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**PC 270
William W. Thiess
Postcards
1908 - 1912****DESCRIPTION**

Postcards in the William Thiess Collection depict images of Tucson, Mexico, and some locations in Arizona outside the city. Almost all cards have brief captions and were mailed to relatives between 1908 and 1912. Since Thiess worked in Tucson and he was encouraging his parents to relocate to the city, the majority of the images depict Tucson street scenes, hospitals, churches, schools, and homes. Prominent images include the U.S. Immigration Building (where Thiess worked), views of the University of Arizona, Rodgers Hospital, Old Pueblo Club, St. Joseph's Academy, Willard Hotel, Ruudolf Rasmussen's Curio Store, Armory Park (called Washington Park), Meyer St., a Dairy farm, and birds-eye-views of the city. Distinctive homes represented include several on Main Avenue. Images outside Tucson include the Petrified Forest, Saguaro cactus plants, the Santa Fe Hotel (Seligman, Ariz.), Roosevelt, Jerome, and Prescott, AZ.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William W. Thiess was born in New York City on September 15, 1882. He graduated from Cooper Institute Public High School and worked as a cry goods salesman. He became involved with the Immigration Service in 1904 and until he was transferred to Arizona to Tucson. Thiess stayed with the Immigration Service in Tucson until 1917.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Richard Fulton in April 2007.

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