

TITLE: The Jefferson Davis Milton and Mildred Taitt Milton Papers

DATE RANGE: 1920 - 1962

CALL NUMBER: MS 500

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2 Boxes, .75 feet

PROVENANCE: This collection was donated by Mildred Taitt Milton in 1958.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Jefferson Davis Milton (1861-1947), a native of Florida, worked as a cowboy, Texas Ranger, New Mexico Stockmen's Association agent, and U.S. Marshall. He first came to Arizona in 1883 and was chief of police in El Paso, Texas, 1894-1895. In 1904 he became Chief U.S. Immigration Inspector for Arizona. After a distinguished career of 28 years, he retired from that position in 1932. He was also a deputy sheriff of Cochise County in the 1930s. He died in 1947. Mildred Taitt Milton (1879-1963) was born and educated in New York. She taught high school after attending Vassar and Syracuse University. She came to Tucson in September 1918 at the age of 38, met and married Jeff Milton in June 1919. They were married for 28 years before his death in 1947.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection contains ten diaries of Jeff Milton's daily records (1920-1927) covering his work throughout southern Arizona as an immigration inspector. The collection contains documents appointing Milton deputy sheriff of Cochise County in 1931 and 1933 as well as his identification cards as a deputy sheriff and a special agent for the U.S. Department of Labor Immigration Service. The collection also contains writings by Mildred Milton and an uncut manuscript by J. Evetts Haley entitled "Jeff Milton: A Good Man with a Gun". A covering letter states that the Haley manuscript contains three times as much information on Milton as is included in the book. There is also on folder of correspondence with the Miltons and the Historical Society.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Identification Cards & Certificates for Jeff Milton	Undated
	2	Diaries of Jeff Milton	1920-1924
	3	Diaries of Jeff Milton	1924-1927
	4	Haley manuscript, part 1	Undated
	5	Haley manuscript, part 2	Undated
2	6	Haley manuscript, part 3	Undated
	7	Correspondence with AHS	1928-1962
	8	Stories by Mildred Milton	Undated
	9	Writings by Mildred Milton about Jeff Milton	Undated
	10	Printed materials about Jeff Milton	Undated