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MS 741
George E. P. Smith Papers
1903 - 1971

DESCRIPTION

This small collection consists of correspondence and essays by Professor George E. P. Smith between 1931 and 1971. Correspondence is primarily with the Arizona Historical Society regarding donations of essays and commenting on recent publications. Essays include narratives of his various travels and experiences both in Arizona and other locations in the United States. One additional essay by Dr. W. V. Whitmore M.D. "Early Medical Conditions in Arizona" is also present.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

George E. P. Smith was born in Lyndonville, VT in 1874 and received a degree from the University of Vermont in civil engineering. He came to Tucson in 1900 and joined the University of Arizona faculty as a professor of civil engineering. He transferred to agricultural engineering in 1906. Professor Smith remained with the University until his retirement in 1955 and published over 100 articles during that time many of which dealt with water concerns and topics. His involvement with water issues and research featured the publication of Arizona's first water code later enacted by the state legislature in 1919. He designed the first sewage system for the University campus in 1903 and the first automatic water supply system in 1916. George E. P. Smith died March 12, 1975.

ACQUISITION

Donated by George E. P. Smith in 1958.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was previously processed and reviewed by Dave Tackenberg in June 2010.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Folder 1	George Smith Recommendations	1903
f.2-3	Arizona Historical Society Correspondence	1931 – 1961
f.4	General Correspondence	1903/1926/1966
f.5	Publications of George E. P. Smith	1955
f.6	Essays by George E. P. Smith	1964 – 1971
	“An Extensive Trip Through Mexico, Pittsburgh and Vermont in 1907”	
	“A Working Vacation in Colorado”	
	“Tucson As I Found It in 1900”	
	“The Cananea Copper Mining Camp in 1900”	
	“A Trip to the Galiuro Mountains and My Encounter with a Bear”	
	“A Trip to Yellowstone Park, Across Montana, Idaho and Washington and Southward Through Oregon and California”	
	“Control of the Colorado River During The Flood Season”	
	“My Closest Brush with the Law”	
	“The Survey of a Proposed Irrigation Project Near Sentinel, Arizona”	
	“Trip to Roosevelt Where the Plans for the Proposed High Dam Were Being Prepared”	
	“An Interesting Trip Through Casa Grande and Florence in a Buckboard and Driving Two Good Strong Horses”	
	“My Summer as Inspector on the Great Railroad Bridge Under Construction About 5 Miles West of El Paso and Subsequent Visits to Tombstone, Pearce, and Los Angeles”	
	“From the Sublime to the Ridiculous!”	
	“How I Obtained My College Education and Graduated From From Debt”	
	“My Trip to the Midwest Including Niagara Falls”	
	“My First Trip to New York City”	
	“My First Experience With Modern Surgery”	
	“A Sudden Storm in the San Pedro Valley”	
	“My 40-Mile Trek in One Day”	
	“Our Summer Vacation on Peeks Island in Portland Harbor”	
	“How I obtained Tickets for the Opera ‘Rip Van Winkle’ at the Opera House”	
	“From Railway Clerk to University Professor”	
	“How the Date Industry Came to America”	
	“My Trips into the Mountains of Eastern Arizona”	
	“Two Trips Into the Front Range of the Catalina Mountains”	
	“How Climate Has Been Improved in Tucson”	
	“A Long Night Lost on the Chiricahua Mountains in 1911”	
	“How I Came to Arizona”	
	“Physiography of Arizona Valleys”	
	“Underground Water Supplies for Tucson”	
	“How Mrs. Smith Came To Arizona”	
	“Heroism in a Private Life”	
	“My Trips into the Cordon Mountains Surrounding Tucson”	

f.7	Essay: "Attic Treasures" by G.E.P. Smith	1956
f.8	Essay: "A Long Night on the Chiricahua Mountains" by G.E.P. Smith	1971
f.9	Essay: "The Story of the Acquisition of Sentinel Hill Park" by G.E.P. Smith	1955
f.10	Essay: "Early Medical Conditions in Arizona" by W. V. Whitmore, M.D.	1926
f.11	Regional Planning for Tucson	1943 – 1961
f.12	Legal Brief for Case of City of Tucson vs. James R. Dodson	1926