

TITLE: Slaughter Ranch Papers

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: John Slaughter served two terms as Cochise County Sheriff beginning in 1887, served a term in the Arizona Legislature in 1906, helped to develop the town of Douglas, Arizona, and was a stockholder in the Bank of Douglas. In 1883, John Slaughter purchased about 40,000 acres of the San Bernardino Land Grant in southeastern Arizona on the Mexican border. He operated the San Bernardino Ranch and lived at the ranch until 1921.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The Slaughter Ranch papers consist of legal and historic documents and correspondence almost exclusively pertaining to the Slaughter Ranch, also known as the San Bernardino Ranch. The real estate papers provide the history of ownership and leasing of the property, water rights, liens, and mining claims. Papers pertaining to the John H. Slaughter Ranch, Inc. record the sale of stock to Manuel G. Calderone. Information about the distribution of Slaughter's property after his death include a list of heirs and amount inherited as well as lists of patented land, leased land, and certificates of purchase of the John H. Slaughter Ranch, Inc. Correspondence spans fifty-three years and includes receipts for lease payments, land survey result, law office billing, title studies, and information pertaining to escrow. Of note in the papers not pertaining to the Slaughter Ranch is a grant of land near the Gila and Salt River Meridian, signed by Woodrow Wilson.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Slaughter Ranch Real Estate Documents	1890 – 1924
	2	Slaughter Ranch Real Estate Documents	1936, 1937
	3	Mining	1898
	4	Corporation Documents	1937, n.d.

	5	Estate (Distribution) Documents	1972 – 1973
	6	Correspondence	1884 – 1926
	7	Correspondence	1936 – 1937
	8	Non-Slaughter Ranch Document	1915 & 1937