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**MS 0166
CONNELL, CHARLES T.
1859 - 1934
Papers, 1905-1934**

DESCRIPTION

Manuscripts, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks related to the personal life, interests, and professional activities of Charles T. Connell in southern Arizona from 1910 to 1930.

2 Boxes, 1.5 linear feet

ACQUISITION

Gift of Mrs. Frances Butterfield of Las Vegas, NV

RELATED ITEM

"The Apache Indians, Past and Present," 2 vols. in AHS library.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was originally processed prior to 1972 and reviewed in May 1999 by William Tackenberg.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Charles T. Connell was born in Mount Vernon, Iowa Jan. 21, 1859. He attended Mount Pleasant Military Academy at Ossining, New York. In 1879 he arrived in Arizona and began work at San Carlos with John P. Clum. In 1880 he directed the first Indian census in Arizona. Later he worked as a government scout and Indian trader. In 1884 he served as a deputy United States Marshall for the southern district in the territory of Arizona. Subsequently Connell became superintendent of the Old Saginaw Gold Mine located nine miles southwest of Tucson. In 1896 he was elected Tucson recorder and served in that position until 1903.

Connell was employed as a federal immigration inspector in 1903 with headquarters in Douglas, Arizona. Later he was placed in charge of Arizona with headquarters at Tucson and in 1910 Connell was transferred to Los Angeles where he served until 1931. After 1932 he was employed with Shell Oil Co.

Since retirement from government service in 1931 Connell devoted himself to writing about early Arizona history. He wrote two articles for publication in *Progressive Arizona* and *Arizona Magazine*. Connell's major accomplishment was a series of articles for the *Tucson Citizen* titled "The Apache, Past and Present" which went through 26 installments between February 6 and July 31, 1921. In addition, he contributed numerous other articles for various newspapers on Arizona history and the Apache Indians.

He was a member of the Los Angeles county grand jury in 1933 and in 1931 he accompanied ex-President Calvin Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge to the dedication of Coolidge dam near Gila, Arizona. Connell was a charter member of the Elks of Tucson. He died Nov. 15, 1934 at Los Angeles, California.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Journal articles, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, dealing with Connell's family history, personal interest in Apaches and early Arizona history, and his work as an immigration officer in Douglas, Arizona.

Manuscript articles highlight early Arizona history and stories dealing the Apaches of Arizona. The highlight of this collection is the two volumes containing twenty-six articles published in the *Tucson Citizen* in 1921 titled "The Apache, Past and Present." The work contains much on early Arizona history and the struggles between the Apaches and the influx of Anglo-Americans into the territory. Connell published other articles for numerous newspapers and *Progressive Arizona* and *Arizona Magazine*. These articles included "Weeping Virgin of Santa Rita," and "Mickey Free."

Personal materials include association with the Elks, political organizations, and newspaper clippings reflecting Connell's activities and interests with Arizona Indians and work with the Department of Labor. Newspaper clippings are divided to highlight Connell's newspaper articles, work with Apaches, association with immigration activities, and one folder containing newspaper clipping referencing diverse activities participated in by Connell. One folder contains copies of Apache Indian photos. A large folder of clippings contains possible research information collected by Connell on government activities in association with Indians in Arizona. Unfortunately most of these clippings have neither dates nor the newspapers they came from.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box 1

Folder 1: Biographical Material on Connell	
f.2 Scrapbook of Connell Family	1901-1906
f.3 Correspondence	1916-1931
f.4 Scrapbook of John J. Murphy	1904-1906
f.5 Manuscript "Weeping Virgin of Santa Rita" Published in <i>Progressive Arizona</i> -Dec. 1926	1926
f.6 Manuscript "Talking Stones of Apacheland"	
f.7 Manuscript "Pioneer Tenderfoot"	
f.8 Manuscript "Tucson, Tubac, To Hell!"	1933
f.9 Manuscript "Mickey Free" Published in <i>Arizona Magazine</i> Dec. 1906	1906
f.10 Manuscript – Draft Chapters on Apaches	

Box 2

f.11 Association With Department of Labor	1905-1931
f.12 Political Announcements and Correspondence	1896/1898
f.13 Association With B. P. O. Elks	1923-1930
f.14 Newspaper Clippings on Connell Activities	1930
f.15 Newspaper Clippings on Connell's Writings	
f.16 Newspaper Clippings of Articles by Connell	1923-1934
f.17 Newspaper Clippings With Connell and Apache Work	1930-1934
f.18 Photos From Apache Research	
f.19 Newspaper Clippings Dealing With Government and Indians	1930-1933