DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of some personal papers and biographical information on John C. Handy, but the bulk of the collection consists of property and mining deeds. In addition to the mining deeds, there are also location notices of mines in Pima County. There are documents giving Handy power of attorney and some correspondence. Some of the mining and property deeds have Handy’s name on them but others do not.

1 Box, .5 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John Charles Handy, physician, came to Arizona from California as an army surgeon in 1866 and was stationed at Forts Apache, Thomas and Grant. As a civilian, he was Pima County physician, Tucson physician and health officer, and division surgeon of the Southern Pacific Railroad. He was also Pima county supervisor, the first chancellor the University of Arizona and president of the Arizona Pioneers’ Historical Society. He was shot and killed by lawyer Francis J. Heney, whom he had accosted for conducting Handy’s wife divorce in 1891.

ACQUISITION

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