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**McCormick, Richard Cunningham, 1832-1901
Papers, 1863-1902**

DESCRIPTION

Documents and letters concerning McCormick's political experience in Arizona. Correspondence to his friend Cepheus Brainerd includes a letter from McCormick written in Santa Fe on his way to Arizona. Other letters in 1864 and 1865 describe conditions in Arizona, including the effort to "strangle the Apaches." Included in the collection are documents appointing McCormick as Territorial Governor, as United States commissioner general to the Paris Exposition, and as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Richard C. McCormick, second territorial governor of Arizona was born in New York in 1832. He worked as a newspaper correspondence and was active in the 1860 presidential campaign for Abraham Lincoln. When Lincoln created the territory of Arizona in 1863, Lincoln appointed McCormick secretary and he came overland through Santa Fe. McCormick brought a small printing press with him and in 1864, he produced the first issue of the *Arizona Miner* and later founded the *Arizona Citizen* in Tucson. He later managed Rutherford B. Hayes' presidential campaign. He served as assistant secretary of the treasury and was later United States commissioner general to the Paris Exposition. He died in New York in 1901.

ACQUISITION

Unknown

ACCESS

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