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MS 1278 Buehman and Roskruge Collection 1880 - 1884

DESCRIPTION

This small collection consists of canceled checks, check stubs, and two account sheets associated with the photographers Henry Buehman and George Roskruge. The collection consists of four folders with the first containing check stub ends from 1880 to 1884. The actual cancelled checks are contained in folders 2 and 3. The checking account was established with Safford, Hudson & Company a banking organization in Tucson Arizona. The checks for the period 1880-1881 contain the signatures for both Buehman and Roskruge, but for 1882-1884 only Roskruge's name appears. The checks contain the names for which the checks were made out for however the check stubs contain added information of the purpose. Checks were written to support the Roskruge home including heating costs, butcher bills, hay, nursing costs, etc. Additional expenses for trips to Dragoon Mountains, Tombstone, and Harshaw are noted. Wages are also recorded to an assistant by the name of F. A. Hartwell who later moved to Phoenix and became an established photographer. Folder four consists of banking notes found with the checks containing instructions to the bankers on payments and collections. The final item in the collection is two large ledger account sheets. The first consists of income statements, banking information, and payments for the periods 1880 to 1883 under the title "a/c with Buehman." The second sheet contains a listing of numbers and amounts for a check payment listing with the names Roskruge and Buehman at the top.

1 Box, 2 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Henry Buehman was a well-known photographer who came to Tucson Arizona in 1874. His son Albert continued the studio, as did his son Remick. The Buehman studio was finally sold in 1951. Throughout its long history the Buehman studio employed many assistants who later went on to open their own photography business. George Roskruge is listed in the Tucson-Tombstone city directory for 1882-1883 as working as a county surveyor. It is apparent from this collection that Roskruge had a relationship with Buehman and photography work in the period 1880 to 1883. That relationship may have been as a partner or a working apprentice.

ACQUISITION - Unknown.

ACCESS - There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING - The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in August 2006.