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**MS 1395
Sutter & Gentry, Lawyers
Records, 1904 - 1940****DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists of materials associated with the law firm located in Bisbee Arizona and two lawyers of that firm. Daily cashbooks and client ledgers reflect the initial formation and operations of the organization from 1913 to 1930. A court and legal fees ledger contain materials associated with Martin Gentry prior to his arrival at the Bisbee firm. Additional correspondence and minutes associated with the Arizona Board of Regents are present for the period 1937 to 1938 when Gentry was a member.

2 Boxes, 1 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Fred Sutter and Martin Gentry were both lawyers in the same law firm but at different time periods. In 1913 Fred A. Sutter established the law firm in Bisbee Arizona. Sutter served as a member of the last territorial legislature and as the first judge of the Superior Court of Cochise County. He was elected to the State Senate four times between 1917 and 1930. He was the sole practitioner of the firm from 1913 to 1922. In 1922 Sutter formed an association with his nephew, Walter Roche. In 1928 the firm became Sutter, Roche, and Gentry with the addition of James T. Gentry. Fred Sutter died in 1941 and after service in World War II James T. Gentry's son Martin Gentry joined the practice. Martin graduated from the University of Arizona in 1929 and had practiced law with John C. Gung'l in Willcox. Additional names over the years have changed the title of the law firm to what it is today, Desens, Behrens & Hitchcock.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Anita Young for Desens, Behrens & Hitchcock Law Firm in 1987.

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Box and Folder Listing

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Box 2

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