DESCRIPTION

Correspondence, mining maps, ledger book of correspondents, and scrapbook with various clippings associated with his work as business leader, mine owner, and public official in Arizona. Highlights include correspondence with individuals on mining claims and interests in Arizona, news clippings of the national political campaign in 1896 and William McKinley’s election, and a lengthy manuscript on his life and activities in Arizona. These reminiscences were told to and recorded by his daughter, Edith Stratton Kitt in 1925.

2 Boxes, 1 linear foot

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Emerson Oliver Stratton was born in New York, November 1, 1846 and the family moved to San Francisco in 1850 to take advantage of the city economic expansion. Stratton moved to Arizona in 1875 as bookkeeper for the Overland Stage Co at Maricopa Wells. Later he was actively involved in the cattle business and owned he Inter-Ocean Cattle Co. near Oracle. He became interested in mining and developed and operated the Stratton Mines near Mount Lemmon. Stratton served as Supervisor of the County of Pinal Arizona in 1892, Treasurer of Pinal County in 1894, and on the Live Stock Sanitary Board of Arizona in 1897. He died August 14, 1925 in San Francisco.

ACQUISITION

Gift of Edith Kitt after 1925.

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