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**MS 936**  
**PENNINGTON FAMILY**  
**PENNINGTON PAPERS, 1903, 1928-1950**

**DESCRIPTION**

The focus of the collection is on papers relating to the Geronimo Hotel in Tucson. The collection is divided into three series. The first series contains the diary of Mary Kate Hendricks, a handwritten diary for March through May 1903. The second series contains a typed, untitled manuscript which is a satire on landlords and tenants. The remainder of the collection are financial records for the Geronimo Hotel, 1936 and 1937 and bank statements for the Pennington family, 1928-29. There is also one oversized portion of the Geronimo Hotel Register, 1949-1950.

1 Box, .5 linear feet plus one oversized folder

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Nealy Almer Pennington, owner of the Geronimo Hotel in Tucson and real estate developer was born in Tennessee and came to Clifton, Arizona in 1905. In 1907, he moved to Phoenix and in 1916 to Tucson. He built the Zuni court, one of the first court developments in Tucson. The Geronimo hotel and lodge was one of his last developments, on which he was working at the time of his death in 1934. He was married to Mary Kate Hendricks Pennington and had two children, Neal Aubrey Pennington and a daughter, Katherine. Neal took over the management of the Geronimo hotel after his father's death.

**ACQUISITION**

Donated by Neal Pennington, 1980.

**ACCESS**

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**PROCESSING**

The collection was processed around 1980, the finding aid was completed by Riva Dean, Library/Archives Co-Manager in June 1997.