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McDowell, David

“A Survey of the Organs of the Gadsden Purchase, 1854-1985”

DESCRIPTION

One typewritten manuscript by David McDowell entitled “A Survey of the Organs of the Gadsden Purchase, 1854-1985.” The unpagged manuscript describes organs built in Southern Arizona from 1854-1985. It describes bringing the first organ to Tucson in 1858 and the building of subsequent organs throughout the territory. The manuscript includes original photographs of organists including William Harrison Barnes, Camil Van Hulse, David McDowell (who built many of the organs) and the organs at various churches including St. Phillips in the Hills, Catalina Baptist Church and Fountain of Life Lutheran Church.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

David McDowell was a “master” organ builder in Tucson, Arizona.

ACQUISITION

Donated by David McDowell in 1986.

ACCESS

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