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OBERMULLER, JOSEPH L., 1864-1947

“Life and Travels of a Mining Engineer,” [1864-1905]

DESCRIPTION

The collection contains one handwritten manuscript (128 pages) of reminiscences by Joseph L. Obermuller entitled *Life and Travels of a Mining Engineer* and one transcript of the same. He describes his childhood in Missouri including an encounter with Jesse James, the Youngers and others in 1873. He arrived in Phoenix in 1889 and describes Phoenix at that time as well as his friendships with Philip Tedro (Hi-Jolly) and Jack Swilling. Most of the manuscript describes his travels in Mexico, South America and Europe and appears to end around 1905.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Joseph L. Obermuller, mining engineer, was born in Missouri in 1864. He came to Arizona in 1889. Though he made his home in Phoenix, he worked as a mining engineer in Mexico and South America, retiring around 1940. He died in 1947.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Joseph Obermuller in 1946.

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