DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of reminiscences about Mormon pioneers to Arizona, and Mormon faith and spirituality. Included are three manuscripts, “Memories” about McFate’s life growing up in Alpine, Arizona; “The End of the Road” about Mormon pioneers’ trek to Arizona; and “Joseph Smith McFate, 1845-1930” about a descendant of McFate’s who was among Mormon pioneers traveling to Arizona. The collection also has pamphlets written by McFate about the Mormon religion and faith.

1 Box, .5 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

School administrator and World War I veteran, Roy McFate was born in Alpine, Arizona on August 25, 1887 to a family of Mormon pioneers. He married his wife, Gladys, in Thatcher in 1908 and they had four children. He worked as a teacher and administrator in Apache County and Coconino County schools for 29 years before retiring. He moved to Mesa in 1950, where he died in July 1974.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Roy McFate in 1972

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

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