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MS 57
BARFIELD, KARL F.
Papers, 1898-1965

DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of one box with four series: (1) Personal Correspondence and Records, 1898-1965; (2) Rotary Activities and Sanatorium Information; (3) Barfield Activities and Interests; and (4) Barfield Family History. The strength of this collection is contained in Barfield's long association with civic groups and activities in Tucson, especially Rotary International. Numerous correspondence, news clippings, and convention programs highlight Rotary activities and Barfield's participation from 1933 until his death in 1965.

1 Box .5 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Karl F. Barfield was a prominent Tucson businessman and civic leader, born in Toledo, Ohio, May 13, 1890. He received his Bachelor of Law degree from Toledo University in 1916. Shortly after setting up law practice in real estate he enlisted in the U.S. Air Service in 1917. He was stationed in England and was honorably discharged in 1919.

Barfield's health, impaired by the war, caused him to move to Arizona. He convalesced for three years and upon regaining his health founded the Barfield Sanatorium (later Oshrin Hospital) in 1922. He was manager of the Sanatorium for twenty-four years. Upon retiring in 1946 he devoted himself to civic and community affairs.

Barfield was a Republican and Rotarian all his life and served in many positions with the Rotary organizations. He served as president of the Tucson Rotary Club 1932-1933, district governor for Rotary of Arizona 1933-1934, and Director of Rotary International 1934-1935. Barfield also performed as president of the Tucson Chamber of Commerce 1938-1941, and chairman of the Fiesta de Los Vaqueros in 1957. In addition he was associated with the Red Cross, Sunshine Climate Club, Tucson Safety Council, Rodeo Committee, Civil Defense, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Shriners, Elks, and Masons.

Karl Barfield married in 1946 and died in Tucson on April 6, 1965 survived by his wife Bonnie.

ACQUISITION

This collection was received from Mrs. Bonnie Barfield in 1969.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

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 Ltr. December 2, 1918 from K. F. Barfield
 Ltr. March 15, 1922 from John Schlatter, Attorney

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