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**RICE, MICHAEL M. 1853 - ?
Papers, 1911-1936**

DESCRIPTION

Correspondence, newspaper articles, and manuscripts on events and individuals of Arizona and California history written by Michael M. Rice between 1911 and 1936. Manuscripts include Rice's accounts of such events as the Oatman family killings, the 13th Territorial Legislative Session, and personal reminiscences of San Diego and Los Angeles and first coming to Arizona in 1870. Correspondence entails letters to Arizona Governor George Hunt, Edith Kitt, Jas. H. McClintock, and others. One folder contains poems composed by Rice.

2 Boxes, 1 linear foot

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Michael M. Rice was born in Ireland in 1853 and came to the San Francisco in 1863. He moved to Arizona in 1870 and established himself as a printer and newspaperman employed for a period with the *Prescott Courier*. Due to his extensive newspaper coverage of events and individuals in Arizona he became known as "Arizona's Poet Laureate." Rice left Arizona in 1920 to relocate to Los Angeles, California. While in Arizona he participated in many significant events of state history including participation as an Army messenger and newspaperman during the Geronimo campaign and as a clerk in the 13th Territorial Legislature. After his move to California Rice worked with Lasky Studios and DeMille Motion Pictures of Hollywood.

ACQUISITION

Gift from Michael M. Rice in 1932, 1935, and 1936.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

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BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

Folder 1: Bibliographical Listing of Rice's Writings	undated
f.2 Index to Rice – Incomplete	undated
f.3 Correspondence – Edith Kitt	1932-1934
f.4 Correspondence – Thomas E. Farish	1917
f.5 Correspondence – Jas. H. McClintock	1917-1933
f.6 Correspondence – Panama-Pacific International Exposition	1913-1914
f.7 Correspondence – Justice of the Peace Rice	1912-1913
f.8 Correspondence – George W. P. Hunt	1911
f.9 Correspondence – Miscellaneous Individuals	1911-1935
John P. Clum	
W. B. Kelly (Chairman of State Democratic Committee)	
C. H. Akers (<i>Arizona Gazette</i>)	
f.10-11 Reminiscences to Charles Clark	1932-1936
f.12-13 Manuscript – Oatman Family (Draft)	undated

Box 2

f.14 Manuscript – “Uncle Sam and Geronimo” (Draft)	undated
f.15 Manuscript – “The 13 th Territorial Legislature” (Draft)	undated
f.16 Manuscript – “The Lynching of Redfield & Tuttle” (2 Drafts)	undated
f.17 Manuscript – “My First Arrival in Clifton” (Draft)	undated
f.18 Manuscript – Pioneer Sketches by Counties (Draft)	undated
f.19 Manuscript – “Reminiscences of Early Days” (Draft)	undated
f.20 Manuscript – “I Saw the Wild West Tamed” (Draft)	1934
f.21 Manuscript – “Another Vagrant Thought Drifting Down the Swift Current of Memory” (Typecopy)	undated
f.22 Manuscript – “Los Angeles Pioneers and Incidents That Occurred 60 Years Ago” (Typecopy)	undated
f.23 Manuscript – “Levi Ruggles” (Draft)	undated
f.24 Manuscript – “M. W. Stewart” (Draft)	undated
f.25 Manuscript – “The Prescott Tragedy” (Draft)	undated
f.26 Manuscript – Lynching in Cochise County (Draft)	undated
f.27 Manuscript – “A Famous Early Day Character of Los Angeles and the South West” (Typecopy)	undated
f.28 Manuscript – “Billy Sunday & Bob Shuler” (Draft)	undated
f.29 Manuscript – “Notes on Col. Emilo Kosterliska” (Draft)	undated
f.30 Manuscript – “Have Another Tomalley” (Draft)	undated
f.31 Manuscript – “Peter Gabriel” (5 Drafts)	undated
f.32 Manuscript – “Peter Gabriel” (Typecopy)	undated
f.33 Manuscript – “Arizona By Counties” (Draft)	undated
f.34 Manuscript – “Gila County Pioneers” (Draft)	undated
f.35 Manuscript – “A Test of Memory: Embracing A Period of 65 Years” (Draft)	undated
f.36 Manuscript – “Pioneer Journalists Whom I Knew Personally and Whom Have Passed Over the Divide”	undated
f.37 Manuscript – “Oration on the Evil That Was Kitchner” (Draft)	undated
f.38 Manuscript – “The Tom Weedin-Mickey Stewart Affair” (Draft)	undated

f.39	Manuscript – Dealing With George Hunt	undated
f.40	Poems of Michael Rice	undated
f.41	Newspaper Clippings – <i>San Diego Herald</i> “Reminiscences of San Diego Fifty-Seven Years Ago”	1929
f.42	Newspaper Clippings By Rice	1924-1936
f.43	Newspaper Clippings About Rice	1924
f.44	JPEG images on CD of Rice papers (digitized 2010)	