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MS 0225**Drachman, Harry Arizona, 1869-1951
Papers, 1870-1975 (bulk 1898-1949)****DESCRIPTION**

Correspondence, financial records, photographs, and other materials relating to the Harry Drachman family and their involvement in local organizations, and financial records relating to the Harry A. Drachman Shoe Company.

6 boxes, 1 file of outside items, 15 outside ledgers, 10 linear ft.

RELATED MATERIAL

Mose Drachman Collection, Ms 0226; Samuel Drachman Collection, MS 0216; and Rosalie Drachman Avery Photo Collection, and Oral History Collection AV 0003.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Rosalie Drachman Avery and Allen Drachman in several donations.

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Kim Frontz, March 1998.

ARRANGEMENT

Three series: Personal and family materials, 1891-1951. Photographs, ca. 1870-1975. Financial records, 1897-1930.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Pioneer merchant; born in 1869 and believed to be the first boy born in Tucson of American parents. He was the eldest son of Philip and Rosa Drachman. Harry Drachman worked for Zeckendorf's for thirteen years, then operated his own shoe store, the Harry A. Drachman Shoe Company, from 1897 to 1927. Drachman took control of the Criterion Shoe Company in 1922; it had been incorporated by J. Knox Corbett, H.S. Corbett, and Max M. Brodie in 1917. He served as City Treasurer from 1895 to 1898, and as Pima County Treasurer until 1902. He was a School Trustee from 1916 to 1918, a state Senator from 1923 to 1924, and Pima County Assessor from 1927 to 1930.

He married Florence Ogden Cowan and they had five children: Rosalie, Cowan, Byron, Oscar and Allen. Drachman was active in the Masonic Order, Boy Scouts and other organizations.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists chiefly of scattered financial ledgers of the Harry A. Drachman Shoe Company including cash, daily journal, collections, sales, accounts payable, and customer account ledgers covering aspects of the company's operations from 1897 to 1930. Articles of incorporation and minutes for the Criterion Shoe Company are present. There are also photographs of Harry and Florence Drachman, their children, and their ancestors. The Odgen, Rice, Delaney and Tompkins families are related to Florence Drachman and the relationships are explained on the back of each photograph. Most of these are studio portraits. There are two oversize photographs; one of Morenci, and one of the Rough Riders regiment on horseback.

A 5-page reminiscence is present from Harry Drachman describing schools, an 1877 smallpox epidemic, and attacks by Apaches. There is a small amount of correspondence about bills in the State Legislature while Drachman was a senator. A ledger is present for the Arizona Health League, 1907 to 1910. Florence Drachman was secretary of this organization which was formed by a group of women to aid tuberculosis patients. An 1899 child's autograph book is present from Myra Drachman. There is also correspondence about the estate of Felix Levy and his book of recipes for prescriptions, written in German. Levy was a pioneer Tucsonan, employed at the Park View Hotel, and proprietor of the Opera Bath House.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

Series 1: Personal and family materials, 1891-1962

f. 1	Biographical and reminiscences	1948-1951
f. 2	Correspondence	1902-1949
f. 3	Senate correspondence	1921-1923
f. 4	Property deeds, leases, etc.	1911-1940
f. 5	Organizations and memberships	1889, 1923-1951
f. 6	Boy Scouts – Board of Governors minutes	1933-1951
f. 7	Arizona Health League – membership accounts	1907-1910
f. 8	Pioneer Cemetery records (copy in MS 790)	1962
f. 9	Myra Drachman autograph book	1899
f. 10	Printed material	1924-1930
f. 11	Felix Levy correspondence	1917,1925
f. 12	Felix Levy – Prescription recipes	1891

Box 2

Series 2: Photographs, ca. 1885-1939

f. 13	Harry A. Drachman – Photographs	1870-1945
f. 14	Florence Odgen Drachman – Photographs	1884-1900
f. 15	Harry Drachman children – Photographs	1904-1975
f. 16	Ogden family – Photographs	1880-1890
f. 17	Rice and Delaney families – Photographs	1870-1910
f. 18	Tompkins family - Photographs	1890-1920
f. 19	Photographs – Friends	1940
f. 20	Photograph album pages	1898-1939

Series 3: Financial records, 1897-19

f. 21	Unidentified ledger, customer list	n.d.
f. 22	Alphabetical directory of customer names	n.d.
f. 23	Financial journal, Jul. 1897-Jan. 1898	1897-1898

Box 3

f. 24	Cash ledger, Aug. 1897-Apr. 1898	1897-1898
f. 25	Journal, Feb. 1899-Jul. 1901	1899-1901
f. 26	Daybook, Apr-May 1899	1899
f. 27	Collections ledger, Jul. 1901-Sept. 1902	1901-1902
f. 28	Cash ledger, Aug. 1901-Mar. 1904	1901-1904

Box 4

f. 29	Sales ledger #2, Jan.-Aug. 1902	1902
f. 30	Financial accounts and scrapbook	1907-1908
f. 31	Accounts payable journal, Jan. 1908-Aug. 1913	1908-1913
f. 32	Inventory ledger, Jan. 1908-Apr. 1913	1908-1913

Box 5

f. 33	Trial balance	1911-1919
f. 34	Customer accounts	1911-1926
f. 35	Customer accounts	1916-1921
f. 36	Sales ledger, Jan. 1916-Dec. 1924	1916-1924
f. 37	Accounts, Apr. 1917-Sept. 1917	1917

Box 6

f. 38	Receipt book, Feb.-Apr. 1919	1919
f. 39	Orders and Accounts Payable	1922-1923
f. 40	Sales ledger	1922-1926
f. 41	Trial balance and Insurance Inventory	1923-1924
f. 42	Accounts Receivable	1923-1925
f. 43	Inventories	1920-1930

Outside Items –**v. 6B** Photographs (Morenci scene and Rough Riders)

Certificate of Masonic Veterans Association – H.A. Drachman
and Genealogical chart of the Zeckendorf, Steinfeld, Katzenstein,
Drachman, and related families

- v.7** Sales ledger, 1900
- v. 8** Cash and sales ledger, 1901-1907
- v.9** Customer accounts ledger, 1901-1902
- v. 10** Ledger, 1905-1906
- v. 11** Invoice carbons, 1908
- v. 12** Inventory, 1918-1924
- v. 13** Inventory, 1924-1925
- v. 14** Trial balance, 1914-1915
- v. 15** Journal, 1914-1915
- v. 16** Trial balance, 1918
- v. 17** Cash ledger, 1921-1922
- v. 18** Inventory sheets, 192? (all but one blank)
- v. 19** Trial balance, 1925-1926
- v. 20** Minute book and articles of incorporation of Criterian Shoe Company, 1917-1922
- v. 21** Journal, 1908, partially used as scrapbook for animal photos