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MS 817
UNITED STATES ARMY SIGNAL CORPS
TELEGRAPH LEDGER, 1892 - 1893

DESCRIPTION

One ledger book containing listing of incoming and outgoing messages for stations in southeastern Arizona. Stations noted include Willcox, Fort Grant, Fort Apache, and Holbrook. Across the top of each page is hand written title of either "Free Business" or "Commercial Business." It is believed that these entries refer to civilian commercial messages sent over the U.S. Army telegraph lines.

1 Ledger Book, 1 linear foot

HISTORICAL NOTE

Samuel Morse invented the telegraph in 1837. Bringing the telegraph to Arizona was talked about since the 1860s and was accomplished in 1873. With a Congressional appropriation, and primarily for military purposes, a line was constructed from San Diego to Yuma, then to Prescott and Tucson. After a few years it was extended to all the military posts and on to Santa Fe. By 1877 there were about 1,000 miles of wire in operation within the territory.

ACQUISITION

Provenance is unknown.

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