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**MS 1430
Tombstone- Bisbee Papers
1884 - 1978****DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists of materials pertaining primarily to Bisbee and Tombstone, Arizona. Included are several quit claim, township, and warranty deeds, most of which center around the Bisbee area and purchaser Batista Caretto. Of particular note is Batista Caretto's purchase of the Pythian Castle in Bisbee; a newspaper article describes the later renovation of the castle. Also included are miscellaneous business and financial transactions of various companies, including receipts from the Great Western Copper Company of Courtland, Arizona, and the Tombstone Telephone Company. Memorabilia in the collection consist of a Yuma Lodge ball invitation, Tombstone Legion Rodeo program, and sheet music of "The Saga of the Tombstone Kid" by Ted Essex. A court document, signed by Justice of the Peace J.S. Bogart and containing the testimony of Jennie Williams of Tombstone, Arizona, rounds out the collection.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Bisbee, known for its gold and especially copper mines, was founded in 1880 and named after Judge DeWitt Bisbee, a financial backer of the Copper Queen Mine. Mining in Bisbee was generally successful and included not only gold and copper but also other gems and minerals, such as a turquoise known as "Bisbee Blue." Bisbee is also known for the 1917 "Bisbee Deportation," in which striking Phelps Dodge miners were forcefully kidnapped and transported to New Mexico without food, water, or return transportation. Phelps Dodge closed operations in Bisbee in 1975. Today Bisbee is an artist and retirement community with an emphasis on tourism.

Tombstone was founded in 1877 by prospector Edward Schieffelin, who was told by the soldiers at Camp Huachuca that instead of ore, he would find his tombstone. Tombstone thrived for seven years by mining millions of dollars worth of silver and gold until various disasters forced mining to cease. Tombstone is of course also remembered as a rough-and-tumble town and the location of the Clanton-Earp shoot-out at the OK Corral -- one of the most famous gun fights in the history of the American West. Present-day Tombstone owes much of its success to tourism instead of mining.

ACQUISITION - Donated by James J. Guthrie in 1986.

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PROCESSING - The collection was processed by Valerie Kittell in February 2011.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Folder 1: Real Estate Transactions	1905 – 1916
f.2 Pythian Castle	1905 – 1978
f.3 Business Transactions and Financial Papers	1906 – 1919
f.4 Memorabilia	1888 – 1948
f.5 Court Testimony – Assault and Rape, Tombstone	1884