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MS 0226
Drachman, Mose, 1870-1935
Papers, 1888-1935 (bulk 1905-1925)

DESCRIPTION

Correspondence, legal documents, reports, stock certificates, ledgers, real estate abstracts of title, deeds and agreements, stockholder's notices and minutes, and financial reports relating to Mose Drachman's business interests including coffee, real estate, insurance, mining, and cattle ranching.

45 boxes, 23.5 linear ft.

RELATED MATERIAL

Harry A. Drachman Collection, MS 0225; Rosalie Drachman Avery Photo Collection; and Samuel H. Drachman Collection, MS 0216.

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ARRANGEMENT

Seven series: Arbuttle Coffee files, 1897-1913. Real estate files, 1894-1935. Mining, 1900-1935. Other businesses, 1895-1935. Civic organizations and politics, 1901-1935. Marcus Smith materials, 1888-1921. Personal and family materials, 1892-1934.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Mose Drachman, prominent Tucson businessman, was born on November 16, 1870. His father, Phillip, first came to Tucson in 1854. His parents, Phillip and Rosa Katzenstein Drachman, had ten children: Harry Arizona, Mose, Emanuel, Rebecca, Myra, Albert, Minnie, Lillian, Esther, and Phyllis Drachman.

In 1892, Mose became the Arizona and New Mexico sales representative for Arbuckle Brothers Coffee Company in New York. He remained a coffee jobber until 1913. In the early 1900's, Drachman began investing in Tucson real estate, insurance, wholesale groceries, laundries, banking, mining and ranching. In 1905, he formed a real estate company with Frank H. Lee and William M. Pryce. The firm dissolved in 1913, but Mose continued his business through his firms, Syndicate Realty Company, Arizona Improvement Company, North Side Land Company, Congress Realty Company and University Land and Building Company.

He also owned majority stock in Tucson Steam Laundry Company and was a partner with his brother, Harry, and Vic Hanny in the Harry A. Drachman Shoe Company. Drachman was involved in a number of mining companies and claims in Arizona and Mexico and was part owner in various cattle operations with the Ronstadt and Zepeda families.

Another of Drachman's interests was politics. In 1896, Governor Benjamin J. Franklin appointed him to the Territorial Board of Equalization. He served two terms on the Tucson City Council, 1906-1907 and 1909-1910. He was elected on the Democratic ticket to represent Pima County in the second Arizona legislature, 1915-1916. In 1919, he was named to the University of Arizona Board of Regents and held that post for four years. In 1920, he was elected to the first of five consecutive terms top the Tucson Board of Education where he served as president and secretary.

He was president of the Arizona Historical Society in 1928. In 1929, he was appointed by the federal courts as joint ancillary receiver for the Public Utilities Consolidated Corporation, a Minnesota holding company with concerns in Nogales, Claypool, Miami, Kingman, and Chloride, Arizona.

Mose Drachman was a member of the Old Pueblo Club, Tucson Country Club, Tucson Rotary Club, B.P.O. E., Knights of Pythias, and Masons. He was the first secretary, and later president, of the Tucson Chamber of Commerce. He married Ethel Edmunds in 1897. They had three children: Rosemary Drachman Taylor, Philip Edmunds Drachman, and Oliver Claiborne Drachman. He died on October 2, 1935 at the age of 64.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection relates primarily to the business interests of Mose Drachman in Tucson, Arizona between 1900 and 1935. The papers document his diverse business activities, which include Arbuckle coffee sales, real estate companies, laundries, mining companies, cattle companies, and management of the Public Utilities Consolidated Corporation receivership and various estates.

Areas of his business that are not well documented include his involvement with the Consolidated Telephone Company and the Arizona Eastern Railroad Company, his legislative service, and his terms on the City Council.

The majority of the collection consists of correspondence from customers ordering Arbuckle's coffee and the correspondence, abstracts of title, deeds, agreements and other documents relating to Drachman's various real estate companies. The coffee correspondence, chiefly orders, is interesting for the many letterheads, which often list company officers, from merchants and Indian traders throughout Arizona.

Highlights of the real estate files include documents for sale of lots in the newly established townsite of Sasco in 1917, petitions to the City Council for improvements, correspondence and other documents concerning a cracker factory in Block 195, a list of building specifications by Henry Jaastad, and correspondence concerning the Bisbee real estate and mining property of Kate Sauvage who was indicted for the murder of Henry Sauvage as well as sales and contract information about many Tucson properties. There are also records of the Arizona Mexico Land Company formed along with Frederico Ronstadt and John H. Campbell to assist Francisco and Ernesto Morineau when their land in Mexico was seized by the Mexican Constitutional Government, 1914. Cattle company records include inventories and reports giving detailed descriptions of the lands and operations for the Arivaca Land and Cattle Company, the Las Jarillas Cattle Company, and the Poso Verde Cattle Company.

Mining records include reports, mine location notices, blueprints, stock certificates, correspondence and other documents chiefly for the Gold Boulder Mining Company and the Tucson-Globe Copper Company. Extensive correspondence with Edwin L. Bartholomew concerns copper and gold mining explorations near Jerome, Arizona and Calabacillas, Sinaloa, Mexico. Correspondence and articles of incorporation are present concerning the Douglas Gas and Fuel Company, which established a gas plant in Douglas, Arizona. There is also material on Drachman's investment in Pima Petroleum Company in Louisiana.

Correspondence, legal files and financial records relating to the laundry businesses and estates managed by Drachman are also present. Records from his service on the Public Utilities Corporation receivership relate chiefly to utility disputes in Nogales, Arizona and the Edwin R. Post receivership relates to the Santa Cruz Valley Farms irrigation project begun by Post. There are engineering reports on land, water and irrigation in the Santa Cruz Valley, 1920-1927.

There are only scattered materials concerning Drachman's work with civic organizations. Board of Regents correspondence is mostly letters to Mose from Cloyd Heck Marvin,

University president. Arizona Hut Executive Committee correspondence includes letters to Mose from Isabella Greenway. Tucson Board of Education correspondence is mostly applications and testimonial letters of teachers; there are a few lists of teachers and their salaries and schools with their enrollments, circa 1921 and 1935. Also present is list of liquor licenses issued in Tucson in 1915, and correspondence about the Tucson Street Railway. A 1907 resolution of Tucson merchants agrees to accept Clearing House Certificates for merchandise since the “unsettled financial conditions of the country have made the money circulating medium inadequate to meet the daily demands of trade.” In 1903, residents and merchants of McCormick Street petition concerning houses of ill fame and saloons nearby.

Drachman’s political file includes correspondence with Isabella Greenway, the McKinley Reception Committee (formed to organize the President visit in 1901), and Sidney P. Osborn as Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee. It is not known how Mose Drachman acquired the Marcus A. Smith materials although they were friends. These materials include correspondence to and from Smith about recent elections, statehood, and the Territorial Democratic Central Committee. Correspondents include O’Brien Moore, Samuel Kingan, George W.P. Hunt, Mose Drachman, Ralph Cameron, and Epes Randolph. Also present are pension and eulogy lists, financial documents, speeches and resolutions including a speech to the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

A 110-page typescript of reminiscences by Mose Drachman gives family and local history and describes many people and places in southern Arizona. Documents of the Tucson Amusement Company owned by Emanuel Drachman, present legal, issued involved after a bear attack.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series 1: Arbuckle Coffee files, 1897-1913

Arranged alphabetically within each year. (13 boxes)

Correspondence, invoices, merchandise transfers and storage, and other transactions while Mose Drachman was agent for Arbuckle Brothers. Customers were many of the leading merchants of Tucson, Phoenix, Flagstaff, Tombstone, and Solomonville, Arizona including Babbitt Brothers, C.N. Cotton, Soto Brothers, J.W. Dorris, Rand Trading Co., and Solomon-Wickersham.

Series 2: Real Estate files, 1894-1935

Arranged by company. Lee, Drachman & Pryce files arranged alphabetically within each year; other companies are arranged by type of materials. (18 boxes)

Lee, Drachman & Pryce, 1905-1911, was involved in land development, subdivision planning, lot sales especially in Fairmont Addition, University Heights subdivision. The partners of the firm were Frank Lee, William Pryce and Mose Drachman.

Syndicate Realty Company, 1905-1935, was involved in Tucson real estate properties including the Montclair Addition. Owners included Mose Drachman, Barron Jacobs, Frank Lee, and Ed Vail.

Tucson Development Company, 1905-1909, was involved in purchasing mining properties in southern Arizona. Partners were Charles F. Hoff, George F. Kitt, and Mose Drachman.

Arizona Improvement Company, 1907-1934, was involved in individual real estate holdings in the Tucson area, especially the Fairmont Addition lots. Main correspondents were J.W. Forgeus and Judge William Sawtelle.

North Side Land Company, 1908-1929, was concerned with real estate in the Tucson area, primarily the Schumacher Addition. Main correspondents include Frank H. Lee and C.F. Schumacher.

University Land & Building Company, 1904-1935, was primarily concerned with the University Home Addition, the Buena Vista Addition, and the Chattman Addition. Partners include George Darnell and A.R. Conner.

Congress Street Realty Company, 1912-1935, was concerned with Block 91 of Congress Street. Main correspondents included William Sawtelle and Leo Goldschmidt.

Arivaca Land and Cattle Company, 1920-1927, was formed to consolidate the La Osa Live Stock and Loan Company, Arivaca Land and Cattle Company, Las Jarillas Cattle Company, Poso Verde Cattle Company, and the Clark and Noon Cattle and Land holdings; all adjoining ranches. Reports on the ranches include history and financial evaluations of each company.

Poso Verde Cattle Company, 1911-1931, concerns the payment of notes, claims against the Mexican government for damages caused by cattle smuggling, sale of cattle, and Mexican importation fees. Major correspondents are J.M. Zepeda and the American Cattle Growers Association.

Series 3: Mining files, 1901-1935

Arranged by company, then by type of material. (5 boxes)

Gold Bolder Mining Company, 1905-1911, concerning development of mining operations in the Oro Blanco Mining District of Santa Cruz County. Main correspondents are Charles H. Hoff, John Maloney, and J.N. Pemberton.

Tucson-Globe Copper Company, 1907-1932, was concerned with the development and selling of mining claims in Globe, Arizona. Main correspondents are W.F. Westbrook, Philip Contzen, A.L. Gorman, Sterling Edmunds, Epes Randolph, Peter Robinson, Joe B. Scott, and Samuel Graham and Co.

Pima Petroleum Company, 1926-1931, concerns Mose Drachman and other Tucsonans investment in an oil company in Louisiana.

Douglas Gas and Fuel Company, 1903-1905, concerns the building of a gas plant for the city of Douglas by Drachman, Charles T. Connell and M.C. Osborn.

Series 4: Other businesses, 1895-1935
Arranged by company, then by type of material. (8 boxes)

Correspondence, financial papers, and agreements for various laundries owned by Mose Drachman in Tucson.

Public Utilities Consolidated Corporation, 1929-1935, consists of documents from Drachman's court-appointed role as ancillary receiver for the corporation's assets in Nogales, Arizona. Topics include the corporation's relationship to the city, acquisition of the gas concession and plant in Nogales, Mexico, reports on the status of the receivership, rate questions, excessive taxes on the plant, and rate changes for utility service. Main correspondents are Rodulfo Brito Foucher, Mexican counsel for the utility, Joseph Chapman receiver in Minnesota, and utility officials in Minnesota.

Edwin R. Post Receivership/Valley Farms Water Company, 1912-1928, consists of correspondence and reports about lands in the Santa Cruz Valley Irrigation District. It was originally part of a settlement and irrigation plan known as the Post Project, later called the Pima Farms Company. Mose Drachman, R.R. Schweitzer, and Albert Steinfeld were appointed as receivers to satisfy creditors of the project in July 1920.

Series 5: Civic organizations and politics, 1901-1935
Arranged by organization, then by type of material. (1 box)

Scattered correspondence and other materials relating to Drachman's service on various boards. One file of correspondence on political topics includes telegrams about McKinley's 1901 visit, recommendations for public offices, etc.

Series 6: Marcus A. Smith materials, 1888-1921
Arranged by type of material. (1 box)

Correspondence, resolutions, speeches, lists of pension recipients and eulogies, and banking accounts of Marcus Smith. Includes political correspondence concerning statehood, legislation and elections.

Series 7: Personal and family materials, 1892-1934
Arranged by family member. (1 box)

Family correspondence and a few legal documents relating to family members as well as 110-page typescript of Mose Drachman's reminiscences. These reminiscences cover such Tucson topics as gamblers and gambling, amusements and fiestas, soldiers at Fort Lowell, Epes Randolph and his railroad accomplishments, Marcus Smith, Democratic politics, McKinley's 1901 visit to Tucson, and more.

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