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**MS 1171
Parker Mortuary
Records, 1898-1912**

DESCRIPTION

Ledgers kept by the Parker Mortuary in Tucson from 1898 to 1912. Ledgers give names, dates and cause of death as well as information on burials.

3 Boxes, 2.5 linear ft.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Virginia Kerr Wright in July 2000.

ACCESS

Original ledgers are fragile; Microfilm #0628 is available for patron use.

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Riva Dean in July 2000.

ARRANGEMENT

Chronological

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Olva Clayton Parker (1860-1922) established the Parker Mortuary in Tucson in 1898. He served as a member of the Tucson City Council and filled two terms as mayor of Tucson from 1917 to 1921. When Parker died in 1922, his wife ran the business before selling it to her son-in-law, Roscoe Kerr after World War II. The business changed names from "Parker" to "Parker-Kerr," to "Kerr" and finally to "Arizona Mortuary."

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Mortuary Records contain significant information on individuals who died in Tucson between 1898 and 1912. The ledgers list the name of the deceased, the person who ordered the mortuary service, the age at death, the cause of death, burial date, burial place and the costs. This information is significant to genealogists looking for death information, as well as anyone studying the disease and cause of death in Tucson during this time period. To make the ledgers more useful to researchers checking on individual names, the Arizona State Genealogical Society published an index (which is included in the AHS section of the research library) by name.

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