

MS 0312**GRAY, JOHN PLESENT, 1860-
Manuscript [When all Roads Led to Tombstone], 1940****DESCRIPTION**

One typewritten (193 p.) manuscript written by John Plesent Gray from Los Angeles, in 1940. It contains information regarding the Gray family's settlement in Arizona and New Mexico in the 1880s and 1890s. It begins with Gray's arrival in Tombstone in 1880 and ends with a brief history of his parent's move west from Missouri in 1849. It gives a brief description of local merchants, town characters and county law enforcement in Tombstone in 1880. His family's own dispute over the rights to the Way-Up Mine forced the family out of Tombstone and into ranching by 1881.

1 Manuscript, .10 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John Pleasant Gray, miner and rancher, was born in Sacramento, California in 1860, the son of Michael and Sarah Ann Robinson Gray. At the outbreak of the civil war, the Gray family moved to Mexico to explore a mining venture on the west coast. They returned to San Francisco between 1864 and 67. John P. Gray moved to Tombstone in 1880 after graduating from the University of California at Berkeley. Gray's family purchased a ranch in the Animas Valley, New Mexico in 1881 but it was abandoned the following year. In 1883, the family jumped claimed on "Old Camp Rucker," an abandoned army post in the Chiricahua mountains. The Gray family raised cattle at Rucker ranch for twenty years. J. P. Gray died in Los Angeles where he had retired in 1940.

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