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HANDS, EDWARD JOHN, 1866-1939
Papers, 1923-1935

DESCRIPTION

Primarily reminiscences and biographical material on Edward John Hands and his pioneering in the Chiricahua Mountains around Cave Creek Canyon, Arizona. Includes brief reminiscences as told to Mrs. Kitt of the Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society. The larger part of the collection is an article written by Walter Zipf about Hands entitled "E. J. Hands: Majo-Domo of Desperation Ranch." Also included are manuscripts written by an unknown author which include information on Hands.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Edward J. Hands, pioneer rancher, miner, and amateur archaeologist, was born in England and came to Arizona in 1887. He was owner of the desperation Ranch in the Chiricahuas and was one of the founders of Hilltop, a mining camp in the Chiricahuas. His brother, Alfred Hands was believe to be one of the last white men killed by Apaches in 1896. In his later years, he became interested in archaeology and worked with Byron Cummings on digs around the state.

ACQUISITION

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