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**MS 490**  
**Jeremiah Metzger Papers**  
**1921 - 1955****DESCRIPTION**

This collection primarily consists of correspondence with Dr. Metzger and his work at several medical facilities in the treatment of tuberculosis in the Tucson area. Of special note are the folders dealing with Southern Methodist Hospital of Tucson a facility managed by Dr. Metzger. Additional papers cover real estate and rental property management in Tucson, Arizona State Hospital communications 1941 to 1955, and board of director meetings with Alum Rock Sanatorium in California 1932 to 1941.

3 Boxes, 2.25 linear ft.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Dr. Jeremiah Metzger came to Arizona in 1911 and worked in the treatment of tuberculosis, psychiatry and psychology with institutions in the Tucson area. He was born December 9, 1876 in Oak Harbor, Ohio. After attending the University of Michigan he began his medical studies and attended Rush Medical College at the University of Chicago and completing his internship in New York. After New York in 1907 he spent a year at the University of Berlin. Moving to California for health reasons Metzger later came to Tucson and reopened the old Whitwell Hospital, later named the Southern Methodist Hospital. This institution became the first Tucson tuberculosis sanatorium. Dr. Metzger also worked with the Arizona State Hospital and was superintendent of that institution three times. He was a member of the Old Pueblo Club and a founder of the Tucson Country Club. Dr. Metzger died in May 1958 in Tucson, Arizona.

**ACQUISITION**

From the estate of Jeremiah Metzger in 1962.

**ACCESS**

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**PROCESSING**

The collection was previously processed and revised by Dave Tackenberg in February 2010.

## Box and Folder Listing

### Box 1

Folder 1 Jeremiah Metzger Biographical Materials/Cards/Certificates

f.2	Passports and Instructions	
f.3	Metzger Newspaper Clippings	1940 – 1948/1958
f.4	Military Pension Request for Metzger	1944 – 1946
f.5-8	Metzger Correspondence	1921 – 1955
f.9	University of Arizona & Michigan Alumni Clubs	1933/1942/1943
f.10-14	Real Estate and Property Communications	1925 – 1955
f.15	Tucson Golf and Country Club	1932 – 1938

### Box 2

f.16	Southern Methodist Hospital – History & Articles of incorporation	1940
f.17-24	Southern Methodist Hospital – Correspondence	1931 – 1938/1954
f.25	Southern Methodist Hospital – Personnel Inventory	1937/1938
f.26	Southern Methodist Hospital – Blank Forms	

### Box 3

f.27-28	Southern Methodist Hospital – Receipt & Use of Alcohol	1937 - 1938
f.29	Southern Methodist Hospital – Receipts	1936 – 1937
f.30-32	Arizona State Hospital Board – Correspondence	1941 – 1955
f.33	Arizona State Hospital Board – Annual Reports	1942 – 1945
f.34	Alum Rock Sanatorium Pamphlet	
f.35	Alma Rock Sanatorium Board of Director Meetings	1932 – 1941
f.36	Alma Rock Sanatorium – Correspondence	1932 – 1941
f.37	Alma Rock Sanatorium Financial Accounts/Resolutions	1932/1935
f.38	New Mexico Cottage Sanatorium	1926/1927
f.39	“Southwestern Medicine” with Articles on Tuberculosis	Jan. 1925
f.40	Association of Record Librarians of Arizona	N.D.
f.41	MISC Papers/Proposals/Plans	
f.42	MISC Estate Petition/Note Papers	

### Oversized Item

Certificate for Jeremiah Metzger from Colorado State Board of Medical Examiners 1915