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MS 0163**Collingwood, Joseph, D. and Elena Barrágan Barrágan
Papers, 1880-1925 (bulk: 1880-1888)****DESCRIPTION**

The collection contains pages from a letterbook kept by Joseph Collingwood, pioneer Florence Merchant. There is one original letter to Collingwood and some newspaper clippings about Collingwood and the house that he built in Florence. The Joseph Collingwood letters are all business correspondence to other merchants and customers concerning the purchase of goods, letters ordering clothing flour sacks, sending checks for payment, etc. The Elena Collingwood letters are personal letters, written in Spanish. Most of her letters are to or from Ricardo Brady and deal with personal women's issues, e.g. birth, scandals and pregnancy.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Joseph Collingwood was the first merchant in Florence, Arizona, opening the first store there in 1869. According to some sources, he originally came to Florence in 1868 and operated a store for E. N. Fish. He died in Florence on December 10, 1882. Elena Barrágan Barrágan Collingwood was his young widow. After Collingwood's death, Elena married Mr. Bamrick and after his death, she married Daniel Clinton Stevens. She died in 1942.

ACQUISITION

Provenance is unknown.

ACCESS

The original letterbook has been copied to protect the extremely fragile original pages.

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Riva Dean in November 1997.