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**MS 75**  
**BETHUNE, JOSEPH DANIEL, 1842-1912**  
**Papers, 1894**

**DESCRIPTION**

One folder of documents certifying J. D. Bethune as judge of the Supreme Court of Arizona Territory, 1894. Documents include oath of office signed by Richard Sloan as well as certification of his oath and qualifications.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Joseph Daniel Bethune was associate justice of the Arizona Supreme Court from 1894 to 1897. Bethune was born and raised in Georgia and served in the Confederate Army during most of the Civil War. In 1868, he moved to Virginia where he farmed and practiced law. In 1876, he moved to Los Angeles where he practiced law and was appointed register of the land office. He moved to Tucson in 1893 for health reasons and had a legal practice in Tucson until his appointment to the Court. He left the bench in 1897 and practiced law in Prescott for a few years and returned to Los Angeles around 1900. He died there in 1912.

**ACQUISITION**

Donated by Agnes Ellington in 1950.

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