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Delos H. Smith Collection
1844/1866/1889-1893

DESCRIPTION

This small collection consists of four folders with letters, certificates, and travel tickets relating to Delos Smith as United States Consul to Mexico between 1889 and 1893. Four large certificates proclaim Smith as U.S. Consul with one Mexican certificate signed by Porfirio Diaz. Nine letters and documents are addressed to Smith as Consul relating to disputes regarding landowners, judicial knowledge, holiday festivities, and shipped produce across the border. All original documents are in Spanish and have attached translations. One folder contains five letters written by families living in Ohio and Pennsylvania. It is unclear if these relate to Smith's family members or were simply preserved by the Smith family.

1 Box, 2 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Delos H. Smith was born in 1840 near Townsendville in New York. During the 1860s he left home and obtained a government job in Washington D.C. In 1870 he married Martha Matilda McCurdy of Pennsylvania. The family moved in the 1870s first to Fort Union, New Mexico then to Camp Grant, A.T. By 1880 Smith left government service and opened in mercantile business and the Washington Cattle Company near Willcox, A.T. Smith was appointed U.S. Consul at Nogales, Mexico in 1889 and continued in this position until 1894. After that date Smith moved his family to Washington D.C. and continued in government service until his death in 1909.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Marissa Smith in 2004.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in September 2006.