DESCRIPTION

This collection contains miscellaneous papers and documents relating to William and Josephine Speed. The most interesting items are Speed's appointment as a private in the Arizona Rangers, 1906, and a letter from Gov. Joseph H. Kibbey expressing regrets on the abolishment of the Arizona Rangers in 1909. The collection also includes William Speed’s application for Passport (with a photo attached) in 1921. The remainder of the collection includes business papers about mortgages and land sales in southern Arizona managed by Speed’s wife, Josephine.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William S. Speed, Cochise County rancher and Arizona Ranger, was born in Texas in 1871 and came to Cochise County at the age of 18. He was engaged in the cattle business until 1893 and then worked for the Soto Brothers in the mercantile business in Cochise County. He was a member of the Arizona Livestock Sanitary Board and served in the Arizona territorial legislature from Cochise County. He married Josephine E. Maldonado in 1900. He died in 1926; she died in 1968.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Mrs. And Mrs. John Glibe in 1968.

ACCESS

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