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**McClintock, James Harvey, 1864-1934
Papers, 1898-1931**

DESCRIPTION

Business and personal correspondence; manuscripts by McClintock on topics relating to Arizona and Southwestern history, material on the National Association of Spanish-American War Veterans and biographical information.

1 Box, .5 linear ft.

ACQUISITION

Unknown.

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING

Larry Fong processed this collection in 1979; Riva Dean completed the finding aid in April 2001.

ARRANGEMENT

Five Series: 1/Correspondence, 1899-1930, 2/Printed Matter, 1898-1929, 3/Manuscripts, 4/Invoices & Receipts, 1901-1931, 5/Clippings

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

James Harvey McClintock, journalist, historian and Spanish-American War veteran was born in Sacramento, California on February 23, 1864. In 1879, he came to Arizona where his brother Charles had established the *Phoenix Herald*. James worked for the paper until Charles died in 1881. He then left Phoenix and lived with his sister, George, in Prescott during the early 1880s. He worked as a civilian clerk for the Adjutant General office at Fort Whipple from 1885 to 1886.

McClintock was a member of the first graduating class of the Tempe Normal School in 1887. While he was a student he worked for the *Tempe News* and bought the newspaper shortly after graduation. He wrote articles for newspapers in Globe, Prescott and Tucson while continuing to publish his Tempe newspaper.

McClintock helped organize the Arizona troops during the Spanish-American War and was appointed captain of B troop of the First United States Volunteer Cavalry. The cavalry was to become known as "Roosevelt's Rough Riders."

By the turn of the century, McClintock was a well known personality in the Salt River Valley. He had established a news bureau in Phoenix around 1900. President Theodore Roosevelt appointed McClintock Postmaster at Phoenix in 1902. He held that position until 1914. President Calvin Coolidge appointed McClintock Postmaster at Phoenix again in 1928. He held the position through 1932. He joined Maricopa County Commission John H. Horton and Territorial legislator Will C. Barnes in urging water control in the Salt River Valley. This advocacy for water control later became the Roosevelt Dam and Reservoir.

As a historian, McClintock is known for his three volume *History of Arizona* published in 1916. From 1919 to 1922, McClintock served as State Historian. In 1922, he unsuccessfully challenged Henry F. Ashurst for the U. S. Republican Senate seat. Up until his death, he was the Phoenix correspondent for the Los Angeles times. He also had a historical radio program entitled "Forward Arizona" in 1930. He died on May 10, 1934 at the United States Soldiers' Home at Sawtelle, Los Angeles, California.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

One box of manuscript material arranged into five series. The material reflects the range of McClintock's career in the military as a historian and as a journalist. Subjects reflected in the collection include the Industrial Workers of the World's campaigns in Bisbee, military history of Arizona and the Native Americans in the Southwest.

Series One : Correspondence, 1899-1930. Includes letters to and from McClintock. Correspondence with his wife, Dorothy (nee Bacon) describes the hardships of their separation during McClintock's military service in the Spanish American War in 1898. Letters from the editor of the *El Paso Herald*, G. A. Martin, relate to McClintock's journalistic career. McClintock was a correspondent for the *El Paso Herald* during the Industrial Workers of the World campaigns in Bisbee in 1917. Correspondence with the publisher of the *Los Angeles Times*, Harrison Gray Otis, reflects the policies of President Wilson's administration (1913-1921) but for the most part discusses Otis' goat business in Arizona and Southern

California. Correspondents John Borradaile and L. C. Dyer describe the conflict between several veterans organizations formed after the Spanish American War. A number of organizations such as the United Spanish War Veterans and the Spanish American War Veterans competed to become the legitimate representative of the veterans.

Correspondence from Atanacio T. Schley, An Apache, includes a descriptions of Schley's plan for an Indian militia of 100,000 men at full strength. It is possible that Schley wrote to McClintock because he mistrusted the War Department and knew McClintock was a friend of Theodore Roosevelt's.

Series Two : Veterans' Organization Printed Matter, 1898-1929. Consists of materials relating to Spanish American War Veterans organizations. Includes muster rolls from the Arizona chapters of the United Spanish War Veterans and the Spanish-American War Veterans; General Order specifying observances for veterans on Memorial Day; Reports describing the activities of Encampments of the Department of Arizona, United Spanish War Veterans; and United Spanish War Veterans published ceremonies and by-laws; and Spanish War Veterans published rules and regulations. Of note is the general order issued by the Headquarters, National Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, 1904, announcing the amalgamation of the Spanish War Veterans, the Spanish-American War Veterans the Service Men of the Spanish War into the United Spanish War Veterans organization.

Series Four : Manuscripts, 1902-1930. Includes a handwritten poem by McClintock to his wife Dorothy in 1902, a one page typescript history of the Spanish American War Veterans' organization, a description of the Arizona state song and flower. The bulk of this series are the fifty-three scripts for a radio program "Forward Arizona." The program was sponsored by the Union Oil Company in 1930 and covered historical topics of the Southwest, e.g. the first European immigrants, Father Kino and the Jesuits, camels in Arizona, Indian tribes and cultures, the military in Arizona, and the history and development of Arizona cities and towns.

Series Five : Invoices, 1901-1931. Includes bills and receipts from veterans' organizations, clothiers and hotels.]

Series Six : Clippings, 1902-1926. News articles from *Boston Review*, the *Deming Headlight*, the *Prescott Courier* and the *Arizona Republican*. For the most part, the clippings relate to the Spanish American War and activities of veterans organizations after the war. A copy of the Ajo Copper News featuring an article on Col. John C. Greenway is also included.

FOLDER LIST

Series 1 : Correspondence, 1899-1930

- f. 1-4 Incoming Correspondence, 1899-1930
- f. 5-7 Outgoing Correspondence, 1900-1931

Series 2 : Veterans Organizations, Printed Matter, 1898-1929

- f. 8 Reports, orders and pamphlets, etc.

Series 3 : Manuscripts, 1902-1930

- f. 9 Untitled poem, Untitled history of the Spanish War
Arizona's Ode and Arizona's Flower
Arizona's First Europeans
Coronado and the Golden Cities of Cibola
Kino and the Jesuits in Arizona
Padre Garces and the Franciscans
De Ana and the Founding of San Francisco
The Mormon Battalion
When Arizona was a Part of New Mexico
The Civil War in Arizona
Southwestern Filibusters
Foundation of Arizona's Government
Camels in the Southwest
Navigating the Colorado River
Ancient Pueblos of Arizona
The History of Casa Grande
Cliff Dwellers of the Arizona Hills
Indians Pueblo Dwellers of Today
The Indians of Arizona
Yuman Indian Tribes
Indians of Central Arizona
The Outlying Yuman Tribes
The Peaceful Pima
Pima Indian Culture
The Desert Dwelling Papago
The Navajo
Apaches of the Southwest
Early Border Apaches
- f. 10 Radio Scripts :
Aravaipa Apaches and the Camp Grant Massacre
The San Carlos Reserve
Raids from the Reservations
Tales of Apache Warfare
Cochise and the Chiricahuas

Chiricahua Deprdedations
The Return of General George Crook
Closing in on the Chiricahuas
Crook's Last Mexican Campaign
End of Apache Wars
Geronimo and the End of the Apache Troubles
The Army in Arizona
First Army Posts in Arizona
The Later Military Posts of Arizona
How Messages were carried on the Frontier
Mexican and Indian Aid in Apache Warfare
Tales of the Old Army in Arizona
Organization of the "Rough Riders"
The Arizona Rough Riders in Cuba
Arizona in the Cuban Campaign
Arizona's Citizen Soldiery
Land Grants in Arizona
Southwestern Journalism
Stories of Old Newspaper Days
Genesis of the City of Phoenix

Series 4 : Invoices, 1901-1931

f. 11 Bills & Receipts

Series 5 : Newspapers Clippings, 1902-1926

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