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MS 403
KEMMERIES, FRED A., 1897-1987
PAPERS, 1896-1942

DESCRIPTION

The collection contains immigration documents, certificates of identity (for aliens) and some photographs from the Immigration Service concerning Mexican and Chinese immigrants. It includes a proclamation of parole signed by Gov. G. W. P. Hunt for Manuel Ruiz dated 1918; an oath of office of Forest McDaniel signed by Roy Bean, 1896 and Mexican paper money. The certificates of identity for immigrants include photographs, 1901-1942. There is one folder of correspondence primarily from the Dept. of Commerce and Labor to the United States Immigration Service investigating particular Mexican and Chinese Immigrants.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Fred A. Kemmeries, U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service Investigator, was a native of Missouri. From 1922 to 1924, he worked as U. S. Customs Service inspector in Texas before transferring to the immigration service as an investigator in El Paso. He was assigned a number of posts including Los Cruces, N. M. and Nogales, Arizona before settling in Tucson in 1944. During World War II, he worked for the "Displaced Persons Commission" checking the refugee status of people who wanted to come to the U. S. He retired in 1960 and died in 1987.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Fred Kemmeries in 1960.

ACCESS

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