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**MS 77**  
**BLACKLIDGE FAMILY PAPERS**  
**1880 - 1971**

## **DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists of one box with four folders dealing with the personal history of the Blacklidge and Trask families. The first folder consists of manuscripts by the Blacklidge family members; folder two provides family correspondence; folder three contains legal papers, certificates, and estate papers; folder four consists of tax records, receipts, and financial statements. The strength of this collection resides in the manuscripts depicting the historical happenings of the Blacklidge and Trask families in their journeys from California to Arizona and events in the Southwest.

1 Box .5 linear feet

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

In 1880 Jacob Jewell Trask and Frank Eugene Trask came to Arizona Territory from California driving two ten-mule teams and large freight wagons. They settled near Benson, Arizona and hauled freight from Benson to Tombstone, cut wood to sell to the Benson mines, and started ranching. Jacob Jewell Trask married Sarah Elizabeth Sawyer and they had three children: Nellie, Frank Eugene, and Laura Maud. Laura Maud married Frank Edwin Blacklidge and had three children: Frank Edwin, Myrtle, and Harry Jewell.

## **ACQUISITION**

This collection was received from Mr. Harry Jewell Blacklidge in 1960.

## **ACCESS**

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## **PROCESSING**

The collection was originally processed in 1960, reviewed in 1992, and reprocessed in October 1997 by William Tackenberg under the supervision of Riva Dean.