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MS 730**SIEBER, ALBERT, 1844-1907****Papers, 1888-1907****DESCRIPTION**

The strength of the collection comes from one folder of letters from Al Sieber written to his niece, Louise Wall Taylor from 1888-1906. The letters have brief descriptions of Sieber's activities at San Carlos during that time period. The rest of the collection contains transcripts of newspaper articles about the life of Al Sieber, and one manuscript entitled "Correspondence between Nelson A. Miles and Lt. Whipple and Al Sieber, 1887." (5 pgs.) The manuscript contains copies of photographs of Sieber. There is one folder of photostats of probate records for Sieber and correspondence to Louise Wall Taylor concerning Sieber's estate.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Al Sieber, scout, was born in Heidelberg, Germany in 1844. As a young boy, he immigrated to the United States. In 1862, he enlisted with the Union and fought at Antietam, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg. After the Civil War, he went to California, then Nevada and arrived in Arizona around 1868. In 1871-72, when Gen. Crook began organizing a force against Yavapai and Apache Indians, Sieber was signed on as a packer and soon became "Chief of Scouts." Sieber served in that capacity throughout the 1870s and early 1880s and had an important role in many missions. He was badly wounded in the leg during the Apache Kid outbreak of 1887. After being fired from his San Carlos Chief of Scouts position in 1890, he began prospecting until he was killed during construction on Roosevelt Dam in 1907.

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