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MS 1224
Redfield Family 1870-1946
Personal Papers, 1901-1937

DESCRIPTION

This collection contains correspondence, documents, and tax receipts concerning the Redfield properties in San Diego, Burbank, and Benson, 1906-1936. Awards, memberships and activities including membership rolls related to the Knights of Pythias, Shriner, and Freemason organizations, 1890-1937, Fannie Redfield's (maiden name: Armitage) 1902 school biology notebook, scrapbook, Tempe Normal School ephemera, teacher's notebook and Benson High School ephemera, 1929, and three recipe books. Florence Redfield's High School papers, 1928-1933, small number of various personal items.

2 boxes, .75 linear ft.

ACQUISITION

Provenance unknown

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING

Dan Deurloo, working under the supervision of Riva Dean, processed the collection in February 2002.

ARRANGEMENT

1/ Redfield correspondence and documents-real estate, club memberships, school items, 2/ scrap book and recipe books

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Leonard Redfield, Postmaster of Benson, was born in Watertown New York in 1870, and died in Benson in 1944. At the time of his retirement from the United States Postal Service in 1940, Leonard Redfield was Arizona's oldest postmaster in point of service. He held his post for 44 years. He began his postal career in 1896 while working for his father at the Reddington post office which was named after him. When his father took over the Pony Express route from Tres Alamos to Riverside, Leonard ran the Reddington post office. Leonard was appointed Postmaster of Benson, Arizona by Glover Cleveland in March of 1896 and held that position through many administrations. Leonard and his wife Fannie belonged to many organizations and clubs including the Knights of Pythias, Freemasons, and Shriners.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers of Leonard and Fannie Redfield include business correspondence and documents and property tax receipts relating to real estate properties in Benson, Arizona, San Diego, and Burbank California from 1906-1936.

The Awards, membership certificates, payment books, membership rolls, pamphlets, membership cards, and Open Door Guest book relate to Leonard and Fannie Redfield's membership in the Knights of Pythias, Freemasons, and Shriner organizations. There are various Ritual books including "The Amplified Ritual of the Grand Order of the Orient," and "Secret Work."

The collection includes a scrapbook, a biology notebook 1902, Fannie Armitage's three recipe books, Bulletin from Tempe Normal School 1936, Tucson Visitor's Guide 1936-1937, Arizona Stockman 1936, teacher's notebook, "Laying the Corner stone of Benson High School" ceremony, and miscellaneous correspondence and several items of Fannie Redfield. One file contains High School papers of Florence Redfield 1928-1933.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

- F. 1 Correspondence California properties, 1919-1936
- F. 2 Benson real estate, 1908 & 1923
- F. 3 Property tax receipts, 1926-1929
- F. 4 Awards and membership certificates, 1908-1929
- F. 5 Knights of Pythias payment book, Roll of officers, Membership roles, 1890-1937
- F. 6 Pamphlets, Tempe Normal School 1906-1907, and 1908
- F. 7 "Open Door" guest book 1927, "Arabian Tales" 1923, "Gauge & Gavel" 1922, and two secret ritual books of "Grand Order of the Orient" n.d.
- F. 8 Tucson Visitors' Guide 1936-1937, Alumni Bulletin ASU 1936, and Arizona Stockman 1936
- F. 9 Teacher's notebook and ephemera-Benson High School, 1929
- F. 10 Miscellaneous items and correspondence of Fannie Redfield
- F. 11 Biology notebook of Fannie Armitage, 1902
- F. 12 Benson High School papers, Florence Redfield, 1928-1933

Box 2

- F. 13 Scrapbook of Fannie Redfield
- F. 14-15 Recipe books of Fannie Redfield