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Fort Mojave Indian School
1891 - 1893

DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of correspondence between the Office of Indian Affairs of the Department of Interior and the Superintendent of the Fort Mojave Indian School between 1891 and 1893. Materials consist of both in-coming and out-going correspondence. Much of the subject matter from T. J. Morgan and A. V. Belt of the Interior Dept. consists of authorizations for expenditure of funds for support of the school and reservations. Appropriations for Mojave and Hualapai Indians near Kingman, AZ and Needles, CA included beef, milk cows, wood, travel expenses, medical supplies, shoes for students, salt, beans, etc. In addition correspondence also includes appropriations and conditions for Havasupai in Cataract Canyon off the Colorado River. Out-going reports from Superintendent Samuel McCowan describe the difficult conditions for the Mojave, Hualapai, and Havasupai in their struggles against alcohol, crop failures, and unscrupulous whites. McCowan provides a lengthy overview of the history and facilities of the Indian school in his letter of August 1, 1891.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The Fort Mojave Indian School was situated on the east bank of the Colorado River at the location of the old Fort Mojave military facility. The post was established in 1858 to protect immigrants and assist in the crossing of the Colorado River. The school, established in 1890 with the closure of the post, consisted of 24 buildings with dormitories, dining room, kitchen, instructional buildings and cottages for the staff. The school remained in operation until 1932 when it was closed.

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