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CHRISMAN, CLARENCE
PAPERS, 1885-1927 (Bulk: 1885-1887)

DESCRIPTION

The Clarence Chrisman collection contains one field diary (which includes pencil sketches) made during the Geronimo Campaign, 1885-87. The diary begins on September 22, 1885 at Camp Wingate and describes military encampments in New Mexico and Arizona. Though Chrisman was an enlisted man during the Geronimo Campaign (in Company F, 13th U. S. Infantry), there are no entries in the original diary for the Geronimo Campaign. The collection also contains a handwritten manuscript, "The Apache Campaign of 1885-86" that Chrisman wrote for *Winners of the West* in 1927. The collection also contains two 16 x 20 sketchbooks, one of which was drawn at Fort Craig, New Mexico, 1885-86 and the other contains drawings of Geronimo, Crook, Miles, the Apache Kid and others, but the date that the drawings were made is unclear. There is also a folder of loose drawings, mostly of women and containing some original sheet music.

1 Box, 1.5 linear feet (Rare)
Transcripts: 1 box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Clarence Chrisman was a corporal in Company F, 13th U. S. Infantry during the Geronimo Campaign of 1885-86. A photograph of him at that time shows him to be in his early 20s. He was still alive in 1927 when he published his series of articles in *Winners of the West*, and his letterhead identifies him as "author, composer and publisher", St. Louis, Mo.

ACQUISITION

The collection was donated by W. J. Holliday in 1950.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Riva Dean in October 1997.