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**STEVENS, HIRAM STANFORD, 1832-1893
PAPERS, 1856-1909 (bulk: 1856-1884)****DESCRIPTION**

The bulk of the collection contains documents of property transactions or quit claim deeds in the "Village of Tucson" between 1856-1884. These documents are transactions of land sales between Hiram (and/or his wife, Petra Santa Cruz Stevens) and many other residents of Tucson, but some documents do not have Stevens' name on them; it is possible that they come from Stevens' work as City Treasurer for Tucson or Pima County Assessor. There is also a "last will and testament of Petra Stevens", 1909 and a "contract of co-partnership between H. S. Stevens, W. E. Stevens and Thomas Hughes" dated 1889. The folder of mining material relates to his interest in the Ada Mines and Milling Company, 1876-82.

1 boxes, 1 folder of outside items, .75 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Hiram Stevens, businessman and politician, was born in Vermont in 1832. He came to Arizona with the 1st U. S. Dragoons in 1854 and ran a store at Sacaton, 1858. In 1865, he established a ranch near Tucson and was post trader at Camp Crittenden and Fort Huachuca. He was also active in mining, freighting, mercantile business and territorial politics. He was city treasurer of Tucson, Pima County assessor and at various times a member of the county board of supervisors. He was elected to the state legislature, 1868-71 and was delegate to the U. S. Congress, 1874-76. After leaving Congress, he was engaged in his various business enterprises including ranching. He was also a money lender and with W. E. Stevens and Thomas Hughes opened a large general store. With financial trouble in his businesses and his cattle dying due to a drought, he killed himself in 1893.

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