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**PC 101**  
**Purcell family**  
**Purcell family photographs, ca. 1880-1913**

## **DESCRIPTION**

Photographs of the Purcell family including studio portraits of Dr. Purham Booker Purcell, Sr., Dr. Walter B. Purcell, and Ethel Kitt, as well as unidentified women and children. There are also photographs of the Blue Rock Gun Club members, dated 1906 to 1908, and one photograph of a medical classroom dated 1889. There is also a photograph of Sylvester W. Purcell with Wong Wo and Gee You taken at Yellow Bird Mine in 1924. The images shows the three men standing by a car. There are also several images of unidentified early school classes posed in front of school buildings.

1 box, .1 linear ft.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Dr. Purham Booker Purcell (1839-1924) was a prominent Tucson physician. He and wife, Mary Ann, had ten children including Sylvester, Purham, Jr., Louis, Maria, Teresa, and Ivy. His brother, Dr. Walter B. Purcell (1868-1910) was also a well-known Tucson surgeon with two children, George and Ethelyn. Purham's son, Sylvester W. Purcell (1870-1943) was a Tucson attorney who served as Pima County Probate Judge and was active in mining in the Sahuarita area.

## **ACQUISITION**

Gift of Joe Purcell, Orangeville, California, 1990.

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