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SCOTT, WILLIAM FISHER, 1831-1914

Ledger, 1877-1908

DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of one account book kept by William Fisher Scott while he was customs officer in Tucson, 1877-1908. The ledger includes both personal and professional accounts. It includes his accounts with various grocers in Tucson (Pacific Grocer company, L. Zeckendorf & Co.) and his personal accounts for household goods. There are also lists of names but no indication of what they represent. A large portion of the ledger has been cut out.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William F. Scott, customs inspector in Tucson, was a miner, miller and justice of the peace. He was born in Scotland in 1831 and came to the United States in 1845. He stayed in New York for ten years before moving out West; he arrived in Tucson in 1859. He was part of the Walker Party discovering gold in the Hassayampa River in 1863. In 1865, he began operating a flour mill at Silver Lake on the Santa Cruz River with James Lee as a partner. He continued to mine and operate the mill until 1873 when he was appointed Inspector for the U. S. Customs Service and continued to serve until 1881. He was married to Larcena Pennington Page Scott. He also served many terms as Justice of the Peace of the Tucson district. He died in 1914 at the age of 83.

ACQUISITION

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