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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:** Charles Drake was a Tucson businessman, who served as president of the fifteenth Arizona Territorial Legislative assembly, was a member of the University of Arizona Board of Regents, served as hospital steward at Fort Lowell in 1871, was Asst. Postmaster from 1876 to 1881, was elected Pima County Recorder in 1881 and served until January 1885, at which time he operated a general brokerage and commission business. In 1889, he was appointed receiver of the land office in Tucson. He also served on the City Council, as President of the School Board, and was president of the Tucson Building and Association.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** Correspondence, financial records, and legal documents are evenly divided between Drake's business files and the Pima County records from his tenure as Recorder. The Collection contains legal transactions of many of Southern Arizona's pioneers and documents real estate and mining activity in many towns including Logan City, Quijotoa, Greaterville, Tombstone, Benson, Arivaca, Nogales, and Harshaw. County records consist predominantly of recording deeds and mine location notices but also include voter registration changes after Cochise County was formed in November 1881, powers of attorney, marriage certificates, brands and other documents filed with Pima County from 1881 to 1884. There is a list of marriages performed by Justice of the Peace Meyer between March 15 and Sept. 5, 1883. Also present is a typescript of an 1885 trial concerning Santa Cruz River water rights (Box 20).

Drake's business records relate to the Safety Nitro Powder Company, real estate, mining, and various insurance companies. Material concerning election campaigns and politics in Arizona between 1880 and 1889 includes correspondence from various politicians and citizens and certificates of election. There is correspondence, a will and inventory relating to the suicide of Col. James H. Toole. There is also a medical case book kept by Drake while a hospital steward at Fort Lowell, 1866, 1871-1873. This provides patient name, company, ailment, and date of return to duty as well as a record of prescriptions giving details of dosage and instructions for use.

This collection is arranged in eight series. Series I: Personal and Military materials, 1866-1892, boxes 1 – 3, oversize ledger and poster; Series II: Business – Real Estate, Insurance, and Mining, 1881-1895, boxes 4-9, 12, 15; Series III: Business – Safety Nitro Powder Company, 1881-1893, boxes 10-11; Series IV: Politics and appointments, 1875-1893, boxes 16-17; Series V: Pima County Recorder's Office, 1880-1884, boxes 18-16.

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|        | 4  | Board of Education  | 1883-1889 |
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|        | 6  | 14 <sup>th</sup> Legislature                  | 1887-1889 |
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|        | 4  | Correspondence (March)                        | 1881      |
|        | 5  | Correspondence (April)                        | 1881      |
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|        | 13 | Correspondence (Nov-Dec)                      | 1882      |
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|        | 18 | Correspondence (April-June)                   | 1884      |
|        | 19 | Correspondence (July-Sept)                    | 1884      |
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|        | 3  | Title Search, Tucson  | 1872-1883 |
|        | 4  | Quintero-Woffenden Indenture Note                                 | 1872      |
|        | 5  | Block 129, Lot 6, Tucson  | 1880      |
|        | 6  | Brief of Plaintiff  | 1881      |
|        | 7  | Abstract Title & Deed   | 1881-1891 |
|        | 8  | Reprecincting of Pima County                                      | 1882      |
|        | 9  | Lot 7, Block 229, Tucson  | 1882      |
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|        | 11 | Certification of Marriages by Charles H.<br>Meyer                 | 1883      |
|        | 12 | Lease   | 1884      |
|        | 13 | Santa Cruz River Water Rights Suit                                | 1885      |
|        | 14 | List of County Stationery   | 1886      |
|        | 15 | Deed to Lots in Logan City  | 1886      |
|        | 16 | Douglas Snyder – Invalid Pension                                  |           |
|        | 17 | Drafts of County Recorder Forms                                   |           |
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|        | 3  | Correspondence (June)   | 1881      |
|        | 4  | Correspondence (July)   | 1881      |
|        | 5  | Correspondence (August)   | 1881      |
|        | 6  | Santa Rita Land & Mining Co –<br>Properties Purchased (August)    | 1881      |
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|        | 2  | Correspondence (January)                                      | 1882 |
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|  | 7  | Correspondence (June 2-6)   | 1881        |
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|  | 11 | Rough & Ready Claim – Deed (April)                                  | 1882        |
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|  | 21 | Hartman, Finch, Drake Agreement<br>(November)                       | 1890        |
|  | *  | OVERSIZED MATERIAL  |             |
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|  | 2  | Poster “Cooper’s Chicago Battery”                                   |             |