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MS 1284**John W. Summerhayes' Military Certificates
1862 - 1904****DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists of 25 military certificates for Lieutenant Colonel John W. Summerhayes acquired in a military career from 1862 to 1904. Certificates include appointment documents, promotions in rank, and documents appointing or relieving him of unit assignments. One certificate is associated with the Masons and is dated 1879. In addition to the certificates 12 photos depict the donors and relatives of Summerhayes visiting the Arizona Historical Society with Division Director Tom Peterson.

1 Box, 2 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John W. Summerhayes was born in 1835 and enlisted in the 20th Massachusetts Infantry in 1861. He was commissioned as an officer in 1863. At the completion of the Civil War Summerhayes had been wounded three times, was promoted to the rank of Captain, and demobilized from further military service. Two years later he was commissioned a Lieutenant in the 33rd Infantry and was later transferred to the 8th Infantry. Over the next 20 years Summerhayes was assigned to posts in Arizona, California, Nevada, and Nebraska. He became a member of the Quartermaster Department in 1889 and retired from military service in 1900 as a Major. In 1904 he was appointed to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His wife Martha Dunham Summerhayes was the author of the classic *Vanished Arizona* an autobiographical account of an army officer's wife on frontier service.

ACQUISITION

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