

MS 685  
**RIELL, ROBERT BARCLAY, 1881?-1972**  
**PAPERS, 1896-1917**

**DESCRIPTION**

The collection consists of typed reminiscences written by Riell concerning Globe and Gila County from the period of 1896 to 1917. Riell wrote the papers around 1962 and some were published in Globe newspapers. The papers are in five folders with the following titles: "Amusements in Globe, Arizona in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> century," "Miners' drilling Contest," "Pioneer Days in Gila County, Arizona," "Strikes and Disorders, 1917," and "An Introduction to Globe, Arizona." The papers include personal reminiscences as well as histories of the area.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Robert Riell spent most of his adult life working as a bookkeeper, first for the Globe School District and then for the Inspiration Consolidated Copper Company. He was born in Newport News, Virginia and moved with his mother to Globe in 1896. In his teens, he carried mail by horseback before becoming a bookkeeper. He retired in 1956 and spent some time writing articles. He died in 1972.

**ACQUISITION**

The papers were donated by Sally Van Valkenburgh in 1964.

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