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ALVERSON, LEONARD (1868 - 1939)

**Personal Correspondence,
1933 – 1939**

DESCRIPTION

Collection consists of two folders with personal correspondence and reminiscences of early events in Arizona. The strength of the collection is contained in a 27-page manuscript dictated by Leonard Alverson to Mrs. George F. Kitt (Society of Arizona Pioneers) in 1938 relating outlaw activities in southern Arizona at the turn of the century. Alverson relates his ranch hand experiences herding cattle and activities of the outlaw gangs of Black Jack Christian and Sam Ketcham who operated in the Arizona Territory in the late 1890s.

1 Box .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Leonard Alverson was born in Bakersfield, California on July 21, 1868 and came to Arizona in 1885 or 1886. He was employed initially as a ranch hand in Cochise County. Alverson was innocently convicted of the Stein's Pass train robbery of December 1897 and served six years before receiving a pardon from President Roosevelt on March 29, 1904. Upon release he became a deputy sheriff and later a watchman for government property in Douglas, Arizona. He married Mercedes de Barra in 1907 and they had six children. Alverson died on February 28, 1939.

ACQUISITION

This collection was received from Mr. Alverson in 1938.

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