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**MS 649**  
**PATTON, JOHN J., 1848-1931**  
**Letterbook, 1882-1884**

**DESCRIPTION**

One letterbook of carbons of letters written by J. J. Patton from Tombstone, 1882-1884. Some of the letters are written in his capacity as Assessor for Cochise County and some are relating to his saddlery business in Tombstone.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

John J. Patton, pioneer resident of Cochise County held many public offices in Bisbee and Tombstone. He served one term as assessor for Cochise County in Tombstone in 1882-1883, when these letters were sent. He was born and educated in Missouri and first arrived in Yuma in 1877. He settled there briefly and then came to Tucson where he was in the saddlery and harness business under the name Clark & Patton. He moved to Tombstone in 1880 and continued in the saddlery business there. In 1897, he moved to Bisbee where he became a newspaperman and worked for the *Bisbee Review* and the *Evening Miner* for four years. In Bisbee, he also served as city assessor and then in 1915 was appointed sealer of weights and measures. He was married in 1887 to Edith O. Lowrey and they had five children. He died in Bisbee in 1927.

**ACQUISITION**

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