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Stoddard, Isaac Taft, 1851-1914
Letterbooks, 1901-1903

DESCRIPTION

Two letterbooks, one of business correspondence, 1901-1902, and the other of correspondence written while Stoddard was acting governor, 1903. The official letters concern subjects such as prisoner pardons and law enforcement needs during the miners' strike in Morenci. As Acting Governor, Stoddard communicated with Sheriff James Parks in Morenci, the Douglas family in Bisbee, James Colquhoun of Clifton, Governor Alexander O. Brodie in New Jersey, Col. Lebo of the 14th U.S. Cavalry in Morenci, Capt. Thomas Rynning and others. Although the letters are brief, they provide a daily record of events as they occurred in Morenci and the official response to them. The other letterbook consists of letters written following Stoddard's appointment as Secretary to the Arizona Territory. These letters concern mining, politics, appointments, and his business as Secretary.

1 box, .1 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Insurance agent, mining investor, Secretary of Arizona Territory; Isaac Taft Stoddard was born in New York in 1851 and began investing in Arizona in 1879. He built the first copper smelter north of Globe and was the owner of mines at Stoddard, Arizona. From June, 1901, he lived in Phoenix where he was appointed to be Secretary of Arizona Territory by President McKinley. Stoddard was Acting Governor, while Governor Brodie was absent on business in the East, during the 1903 miners' strike in Morenci.

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