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**MS 0763  
STEVENS, DANIEL C. 1846-?  
Papers, 1882-1917**

**DESCRIPTION**

The collection reflects Stevens' years of service with the Texas-California Stage Company and the Arizona Consolidated Stage and Livery Company from 1882 to 1917 in Florence, Arizona. In addition, correspondence and records disclose his personal financial spending, real estate investments in Casa Grande and Florence, and work as a public official with the United States Land Office and Clerk of United States District Court. Ledgers for irrigation records (1911-1912), personal financial and investment accounts (1902-1905), and saloon account book (1885-1886) are present. Account ledgers for the Arizona Consolidated Stage and Livery Company include general financial accounts, fares, and express listings, pasturage fees, blacksmith accounts, and feed accounts (1892-1917).

6 Boxes, 2.75 linear feet

**ACQUISITION**

No record exists as to when this collection was received however its original processing was accomplished prior to 1972.

**ACCESS**

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**PROCESSING**

The collection was originally processed at the Historical Society and reviewed by William Tackenberg in July 1998

**ARRANGEMENT**

The collection consists of three series: Correspondence, Records, and Ledgers of personal and business activities.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

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His correspondence with individuals in the Florence area reflect both personal and business interests. Personal letters to and from his wife, while she lived in California, contain references to the weather in Arizona, relatives, children, and the building of a home in Florence. Stevens' correspondence with fraternal organizations reflect both his membership and positions of leadership in those groups. The Florence Republican Club (1909-1911), Grand Lodge of Arizona and New Mexico (1910), Ancient Order of United Workmen (1904-1909), Represito Shooting Association (1909-1916) are represented. Communication with individuals in relation to real estate investments, rental properties (1888-1917), and guardianship correspondence for the Guerrero children (1909-1911) complete the series.

Records contained in the collection focus on real estate papers, receipts and bills for construction and repair of houses in Florence, and property assessment listings (1914-1917) owned by various individuals for Arizona and California properties. Properties identified include locations in Florence, Globe, Tucson, and Casa Grande Arizona as well as Los Angeles, and Medesto California. Irrigation records record notes on watering of land in the Florence area between 1911 and 1912.

Ledgers record accounts, expenditures, and investments both personal and commercial. Personal accounts and investments between 1891 and 1915 highlight expenses for pasturage (1895-1904), drayage (1907-1915), irrigation notes (1891-1911), and saloon account (1885-1886). The Arizona Consolidated Stage and Livery Company ledgers record blacksmith activities, feed accounts, fares and express fees, and general company finances for 1892 to 1917.

The collection consists of six boxes of material (2.75 linear feet), arranged in 3 series:

**Series 1: Correspondence** relating to personal and business interests in Florence, Arizona, 1880-1917, arranged topically by organization (1 box, .5 linear feet).

**Series 2: Records** 1893-1927, arranged topically by organization (1/2 box, .25 linear feet).

**Series 3: Ledgers**, 1882-1917, arranged by business activity (Pasturage, Drayage, Irrigation, Arizona Consolidated Stage and Livery Company, Blacksmith Account) 4.5 boxes, 2.0 linear feet.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Daniel C. Stevens was born in Milan, Erie County, Ohio in 1846. At the age of four he moved to Sterling, Ill then to Wisconsin and lived at Black River Falls, Eau Claire, and Chippewa Falls. In 1862 he enlisted in Company G, Sixteenth Wisconsin Infantry and served for fifteen months. He saw military action in the western theater of war under General Grant at the Battle of Shiloh and received an honorable discharge after the evacuation of Corinth.

Upon discharge in 1863 Stevens began to run a stage line between Sparta and Hudson, WI. For the next seven and half years he was employed on various stage lines in the Midwest-Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Indian Territory, and Texas. In March 1870 he became associated as manager with the Texas and California Stage Company with headquarters at fort Smith. In 1878 he came to Arizona and assumed control of the company's line between Tucson and Yuma. The line was later converted to the Arizona Consolidated Stage and Livery Company with Mr. Stevens as resident manager at Florence and Mr. Bollen manager at the Casa Grande terminus. The stage made daily trips between the two points, a distance of twenty-eight miles.

Stevens was a life-long Republican and held local offices in the Florence area serving on the board of supervisors for four terms and as county treasurer for two terms. He served as probate judge and in 1893 was appointed clerk of the United States district court. Stevens was associated with the Gila Valley Lodge No.9, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and member of the Mystic Circle.

## **BOX AND FOLDER LIST**

### **Box 1**

#### **Series 1: Correspondence and Personal Materials, 1880-1917**

f.1	Stevens Family	1880-1916
f.2	Guardianship for Guerrero children	1909-1911
f.3	The Florence Republican Club	1910
f.4	Grand Lodge of Arizona and New Mexico	1905-1909
f.5	Repesito Shooting Association	1909-1916
f.6	Ancient Order of United Workmen	1904-1909
f.7	Supreme Ruling Fraternal Mystic Circle	1912-1913
f.8	United States Land Office and Stevens as Commissioner	1913-1915
f.9	United States Land Office and Stevens as Commissioner	1916-1917
f.10	Arizona Consolidated State and Livery Co.	1890-1916
f.11	Texas and California Stage Co.	1886
f.12	Rent on Commercial Properties	1912-1917
f.13	Real Estate Investments-Florence and Casa Grande	1888-1914
f.14	Real Estate Investments-Florence and Casa Grande	1915
f.15	Real Estate Investments-Florence and Casa Grande	1916-1917

### **Box 2**

#### **Series 2: Records, 1893-1927**

f.16	Guadalupe de Castro Receipts/Death Notice	1913-1915
f.17	Florence Town Counsel Minutes/Correspondence	1914/1927
f.18	Property Assessment Listings-California/Arizona	1914
f.19	Property Assessment Listings-Florence, AZ	1915-1917
f.20	Property Assessment Listings-California/Arizona	1915-1917
f.21	Real Estate Abstract of Title-Florence, AZ	1916
f.22	Construction Material Receipts/Orders	1893-1913
f.23	Bills and Receipts for Supplies and Services	1905-1912

f.24	Irrigation Records	1911-1912
<b>Series 3: Ledgers, 1882-1917</b>		
f.25	Stevens Personal Notes	1902-1905
f.26	Blacksmith Account Book	1905-1915
f.27	Drew and Stevens Express Consignments Account	1897-1900
<b>Box 3</b>		
f.28	Stevens Accounts-Pasturage	1895-1900
f.29	Stevens Accounts-Pasturage	1897-1904
f.30	Stevens Accounts-Drayage of Express	1907-1914
f.31	Stevens Accounts-Drayage of Express	1914-1915
f.32	Stevens Irrigation Notes	1891-1911
f.33	Saloon Account Book	1885-1886
<b>Box 4</b>		
f.34	Arizona Consolidated Stage and Livery Co Constitution and By-Laws	1892-1917
f.35	Arizona Consolidated Stage and Livery Co Feed Account	1906-1911
f.36	Arizona Consolidated Stage and Livery Co and Texas and California Stage Co	1888-1889
f.37	Arizona Consolidated Stage and Livery Co Accounts	1902-1904
f.38	Arizona Consolidated Stage and Livery Co Accounts	1900-1905
f.39	General Merchandise-Florence, AZ	1896-1899
<b>Box 5</b>		
f.40	Arizona Consolidated Stage and Livery Co Accounts	1903-1910
f.41	Arizona Consolidated Stage and Livery Co Petit Ledger	1898-1903
f.42	Arizona Consolidated Stage and Livery Co Fares and Express	1900-1903
<b>Box 6</b>		
f.43	Arizona Consolidated Stage and Livery Co Accounts	1882-1893