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MS 1133
Hummel, Don, 1907-1988
Papers, 1954-1966

DESCRIPTION

Collection consists of Don Hummel's work in two areas. The larger part of the collection is Hummel's correspondence and reports relating to the National League of American Cities (first known as the American Municipal Association) from 1954 to 1966. This correspondence (primarily with Patrick Healy) is primarily concerned with administrative matters of the organization. The second part of the collection relates to Hummel's work with areas to be incorporated within the city limits of Tucson during Hummel's tenure as mayor from 1956 to 1964. These areas included St. John's Freedom Homes District, Harold Bell Wright Estates, the Amphi area. Papers included petitions, ordinances and annexation litigation.

2 Boxes, .75 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Mayor of Tucson from 1955 to 1961, Don Hummel was a strong proponent for Tucson's growth. During his tenure as mayor, Tucson used an aggressive annexation policy to expand the city from fourteen to seventy-two square miles. He also fought to extend the Central Arizona Project from Phoenix to Tucson. In 1960, he was elected president of the American Municipal Association and became one of the nation's top spokesman for urban affairs. He was also chairman of the National Parks Concessionaires and was appointed by Lyndon Johnson as assistant secretary of housing and urban development. He served as president of the Arizona League of Cities and Towns, as commissioner of the Arizona Power Authority and was a consultant on municipal affairs for the Alliance for Progress.

ACQUISITION

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