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Tucson Ice and Cold Storage Collection
1898 - 1917**DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists of three large, leather-bound ledger books from The Tucson Ice and Storage Company. The first ledger in the collection dates from April 15, 1898 through December 31, 1905, the second book dates from January 1, 1906 through July 16, 1911, while the third book in the series dates from July 23, 1911 and ends on December 31, 1917. Each of the ledgers is a record of the company's accounts payable and accounts receivable. The handwriting throughout the ledgers is inconsistent indicating more than one author. The accounts receivable portions of the books are fairly consistent, recording the sales of ice, coal, fuel oil, and beer, as well as bank deposits. The accounts payable and sundry business expenses, which were recorded in the ledgers, are much more varied, and include items such as payroll and employee wages, licenses and permits, telephone bills and utilities, telegrams, horse feed, tack, and shoeing, advertising and newspaper subscriptions, machinery maintenance and repair, office supplies, burlap sacks, ice picks and tongs, laundry and tools, oil and wastes, and, even, the repainting of the company smokestack.

1 linear foot.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Tucson Ice and Cold Storage Company was established in 1898 by George Pusch Sr. (1847 – 1921) and John C. Zellweger (18-- - 1924). Pusch and Zellweger were also the owners of the Steam Pump Ranch, the Arivaca Land and Cattle Company, and a butcher shop and meat market located at 34 W. Congress Street in Tucson. George Pusch served on the Tucson City Council and also in the Territorial Legislature. The offices of The Tucson Ice and Cold Storage Company were located at 45 Toole Avenue, as was the ice plant itself. The company specialized in the manufacture and sale of distilled water ice, though the company also sold coal, fuel oil, and bottled beer until June of 1901. Pusch and Zellweger both served as president of the company, while Zellweger also served as the company treasurer. Noah C. Bernard was company's vice president from 1903 to 1921, being replaced by Matilda F. Pusch (1860 – 1933), the wife of George Pusch in 1922. Bernard also served as secretary and manager from 1898 through 1901. G. W. Phelps assumed the managerial position in 1902. Edgar Golglazier served as the secretary and general manager of Tucson Ice and Cold Storage from 1906 until 1921, when he was finally replaced by one L. E. Smith. In 1922, after over 25 years in ice manufacturing business, owners Pusch and Zellweger sold The Tucson Ice and Cold Storage Company to a group of local businessmen and the name of the company was subsequently changed to The Arizona Ice and Cold Storage Company.

ACQUISITION

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