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**ALDRICH, MARK A., 1801-1873
PAPERS, 1856-1969 (bulk: 1969)**

DESCRIPTION

This small collection primarily consists of biographical and genealogical material about Mark Aldrich. The only original documents are Aldrich's resignation as judge in Tucson in 1860 and a receipt for property in the "Gadsden Purchase" in 1856. The rest of the collection is a detailed family genealogy done by Otto Aldrich and transcripts of biographical articles.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Politician and pioneer merchant of Tucson, Aldrich was a native of New York. He later lived in Illinois and was a member of the Illinois state legislature. He is reputed to be the first U. S. citizen to open a store in Tucson in the mid 1850s. He was postmaster in Tucson and helped draft the territorial constitution. He was chosen judge of the criminal court in Tucson but soon resigned in disgust (as shown in this document). He served as a member of the council in the first territorial legislature. He died in Tucson in 1873.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Mark J. Aldrich in 1939 and Otto Aldrich in 1969.

ACCESS

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