

TITLE: The Loring Family Collection

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: The Lorings are a true Arizona pioneering family. George E. Loring came West in February of 1876. He had joined the Boston Colonist Party, a group of settlers formed to establish a colony in Arizona. Consisting of one-hundred men, the group left Boston by rail to Colorado, then headed south by mule team and foot, first arriving in present-day Flagstaff. The Boston Colonists were met by disappointing mining claims, a scarcity of water, and Mormon settlers who had already populated the rich land. The party was considered a bust.

This group of men moved south to Prescott where many stayed. George Loring continued on to Phoenix. Recognizing the city's potential, he opened one of the first general stores – Loring's Bazaar on Washington Street. George's wife and young son George Jr. joined him in September, 1876. The family made Phoenix their home from where they conducted business for the next forty years.

George E. Loring, ever the entrepreneur, saw many needs in the growing city and developed a wide range of enterprises. At turns he became a general store owner, Indian curio store owner, a Wells Fargo agent, grocer, horse and dog breeder, real estate agent, watch repairman, photographer, haberdasher, dairy and general farmer, and a lumber business man. George was married twice and had seven children. In 1878, his first wife Margaret Ann Roby died of typhoid, soon after the birth of Madison, the couple's second child. He married Jennie Libby Clark in 1881. The couple had five children. George Loring died in February of 1932. He is buried in the family vault at Rosedale Cemetery located in the Pioneer & Military Memorial Park in Phoenix. The family's prominence is evident by the size and location of the Loring mausoleum.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection contains personal papers of George E. Loring, original family letters, business records, legal documents, land deeds, newspaper clippings, pioneer biographies, correspondence, information about the Boston Colonist Party, and copies of family letters from the Huntington Library.

The collection is organized into five series: **I. Business Records, II. Correspondence, III. Family, IV. Pioneer Biographies, and V. Photographs.** Arranged alphabetically and chronologically within each series.

Madison Loring, George Loring's second son, was very interested in genealogy, Arizona history, and Arizona pioneer families. This collection represents a Who's Who of early Phoenix and contains documents handed down by family members as well as Madison Loring's own research. Note that some of this information can be found in the **Correspondence.**

A highlight of the collection is the family letters embedded in the **Family** series. These provide insight into close family dynamics, personal sufferings, and early experiences in the Arizona Territory. The letters are organized by recipient.

There are many original fragile documents and photographs in the collection. These are encapsulated in Mylar sleeves and should be handled with great care.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	Business Records: Arizona Baskets, Pottery and Curios	1901
	2	Business Records: Dog Breeding	1920s
	3	Business Records: Hatter and Furnisher	1880s
	4	Business Records: Horse Breeding and Racing	1876-1909
	5	Business Records: Land Deeds	1878-1907
	6	Business Records: Loring's Bazaar	1889-1960
	7	Business Records: Loring and Larkin	1878
	8	Business Records: Receipts	1867-1898
	9	Business Records: Stock Certificates	1909-1930
	10	Correspondence: Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society	1953-1963
	11	Correspondence: General (includes notable pioneers)	1953-1963
	12	Correspondence: Museum of Northern Arizona Museum (includes information about Boston Party)	1955-1963
	13	Correspondence: Sharlot Hall Museum	1955-1963
2	1	Family: Boston Colony Party	1875-1963
	2	Family: Loring, Amie Eliza	1876
	3	Family: Loring, David Miller (includes letter about Madison Loring's death)	1962-1964

	4	Family: Loring, Eliza Emery (includes family letters)	1876-1955
	5	Family: Loring, Frank	1865
	6	Family: Loring, Frank Veazy (includes family letters)	1875-1878
	7	Family: Loring, Fredrick Wadsworth (Wickenburg Massacre)	1871-1963
	8	Family: Loring, George Edwin (includes letters from wife Aggie)	1876-1880
	9	Family: Loring, George Edwin (includes journal entries)	1876-1960
	10	Family: Loring, George Veazie	1945
	11	Family: Loring, Levi	1804
	12	Family: Loring, Madison Roby	1890s-1958
3	1	Family: Loring, Margaret Ann Roby (Aggie) (includes family letters)	1860-1957
	2	Family: Loring, Samuel Veazie (includes letters from son George E. Loring)	1876-1878
	3	Family: Loring Family Genealogy	1970s
	4	Family: Loring Family Genealogy	
	5	Family: Roby Family	1874-1878
	6	Family: Scrapbook of Family Letters	1866-1875
4	1	Pioneer Biographies: Adams, Amos D.	n.d.
	2	Pioneer Biographies: Ainsworth, Charles Franklin	1955
	3	Pioneer Biographies: Barney, James M. (includes news clipping from <i>Historical Highlights</i> , <i>Phoenix Gazette</i>)	1956
	4	Pioneer Biographies: Beale, Edward Fitzgerald	n.d.
	5	Pioneer Biographies: Bleitz, Donald Lewis	1955
	6	Pioneer Biographies: Cabot, Louis	1960
	7	Pioneer Biographies: Callan, James	1963
	8	Pioneer Biographies: Cameron, Ralph	1955
	9	Pioneer Biographies: Carpenter, Viginia P. Orrick	1954
	10	Pioneer Biographies: Chaffee, Adna Romanza	n.d.
	11	Pioneer Biographies: Christy, William	n.d.
	12	Pioneer Biographies: Dietrich, Daniel	n.d.
	13	Pioneer Biographies: Duppa, Darrell	n.d.
	14	Pioneer Biographies: Farrington, Rufus Elias (also includes Chapman, Blanche Farrington)	n.d.
	15	Pioneer Biographies: Fisher, John Lloyd (also includes Shivers Family)	n.d.
	16	Pioneer Biographies: Forrest, Earle Robert	1954-1959
	17	Pioneer Biographies: Greenhaw, Hosea George	1954-1962
	18	Pioneer Biographies: Halseth, Odd S.	1955
	19	Pioneer Biographies: Hammond, John Hays	n.d.
	20	Pioneer Biographies: Hancock, Lillie B.	1878-1957
	21	Pioneer Biographies: Hardy, William H.	n.d.
	22	Pioneer Biographies: Hatz, Daniel	n.d.

	23	Pioneer Biographies: Heard, Dwight B.	1928
	24	Pioneer Biographies: Heald, Weldon F. and Phyllis Warde	1960
	25	Pioneer Biographies: Hunting, Cornelius Edson (includes history of Fort McDowell)	1957
	26	Pioneer Biographies: Kellner, Ernest Fredrick (Jr. and Sr.)	1953
	27	Pioneer Biographies: Kelley, John B.	1964
	28	Pioneer Biographies: Kelly, John Melville	1930s-1950s
	29	Pioneer Biographies: La Guardia, Fiorella	1942
	30	Pioneer Biographies: Lambeye, Joseph	1960
	31	Pioneer Biographies: Larkin, Madison F.	1878-1964
	32	Pioneer Biographies: Ludlow, Maude Marsh Pulliam	1958
	33	Pioneer Biographies: Marks, Jake	ND
	34	Pioneer Biographies: McCalla, Paul H. (includes Wells Fargo murders at Peach Springs, Arizona)	ND
	35	Pioneer Biographies: McCarthy, Neil S.	1953
	36	Pioneer Biographies: Miller, Albert	1901
	37	Pioneer Biographies: Miller, Samuel Carson	ND
	38	Pioneer Biographies: Montgomery, John Britt	1953
	39	Pioneer Biographies: Morgan, Henry	ND
5	1	Pioneer Biographies: Murphy, Edward A.	ND
	2	Pioneer Biographies: Murphy, Ralph and William John	1957
	3	Pioneer Biographies: Perkins, Eli S.	1956
	4	Pioneer Biographies: Porter, Fred S.	1956
	5	Pioneer Biographies: Postle, Robert	1956
	6	Pioneer Biographies: Raible, John	ND
	7	Pioneer Biographies: Rassi, Dorothy Marion	1955
	8	Pioneer Biographies: Rodenburg, J.N.	1913
	9	Pioneer Biographies: Scholey, Elizabeth	1960
	10	Pioneer Biographies: Simms, James T.	1960s
	11	Pioneer Biographies: Smith, John Y.T.	ND
	12	Pioneer Biographies: Soza, Jesus Sotelo	ND
	13	Pioneer Biographies: Stauffer, Charles A.	1953-1960
	14	Pioneer Biographies: Sweeney, John Joseph	1953-1965
	15	Pioneer Biographies: Switzer, William Howard	1945
	16	Pioneer Biographies: Tinsley, Margaret Maria	1958
	17	Pioneer Biographies: Tittle, Fredrick Augustus	n.d.
	18	Pioneer Biographies: Wager, Oscar G.	1957
	19	Pioneer Biographies: Weaver, Benjamin Henry	n.d.
	20	Pioneer Biographies: Willson, Roscoe	1957, 1958
	21	Pioneer Biographies: Wood, Leonard	n.d.
	22	Pioneer Biographies: Woolf, William H.	1960
	23	Pioneer Biographies: Zachau, Bernhard Wilhelm	1958
	24	Photographs: Arizona Mining Towns (various)	1878-1900
	25	Photographs: Arizona Pioneers (A-Z)	1870s-1930s

6	1	Photographs: Arizona Pioneers, Hatz Family	1890-1905
	2	Photographs: Arizona Pioneers, Larkin Family	1878-1905
	3	Photographs: Arizona Pioneers, unidentified	1870s-1880s
	4	Photographs: Loring Businesses	1878-1905
	5	Photographs: Loring Family Members	1871-1920
	6	Photographs: Loring, Madison	1890s-1905
	7	Photographs: Loring Residences	1880s-1933
	8	Photographs: Phoenix Street Scenes	1878-1892
7	OV	Oversized: Includes George E. Loring's appointment to Insane Asylum Board and Madison R. Loring's diplomas	1892-1919
8	OV	Oversized: Loring's Bazaar historic building plaque	1963