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Mary Ford Platten Collection, 1930-1965

AHS-ND.14



Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Platten, Mary Ford.
Collection Name	Mary Ford Platten Collection,
Inclusive Dates:	1930-1965
Physical Description	6 linear inches
Abstract	Personal paper of Mary Ford Platten including: correspondence, postcards, and miscellaneous materials.
Collection Number	AHS-ND.14
Language	English.
Repository	Arizona Historical Society/Flagstaff Archives PO Box 6022 Flagstaff, AZ 86011-6022 Phone: 928 523 5551 Fax: 928 774 1596 Email: ahsnad@infomagic.net

Biographical Note

Mary Ford Platten was an early Arizona pioneer. However, she is most noted for being the first Euro American to be born in United States territory of Alaska. As a child Mary Ford Platten lived in Alaska, California, and Arizona. Her father, Sgt. Patrick Ford, was stationed in some of the most remote areas of the western regions of the United States territories including Kodiak Island, AK, Angel Island, CA, and Fort Whipple in the Arizona Territory. Mary lived in Washington D.C. from 1901 to 1911. In 1911 she returned to Arizona and married Fred Platten. They lived on a ranch 6 miles east of Williams, Arizona. Mr. Platten died in 1939 leaving Mary to live on the ranch alone until 1956, when she moved into Williams, Arizona. Mrs. Platten was friend to many of the early Arizona pioneers as well as the territorial governors. She was involved in patriotic organizations, and was acquainted with a number of politicians including: Ernest McFarland, Carl Hayden, Lew Williams, E.L. Bartlett, Barry Goldwater, Paul Fannin and William A. Egan (AK.).

Scope and Content Note

The collection is 6 inches in volume. The materials are primarily personal correspondence related to Mary Platten's 85th birthday party. The collection would be of interest to researchers studying the life of early pioneer women in Arizona.

Organization

3 Series. I. Correspondence. II. Publications. III. Miscellaneous

Restrictions

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None.

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Related Material

Flagstaff Women's Club Collection #852

Access Points

Personal Name(s)

Platten, Mary Ford--Archives.

Geographic Name(s)

Arizona.

Genre Form(s)

Correspondence.

Administrative Information

Credit Line

Arizona Historical Society/Flagstaff, AHS-ND.14

Container List

Series 1. Correspondence ,

4 folders. Contains letters of birthday congratulations from politicians (Ernest McFarland, Carl Hayden, Lew Williams, E.L. Bartlett, Barry Goldwater, Paul Fannin and William A. Egan); personal correspondence to Mary Ford Platten; greeting cards; and postcards.

Box-
folder

1.1 Correspondence written to Mary Ford Platten from politicians: Ernest McFarland, Carl Hayden, Lew Williams, E.L. Bartlett, Barry Goldwater, Paul Fannin and William A. Egan, 1949-1964

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1.2 Personal correspondence written to Mary Ford Platten, 1949-1964

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1.3 Greeting cards written to Mary Ford Platten, 1949-1964

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1.4 Postcards written to Mary Ford Platten , 1935-1961

Series 2. Publications ,

2 folders. Publish memorabilia including school play bill; Famous Arizona Brands booklet; dance program; West Point graduation program; Flagstaff business woman's convention program; memorial service announcement; newspaper announcements for Mary Ford Platten birthday, etc..

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1.5 Published memorabilia including school play bill; Famous Arizona brands booklet; dance program; West Point graduation program; Flagstaff business woman's convention program; memorial service announcement, ca. 1923-1960

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1.6 Newspaper announcements for Mary Ford Platten birthday; Joe Conway, State Attorney General announcement proclaiming Mary Ford Platten an Arizona pioneer, 1949-1964

Series 3. Miscellaneous , 1922-1964

4 folders. Birthday guest register for Mary Ford Platten; unused postcards; student papers; Farm Schedule 1930 Census; Forest Ranger obituary, 1922

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1.7 Birthday guest register for Mary Ford Platten , 1949-1954

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1.8 Postcards, ca. 1912-1940

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1.9 Student Papers, ca. 1961

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1.10 Farm Schedule 1930 Census; Forest Ranger obituary, 1922-1930
