DESCRIPTION

The Mary Hughston Collection consists of personal papers associated with the life and family of Mary Hughston and a postcard collection belonging to her mother Florence C. Hughston. Personal papers include materials from her education and her work as a teacher in Tucson. A large portion of the manuscript materials consist of essays Mary wrote for publications many dealing with Tucson history. A large manuscript is present along with extensive notes dealing with the life and career of Albert Steinfeld. There is also a manuscript dictated by Steinfeld to Ms. Hughston and typed by her. Additional manuscripts deal with the Consolidated National Bank of Tucson and a number of prominent men in its organization. As a lover of Arizona history Mary Hughston collected a large number of pamphlets and brochures of points of interest in Arizona and Tucson. Many of these have been preserved in the collection. Photographs show Mary Hughston, Tucson street scenes, animals, and her aerial buying trip for Steinfields in 1929 by airplane.

16 Boxes, 7 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Caroline Mary Hughston was born January 7, 1881 in Bedford, PA. She attended 24 different schools, but did not graduate from any of them. She came to Tucson with her mother in 1903. In that year she passed her teaching exam and began work at Amphitheater School. She later became the first woman to be employed by the Consolidated National Bank of Tucson with Albert Steinfeld as president. Moving to Steinfeld’s Department Store she worked as the advertising manager and personally brought the first load of merchandise to Tucson from Los Angeles by air express. In 1940 she left Steinfields and opened her own business called Mary Hughston’s Petite Maison, a specialty shop for women. She maintained this business for 27 years until her retirement at the age of 86. Throughout her life Mary Hughston wrote many articles and papers dealing with aspects of Arizona history and featuring individuals in Tucson. Many of these were published in pamphlet form or in the local newspapers. Mary Hughston died August 24, 1970.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Mary Hughston in 1969.

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.
Requests for permission to publish material from this collection should be addressed to the Arizona Historical Society, Tucson, Archives Department.

The collection was previously processed and reviewed by Dave Tackenberg in May 2010.

### Box and Folder Listing

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Antique Photo Album
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   Tin Types
   Many Images of Civil War Generals (Grant & Burnside)
   Very Few Labeled Images
   Photographers from California and East Coast Areas

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- Many Colorado Scenes
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Oversized Item

Two School Diplomas for Florence C. Bailey (Mary’s Mother) 1867 / 1868
Oversized Photo of Mary Hughston and Unidentified Lady
Panorama Image of Advertiser’s Convention in San Francisco, CA 1922