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**MS 1382  
Beaham family  
Papers, 1887 - 1974****DESCRIPTION**

Correspondence, genealogy, reminiscences, photographs, books, and other items associated with the Beaham, Ruthrauff, Kellum, and Elrod family groups. The collection includes the Ohio diary of Emma Wyatt Kellum, 1887, World War I era correspondence between Capt. John M. Ruthrauff and his wife, Mrs. Nell Kellum Ruthrauff mentioning personal topics and local events, as well as documents pertaining to Thomas G. Beaham's state legislature campaign and his abbreviated term in office as the Republican senator from Pima County District 8 in Tucson. Also contained in the collection is an extensive Beaham, Ruthrauff, Kellum genealogy compiled by Shirley Beaham Moore, the daughter of Thomas and Virginia Beaham. Reminiscences of Albertine Kellum Elrod concern Hitch Ranch and Greaterville, Ariz. Photographs relate to Greaterville, ca. 1906 including buildings, school children, a horse and plow, and an African American cook; as well as Bert Hitch, Helen Marks, Milton Cobb, and Albertine Kellum. A copy of the "Rincon Valley Sun", published at El Reino Ranch, Wrightstown Rd., is present (f.22) containing a political ad for Beaham.

4 Boxes, 2.5 linear ft.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

John Mosheim Ruthrauff, a native of Illinois, was a captain in the U.S. Army during World War I and married Nell Kellum of Ohio. The Ruthrauff family resided in Tucson, Arizona, where John Ruthrauff worked as a mining engineer. Nell Kellum's sister, Albertine Kellum, married Samuel A. Elrod and the couple moved to Greaterville, Arizona in 1906, and eventually came to reside in Tucson. John Ruthrauff and his wife had two daughters, Virginia and Betty. Virginia Ruthrauff graduated from the University of Arizona and married Thomas Beaham II in 1933 and the couple had two children, Shirley Beaham and Thomas Beaham III. Thomas Graham Beaham II, who was born in Kansas City, Missouri and graduated from Princeton University, moved to Arizona in 1922. He served as a major in the U.S. Army and was the owner of the Double X Cattle Ranch. Thomas Beaham was elected to the Arizona State Legislature in 1966 and served as a state senator until his death in 1967. Virginia Ruthrauff died in August 1974.

**ACQUISITION**

Donated by Shirley B. Moore, September 16, 2009.

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## BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

### Box 1

f.1	Beaham, Ruthrauff, Kellum genealogy by Shirley Beaham Moore (Beaham family history also available as pdf on CD – in folder)	2008
f.2	Samuel A. Elrod Ledger cum Scrapbook	
f.3	Albertine Kellum Elrod Diary	1965 – 1969
f.4	Reminiscences of Albertine Kellum Elrod	
f.5	Postcard Correspondence addressed to Mrs. Samuel Elrod	1910
f.6	Diary of Emma Wyatt Kellum	1887 – 1888
f.7	Pocket Bible and Psalm Book of Virginia Ruthrauff	
f.8-10	Correspondence to Capt. J. M. Ruthrauff from Mrs. Ruthrauff	1918
f.11-12	Correspondence to Mrs. J. M. Ruthrauff from Capt. Ruthrauff	1918
f.13	Correspondence to Mrs. J. M. Ruthrauff from Capt. Ruthrauff	1919

### Box 2

f.14-15	Vacation Correspondence to Mrs. J. M. Ruthrauff from Virginia Beaham	1933
f.16	Mortgage Documents for Thomas and Virginia Beaham	1939
f.17	Missionary Journal of Mrs. J. M. Ruthrauff	1940
f.18	Ruthrauff Family Household Ledger	1947 – 1956
f.19	Thomas Beaham Board of Adjustment Correspondence	1954
f.20	Address Book of Mrs. J. M. Ruthrauff	
f.21	Correspondence addressed to Mrs. J. M. Ruthrauff	1961 – 1962
f.22	Thomas G. Beaham State Senate Campaign Ephemera includes copy of "The Rincon Valley Sun"	1966
f.23	Thomas G. Beaham Biographical Sketch and Correspondence	1964 – 1967
f.24	Thomas G. Beaham Newspaper Articles	1966 – 1967
f.25-26	Obituaries and Condolence Letters for Thomas G. Beaham	1967
f.27	Obituaries and Condolence Letters for Virginia Beaham	1974
f.28	Thomas Beaham and Virginia Ruthrauff Sundry Documents	
f.29	Unused Postcards	

### Box 3

f.30	Captain J. M. Ruthrauff Bible	1910
f.31	Photos Kellum /Elrod Family Members Includes home construction in Tucson foothills, a women's Anti-TB society meeting (Easter seals)	
f.32	Photos Beaham /Ruthrauff Family Members Includes 1967 Arizona Senate chambers and a "on the street" photo of Thomas Beaham, 1948	
f.33	Photos and Portraits Unidentified Individuals Includes group preparing to go on a picnic on a Tucson Transfer Co. flat bed truck, ca. 1915; and Edith Holbert In a rattlesnake cap (Buehman photo)	
f.34	Photos Elrod Family Residences Includes homes on 4th Street, Lester, 603 E. Speedway, and A foothills rock house near Campbell and River.	
f.35	Photos Elrod Family Residences incl. Fox Burro, Sunset Point, Tucson Includes an apartment building at 151 S. Eastbourne, Fox Burro Ranch house south of Tucson, home at 1845 E. Adams	

f.36 Photos Unidentified Residences

**Box 4**

f.1 Oversized Portraits of Thomas G. Beaham and Virginia Ruthrauff Beaham

f.2 Oversized Portrait of an unidentified Couple