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**MS 335  
Haskett, Bret Collection  
1934 - 1936****DESCRIPTION**

This small collection consists of a draft manuscript and correspondence by Bret Haskett regarding early cattle ranching in Arizona. Haskett, while employed with the U.S. Bureau of Animal Industry in 1935, prepared "Early History of the Cattle Industry in Arizona". It describes the association of cattle throughout Arizona's history from the early introduction by the Spanish to the major Arizona ranches of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It relates significant milestones throughout Arizona's ranching history including the introduction of the first stocking of the area by Americans in 1857, the later transition from long horn cattle to pure bred stock, and the peak year of cattle production in 1891. Haskett also records the devastation of much of the cattle industry in the 1890s with drought, sever winters, and over grazing of range areas. Brief histories of significant cattle ranches and individuals include Henry C. Hooker, John H. Slaughter, and the Redondo brothers. There is also a long listing of prominent cattle companies by counties in the manuscript. Correspondence entails communications between Haskett and Edith Kitt of the Arizona Historical Society. Letters discuss research topics and Haskett's preparation of his manuscript.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Bret Haskett worked with the U.S. Bureau of Animal Industry for 35 years. Making his home in Glendale, AZ he spent much of his summer time in northern Arizona as a federal inspector working with sheep herds. He was known as an authority on range livestock diseases and published numerous articles. He died Dec. 12, 1936 at 61 years of age.

**ACQUISITION**

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