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MS 1172
Herndon, James Prugh
Papers, 1894-1987

DESCRIPTION

Collection consists of family correspondence, manuscript materials and photographs dealing with James Prugh Herndon.

3 Boxes, 3 linear ft. (plus oversized items)

ACQUISITION

The bulk of the collection was donated by Margaret Magness in 1992, a step-granddaughter of Prugh Herndon's parents, Frazier and Elsie Herndon.

RELATED MATERIAL

PC 063 : Elsie Prugh Herndon photograph collection, ca. 1895-1934
MS 1038 : Elsie Prugh Herndon manuscript collection

ACCESS

Some of the original photographs have been copied and copy prints are available for research use.

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PROCESSING

Charles H. Herner, Archives volunteer, processed this collection in January 2001, under the supervision of Riva Dean.

ARRANGEMENT

Six series: 1/Herndon Genealogy, 2/Herndon Family Records, 3/Military Records, 4/Published material, 5/Photographs, 6/Oversized material

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

James Prugh Herndon was born in Tucson in 1897. His parents, Frazier and Elsie Prugh Herndon, were missionary teachers assigned to the Tohono O'odham. Prugh, as he preferred to be addressed, attended schools in Tucson, graduating from the University of Arizona in 1919. During World War II, he commanded the 158th Infantry Regiment, Arizona National Guard. Known as the Bushmasters, Herndon's command trained in Panama and later participated in the New Guinea campaign. Following his service in World War II, Prugh served for many years as comptroller at the University of Arizona and retired from the Arizona State Industrial Commission at the age of seventy. He died on May 10, 1990 in Austin, Texas, leaving his wife of forty-nine years, Margaret Neal Hale Herndon, a son, a daughter and nine grandchildren.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The manuscript portion of the collection is primarily genealogical material about the Herndon family. The papers and photographs include some information on the University of Arizona, including a book of views. The photographs will be of more general interest. Photographs taken on Meyer Street in Tucson (1916) include businesses and general street scenes. The Tohono O'odham file is primarily formal portraits.

Series One: Herndon Genealogy contains letters and brief family histories dealing with the Herndon and Prugh families. Much of this material is in the form of correspondence.

Series Two: Herndon family records consists of a variety of Herndon family records and mementos.

Series Three: Military Records includes a variety of military records and related documents.

Series Four: Published material contains published information largely of interest to Prugh Herndon. Included in box 3 is a portion of a school scrapbook for the years 1915-1917.

Series Five: Photographs includes some photographs of Tucson (1899-1916), Herndon family photographs (1945-1987) and several photographs of Tohono O'odham families. Additional photographs are contained in box 3 in a photo album with many images of college activities.

Series Six: Oversized contains certificates and commissions of Prugh Herndon.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Series 1 : Herndon Genealogy, 1894-1985

Box 1

- f. 1 Feicht, Robert N. : Family History
- f. 2 Herndon, Beulah Vest : Family History
- f. 3 Herndon, Elsie Prugh: "A History of the Pearl Family"
- f. 4 Herndon, Elsie Prugh: "Mother-Esther Emily Pearl
- f. 5 Herndon Family Correspondence, 1894-1898
- f. 6 Herndon Family Correspondence, 1962-1985
- f. 7 Herndon, Prugh Correspondence, 1942-1948
- f. 8 Miscellaneous Herndon Genealogy
- f. 9 Park, Raymond Prugh, 1971
- f. 10 Prugh, Walter: "A History of the Prugh Family"

Series 2 : Herndon Family Records

- f. 11 American Kennel Club
- f. 12 Author Unknown: "A Visit from St. Nicholas"
- f. 13 Christmas cards, 1947
- f. 14 Felger, Blanche Shannon Estate, 1962-1963
- f. 15 Herndon memorabilia
- f. 16 Mortgage
- f. 17 Obituary: James Prugh Herndon
- f. 18 Phi Gamma Delta Directory
- f. 19 Videotape of Prugh Herndon's 90th Birthday
- f. 20 Wright, Esther, Secretary Notes Sophomore Class, 1914-16

Series 3 : Military Records

- f. 21 Harrison, Walter M. "Log of the 45th"
- f. 22 Herndon Correspondence, 1943-1945
- f. 23 Military Miscellaneous
- f. 24 Military Retirement, 1954-57
- f. 25 Military Service Records, 1941-1981
- f. 26 The Bushmasters Association

Series 4 : Published Material

Box 2

- f. 27 Arizona Alumnus
- f. 28 Arizona Wildcat, 1921, 1923
- f. 29 Herndon, Elsie "A Papago Missionary Journal"
- f. 30 Newspaper Clippings, general
- f. 31 Newspaper Clippings, military
- f. 32 Plants of Central America

Series 5 : Photographs, 1899-1987

- f. 33 Early Tucson photographs, 1899-1924
- f. 34-36 Family photos, 1945-1987
- f. 37 Family photos, undated
- f. 38 Military photos, 1944 & undated
- f. 39 Tohono O'odham
- f. 40 University of Arizona, 1917-1982

Series 6 : Oversized, 1916-1937

Box 3: Scrapbook and Photo Album, 1915 - 1917

Diplomas and certificates relating to James Prugh Herndon