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**MS 773**  
**STURGIS, RALPH WEATHERBEE, 1878-1961**  
**PAPERS, 1904-1961**

**DESCRIPTION**

The collection contains biographical material on the life of Ralph W. Sturgis. There is one folder of biographical material and genealogical material on the Sturgis family. There is a "remembrance book" from Sturgis' funeral as well as certificates from his marriage (1924), membership to APHS and the Elks. There is a Southern Pacific Timetable for Tucson in 1899 and some correspondence to and from Sturgis from 1906-07, 1941, 1953.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Ralph Sturgis, Arizona pioneer, was born in Maine in 1878. He moved to Missouri as a boy and went to high school and college there. He settled in Tucson in 1899 and had a varied career as Postmaster in Globe, under-sheriff of Gila County and chief clerk to the master mechanic of the Southern Pacific Railroad. He was a member of the first Territorial Congress of Arizona. He later entered the wholesale grocery and food packing business and worked at that until his retirement in Los Angeles. He died in 1961.

**ACQUISITION**

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