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**MS 0280**  
**HOPELY, JOSEPH S. 1851-1924**  
**Papers, 1872-1924**

**DESCRIPTION**

Military discharge certificates and one ledger book of Pima County court cases comprise this collection. The six discharge certificates authenticate the military service of Hopely from 1869 to 1885. The ledger, arranged chronologically from 1912 to 1914, contains a listing of plaintiffs and defendants, attorneys, and any fees associated with the cases. A newspaper clipping on the death of Hopely in 1924 is also included.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Joseph S. Hopely (also Hopley) was born in Ireland in 1851 and came to America at the age of 17. In 1869 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was assigned to the Fourth Cavalry in the Southwest. He served in Texas and Arizona and saw action during the Indian wars. Discharged in Arizona from the military in 1885 he worked as a dairyman, rancher, and mail carrier until 1889. In 1889 to 1908 Hopely worked as a deputy sheriff and with the Tucson police department. He served four successive terms as city Marshall during that period and performed numerous additional terms of police and Marshall duty after those dates. Hopely was active in Masonic activities and died in Flagstaff in 1924.

**ACQUISITION**

Gift of Mrs. Robert Garing in 1961.

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