

**TITLE:** Eiden-Harada Collection

**DATE RANGE:** 1907-1993

**CALL NUMBER:** Y-MS 9

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 box (.5 linear feet)

**PROVENANCE:** Donated by Jean Orendorff, wife of Lawrence Orendorff

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**CREDIT LINE:** Eiden-Harada Collection, Y-MS9, Arizona Historical Society-Rio Colorado Division, Yuma

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

Albert Henry Eiden was a plumber in Yuma Arizona. He was born on October 9<sup>th</sup> 1883, in St. Cloud, Minnesota. He came to Yuma in 1914, intending to pass through on the way to El Paso but ended up settling in the town and opening a plumbing business with Lawrence Orendorff. Eiden was a private in the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division of the National Guard during World War I. His division was sent to France in 1918 only a month before the end of the war. It was in Yuma that Eiden met and befriended the Japanese-American Harada Family. During World War II, when the Harada family was forced to move to the Japanese Internment Camp at Poston, Arizona, Albert offered to store the possessions that the Harada family could not take with them. He stored the items for several years until the family reclaimed them in 1945.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:**

Included in the papers of Albert Eiden are letters to Eiden from the Harada family, describing life in the Poston Japanese Internment Camp. There is also correspondence to Eiden from their son, Takeshi Harada, a Japanese-American in the U. S. Army during World War II.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	<b>Biographical:</b> Eiden, Albert	1973, N.D.
	2	<b>Biographical:</b> Harada Family	1988
	3	<b>Correspondence:</b> Harada Family	1942 – 1945, N.D.
	4	<b>Correspondence:</b> Harada, Takeshi	1942 – 1993, N.D.
	5	<b>Documents:</b> Automobiles	1949 – 1953, N.D.
	6	<b>Documents:</b> Finance	1916 – 1967, N.D.

	7	<b>Documents:</b> First Aid	N.D.
	8	<b>Documents:</b> Miscellaneous	1907 – 1962, N.D.
	9	<b>Documents:</b> Plumbing	1917 – 1964, N.D.
	10	<b>Documents:</b> Shipping Records	1942 – 1943, N.D.
	11	<b>Documents:</b> World War 1	1918 – 1919, N.D.
	12	<b>Membership Cards:</b> American Legion	1925 – 1964
	13	<b>Membership Cards:</b> B.P. . Elks	1929 – 1962
	14	<b>Membership Cards:</b> Various	1942 - 1956
	15	<b>Photographs:</b> Reference notes and photos of Takeshi Harada during WWII	1940's