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WINSOR, MULFORD, 1874-1956
WINSOR PAPERS, 1909-1956**DESCRIPTION**

The collection is a mixture of personal and business papers relating to Mulford Winsor. The first folder of the collection contains personal letters written by Mulford Winsor to his wife, Clara (1912-1934). The second folder also contains personal correspondence from him to his mother, daughter and granddaughter (1909-1956). The personal letters largely deal with his estrangement with his wife and financial difficulties. Folders three and four are correspondence with the Historical Society concerning materials relating to the Arizona State Library and AHS. The fifth folder contains two manuscripts written by Winsor, "Yuma County" and "Hi Jolly."

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Mulford Winsor was born in Kansas in 1874. His father edited the *Jewell City Republican* and he spent most of his boyhood in the print shop. After high school, Winsor moved to Prescott in 1892 and then to Yuma where he established the *Yuma Sun* with C. L. Brown in 1896. He was editor and publisher until 1901 when he moved to Tucson to work on the *Tucson Citizen*. He moved again in 1903 to join the *Phoenix Enterprise*. He returned to Yuma in 1905 to establish the *Yuma Morning Sun* and then moved to Globe in 1907 to work as editor of the *Daily Globe* until 1910. He was also active in politics, serving as Yuma County Assessor in 1900, assistant Chief clerk of the Territorial House of Representatives in 1901 and 1905 and as assistant acting secretary of the Territorial Council in 1909. He was appointed Arizona's first historian in 1909. He had many other posts in the Arizona territorial and state governments and was appointed state librarian and directory of library and archives in 1932. He kept that position until his death in 1956. He was married to Clarissa Winsor (1880-1974), who was curator of the Arizona Territorial Prison museum for many years and they had one son and two daughters.

ACQUISITION

The first two folders of personal correspondence were donated by his daughter, Eleanor Winsor Davis in 1977. The other papers were donated by Muford Winsor at the time of their creation.

ACCESS

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