Cameron's Speeches Reported
Senator's Positions on Issues