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Smith, Abijah, 1857-1939
Smith business papers, 1906-1928

DESCRIPTION

Small collection of correspondence, mining location notices and business ledgers relating to Abijah Smith's activities in Benson, Clifton and Globe, Arizona. There is a ledger of articles of incorporation and meeting minutes for the Benson Canning and Packing Co., dated 1916-1928, and another for the Globe National Bank, 1906-1910. There is a letterbook with copies of business letters from 1902 when Smith was cashier for the Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co. Also present are mining location notices and other documents for various Cochise County mines, dated 1916-1927; a biographical sketch of wife Mary Smith, and correspondence between Mary Smith and the First Yuma Mesa Unit Holder Association, a Yuma, Arizona property ownership group. There is also a report, with original photographs, of the San Pedro Municipal Water Conservation District concerning irrigation and use of the San Pedro River, dated 1927. The photographs are of agricultural products and an apiary of the San Pedro Valley mostly from St. David and Pomerene including Coon's Ranch, Merrill Ranch, Post Ranch, and Wright Ranch.

1 box, 1 outside item, .75 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Pioneer banker in Globe, Solomonville, and Benson, Arizona; arrived in Arizona in 1899. He helped organized the Gila Valley Bank and Trust Company of Globe and was president of the Cochise County State Bank.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Mrs. Abijah Smith, circa 1940.

RELATED MATERIAL

Abijah Smith photo collection, PC 122

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

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