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Frank Gold Collection

AHS-ND.8



Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Gold, Frank M.
Title	Frank Gold Collection Collection,
Inclusive Dates:	1903-1964
Physical Description	1 linear foot
Abstract	Legal documents from Frank Gold Collection law practice, including Bright Angel Trail transfer to the National Park Service, the Lawson family suit against the Republic of Mexico and the Jesse Vallez, failure to provide for spouse, civil case, ca. 1903-1962.
Collection number	AHS-ND.8
Language	English.
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Biographical Note

Frank Gold, born on a farm in Brown County, Kansas, 1878, was a practicing attorney in Arizona for 54 years. Gold moved from Kansas to Northern Arizona in 1913 for health reasons. After recovering from tuberculosis in 1915 Gold began a legal practice in Williams, AZ. Over his career Gold served as Coconino County Attorney (already having served as County Attorney of Rooks County, Kansas) and achieved notoriety for successfully prosecuting the Harry Nash murder case against a high-powered Los Angeles defense attorney. Mr. Gold also worked extensively on legal issues to do with the sale of the Bright Angel Trail, Grand Canyon National Park, to the United States government. He was involved in numerous civic causes in Flagstaff, Arizona, and corresponded with politicians throughout his long career. He practiced law until his 90th birthday and died in his Flagstaff home at 97

years old.

Scope and Content Note

The collection is (1) linear foot in volume. It includes legal papers and related correspondence from the Frank Gold legal practice. Notably legal actions include: the successful prosecution of Harry Nash; Gold's efforts to removal of tolls associated with access to Bright Angel Trail in the Grand Canyon and the subsequent sale of the trail to the United States government. This legal action includes numerous correspondences with U.S. Interior Secretary Stewart Udall and U.S. Senator Carl Hayden, among others.

Another notable case is the Lawson Family Case, in which the descendants of a couple murdered in Mexico City sought monetary compensation from the Mexican Claims Commission.

Organization

3 Series. I Legal Papers and Correspondence. II. Miscellaneous Materials. III. Scrapbook.

Restrictions

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None.

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Related Material

Northern Arizona Historic Trails and Roads/Joe Rodriguez Collection, AHS #94

Access Points

Personal Name(s)

Gold, Frank M., 1878-ca. 1977.

Nash, Harry H.

Family Name(s)

Lawson family.

Geographic Name(s)

Bright Angel Trail (Ariz.)

Coconino County (Ariz.)--Politics and government.

Genre Form(s)

Correspondence.

Financial records.

Legal documents.

Scrapbooks.

Administrative Information

Credit Line

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Container List

Series 1. Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1903-1964.

Volume is 3 folders. Legal papers and correspondence regarding tolls and sale of the Bright Angel Trail in the Grand Canyon to the United States government; Harry Nash murder case; the Lawson family claim against the Mexican Claims Commission.

Box-
folder

1.1 Legal issues surrounding the sale of Bright Angel Trail, 1924-1964

One folder containing correspondence and legal documents related to fees charged for use of Bright Angel Toll Road and Trail. Materials include: Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of Interior letters to Frank Gold, [12-3-64; 1-7-63]; Carl Hayden to Frank Gold Collection [1928-1947]; correspondence from Frank Gold to: Stewart Udall, Henry Ashurst, Carl Hayden, and Bert Lauzon, among others [1924-1964]. All correspondence and legal documents are concerning the Bright Angel Toll Trail transfer to the Grand Canyon National Park. Other materials include the Deed of Sale for the Bright Angel Toll Trail [1928].

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folder

1.2 Jesse Vallez case, 1952

Legal records of the Jesse Vallez case. Vallez was prosecuted for failing to provide support for his wife, Jennie Vallez.

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folder

- 1.3 Lawson family suit against the Republic of Mexico [Mexican Claims Commission], ca. 1923

Case of Lawson family heirs suing the Republic of Mexico for the wrongful death of Jennie Lawson during an insurrection in Mexico City [1913].

Series 2. Miscellaneous papers. , 1922-1962

3 folders. Contains various materials including: Citizen's Bank financial report; copy of Gettysburg address; Coconino County questionnaire; magazines and newspaper clippings.

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- 1.4 The Citizens Bank financial report, 1904-1919

Graphs showing the growth of Citizens Bank, Flagstaff, Arizona.

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- 1.5 Magazines, 1922-1929.

Bob Shuler's Magazine, January, 1929; The Pioneer's Magazine of Texas, October, 1922; The Yeoman Shield, February, 1929; National Republic, September, 1926.

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- 1.6 Miscellaneous papers, 1903-1962

Original 1903 Homestead act land deed to Jennett Rainey, New Orleans, LA.; receipt for legal services, W.J. Murphy Clerk Third District Court, Beinville Parish, LA.; copy of Gettysburg Address; newspaper clipping regarding George Washington the Citizen; newspaper clipping regarding military draft in Coconino County; The Commercial Bank receipt to Henrietta Ellis, Saline, LA.; Coconino and Yavapai County Questionnaires (3); The Star-Spangled Banner music sheet published by The Washington Post.

Scrapbook. , [Date or date range]

1 scrapbook. House of Representative publications regarding the Bright Angel Trail in the Grand Canyon; cut-out articles and park brochures regarding the Grand Canyon and the Bright Angel Trail; Andy Matson correspondence to Carl Hayden, 7-10-47; Resolution regarding Old Government Road, 6-3-1879; Carl Hayden to Mr. R.E. Taylor regarding Bright Angel Trail, 10-19-27; numerous correspondence, etc., regarding the Bright Angel Trail, ca. 1927.

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- 2.1 Scrapbook, ca. 1924

[separately
wrapped]

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