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**MS 1244**  
**Mary J. Platt School (Tucson, Ariz.)**  
**Yearbook, 1928**

## **DESCRIPTION**

One handmade yearbook, consisting of mimeographed pages and original photographs, documenting the 1928 school year at Mary J. Platt School in Tucson, Arizona. The yearbook belonged to Elsie Claggett Thompson, Music Teacher at the school. It includes lists of faculty and students, poetry, jokes, stories, a history of the school, and more. Also present is a handmade book, constructed by Robert Thompson, husband of Elsie, containing magazine articles and facts about Tucson in 1928.

1 box, .25 linear ft.

## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

A private residential school for Mexican American girls begun in 1907 and named Mary J. Platt School after Ward and Mary Platt provided funds for construction. The building, located on East Seventh Street, was built in 1911 by the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Students attended from Mexico, Bisbee, Nogales, Superior, and Tucson. In the 1930s the school was operated as a preventorium for children exposed to tuberculosis.

## **ACQUISITION**

Donated by Normajean Thompson Rerucha, daughter of Robert and Elsie Thompson, in February 2003.

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