DESCRIPTION

This collection includes personal correspondence, business records, real estate listings, and tax documents resulting from Martin’s fifty plus years in the Tucson community and directorship of the Martin Drug and Crystal Coca Cola companies. The collection consists of two parts with the first half containing Martin’s personal correspondence much of which relate to business interests, stock and trust funds, and property and home improvement bills and receipts. The second portion comprises documents and records relating to the Martin Drug Company, 1917-1974 and the Crystal Coca Cola Bottling Company, 1907-1964.

4 Boxes. 2.0 linear feet

ACQUISITION

The collection was acquired on June 10, 1976 from Mrs. George Martin.

RELATED NOTE

In addition to this collection the Historical Society also maintains a collection on Andrew Martin (MS 476) and a photo collection (Andrew Martin, PC 77). The old manuscript collection on the Crystal Coca-Cola Bottling Company (MS 927) was incorporated into the present George Martin Collection in 1998.

ACCESS - There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by William D. Tackenberg under the supervision of Riva Dean.

ARRANGEMENT

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

George S. Martin was born in 1883 in Yuma, Arizona Territory. When he was one year old, his father moved to Tucson and opened the Martin Drug Co. George Martin attended the University of Arizona and received a pharmacist’s degree from the University of California in 1903. Upon the death of his father Martin returned to Tucson to operate Martin Drug until purchasing the Sparkling Soda Bottling Co in 1905. Andrew Martin, George’s brother, assumed leadership for the Martin Drug Company at this time. Renaming the Sparkling Soda Company to Crystal Coca-Cola Company Martin operated this establishment until 1955. This was the first Coca-Cola company to operate in Tucson.

Involved in many community and civic activities, George Martin served as an early director for the Tucson Medical Center and in 1925 was elected to presidency of the Arizona Pioneer Historical Society. At the time of his death in 1967 he was the oldest living member of the local Elks Club and held a 50-year card. Martin was charter member of the Tucson Golf and Country Club and one of the founders of the Old Pueblo Club. He was a member of the Rotary Club and belonged to the Arizona Alumni Association.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes personal correspondence, business records, real estate listings, and tax documents resulting from Martin’s fifty plus years in the Tucson community and directorship of the Martin Drug and Crystal Coca-Cola companies. The first half of the collection entails Martin’s personal correspondence much of which centers around business interest, stock and trust funds, and property and home improvement bills and receipts. The second portion of the collection contains documents and records related to Martin Drug Company, 1917-1974 and the Crystal Coca-Cola Bottling Company, 1907-1964.

These papers are divided into six series: George Martin Biographical Materials, Correspondence, Records, Documents, Martin Drug Company, and Crystal/Coca-Cola Company.

Series 1, George Martin Biographical Materials, 1941-1971, contains information on George Martin and the Martin family. It includes two folders of material with newspaper clippings on individual and family events.

Series 2, Correspondence, 1910-1969, features personal correspondence between George Martin and other Martin family members between 1935 and 1969. Communications with the city of Tucson on Martin’s request in 1952 for the rezoning of property is also included. Finally, correspondence from Martin pertaining to stock and general business and investment purchases along with communications on the two trust funds administered for Matilda Martin Ronstadt and Stephna M. Kall. Series 2 has four folders.

Series 3, Records, 1910-1971, consists of seven folders with various tax records for Martin including city, state, school and road improvements, property, and estate trust records. Folder 7 includes tax papers on other Martin family members, 1935-1971.

Series 4, Documents, 1907-1978, covers the Kall and Ronstadt trust papers and personal financial and banking statements for George Martin along with insurance statements and
home improvement receipts. Real estate papers on homes owned or monitored by Martin are contained in four folders. This series involves ten folders (.25 linear feet).

Series 5, Martin Drug Company, 1917-1974, consists of ten folders (.25 linear feet) and contains business and income information on the Drug company. Samples of Martin Drug stock are available as well as incorporation letters for the company. Meeting notes for Board of Directors for select years between 1940 and 1974 in addition to correspondence from Martin to stockholders of the company for several year periods are represented.

Series 6, Crystal/Coca-Cola Company, 1908-1964 contains the heart of the collection with seventeen folders (.5 linear feet). Materials covered include company correspondence, payroll listings, and business receipts for the organization. Tax information, IRS audit, and court settlement on taxes owed by the company are also present. Samples of company stock certificates, mortgage papers on the plant, as well as some newspaper clippings about the company conclude the series. Finally a 50-year commemoration of Coca-Cola Company book is present containing Martin’s Tucson company.
BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

Series I: George Martin Biographical Materials, 1941-1971
F.1 George Martin Biographical Materials 1941-1960
F.2 Martin News Clippings and Family History 1942-1971

Series II: Correspondence, 1910-1969
F.3 Martin Personal Correspondence 1935-1969
F.4 City Planning (Rezoning Requests) 1952
F.5 Stock and Business Correspondence 1910-1935
F.6 Communications On Trust Funds 1960-1962

Series III: Records, 1910-1971
F.7 Tax Papers On Other Martin Family Members 1935-1971
F.8 Martin City Taxes 1910-1918
F.9 Martin Estate Trust Taxes 1940
F.10 Martin Arizona Income Taxes 1931-1937
F.11 Martin U.S. Tax Examination 1933-1935
F.12 Martin School and Street Improvement Taxes 1912-1939
F.13 Martin Property Taxes (Arizona) 1910-1940, 1966
F.14 Martin Property Taxes (California) 1926

Series IV: Documents, 1907-1978
F.15 Bank Statements For Kaal Trust 1961
F.16 Ronstadt Trust Fund 1961
F.17 Financial and Bank Statements 1925, 1926
F.18 Hospital Bills and Receipts 1925, 1961
F.19 Insurance Statements 1957, 1961
F.20 Home Improvement Bills and Receipts 1921-1953
F.21 Payments On Pennington House 1936-1938

Box 2

F.23 W. E. Murphey Real Estate Sales Listings 1907-1909
F.24 Real Estate Monitored By Martin 1940-1945

Series V: Martin Drug Company, 1917-1974
F.25 Martin Payment Ledger 1929-1937
F.26 Martin Bills and Receipts (Travel) 1959-1967
F.27 Income Tax For Martin Drug Co. 1917, 1939-1940
F.28 Martin Drug Company Stock Certificates 1938, 1964-1967
F.29 Martin Drug Company Incorporation Articles 1933, 1949
F.30-32 Board of Directors Meetings 1940-1970
Box 3

F.33  Board of Directors and Stockholders Meetings  1971-1974

F.34  Martin Drug Company Stockholders  1917, 1929, 1935-1937, 1959
    Correspondence

Series VI: Crystal/Coca-Cola Company, 1907-1964

F.35  Crystal/Coca-Cola Company Correspondence  1914-1961
F.36  Business Tax Information  1914-1937
F.37  Tax Audit Reports  1934, 1951, 1964
F.38-39  Business Improvement Bills  1923-1958
F.40  Account and Balance Sheets  1924-1951
F.41  Payroll Listings  1952-1953

Box 4

F.42  Business Receipts  1920-1923, 1940-1953
F.43-45  Merchandise Inventory  1917-1940
F.46  Company Stocks  1907, 1932
F.47  Commercial Appraisal of Plant  1947
F.48  General Business Agreements  1907-1939
F.49  Mortgage Papers for Plant  1916-1941
F.50  50 Year Commemoration of Coca-Cola  1957
F.51  News Clippings of Plant  1956, 1962