DESCRIPTION

This small collection consists mostly of correspondence from J. A. Munk to Mrs. George Kitt of the Arizona Historical Society related to his writing and efforts to collect and properly store books about Arizona. Also included is an article “History of Arizona Literature” and short reminiscences of Joseph Munk.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Joseph A. Munk was born on November 9, 1847 in New Georgetown, Ohio. He attended school in Ohio and settled in Topeka, Kansas. In 1873, he married Emma Munk. During his time in Kansas, his interest in Arizona grew, and in the 1880s he purchased a ranch in Arizona. He then moved to Los Angeles, where he died on December 4, 1927. He never settled in Arizona, but he was a writer and book collector with particular interest in the state. He helped to organize the Southwest Museum, where his Arizoniana collection was eventually housed.

ACQUISITION

Donated by J. A. Munk.

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