

**MS 1369**  
**Tucson Commission on Human Relations**  
**Papers, 1956-1968**

**DESCRIPTION**

This collection contains documents related to inter-group relations, specifically related to Civil Rights issues. Included are materials on some of the key subjects addressed by the Commission such as poverty and discrimination in employment, education and public accommodations. There are items related to legislative efforts to promote equality, as well as complaints filed by people who needed advocates for charges of discrimination.

4 Boxes, 1.75 linear ft.

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

The Tucson Commission on Human Relations was established by Mayor Don Hummel in 1955 to encourage mutual respect and understanding among all groups, and to discourage all manner and manifestations of discriminatory practice. Although the dates of the Commission coincide with the African American Civil Rights Movement, the group also advocated for women, Mexicans, Jewish citizens and other minority or underrepresented people.

**ACQUISITION**

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**ORGANIZATION**

The collection is organized into three series: 1/Commission business; 2/Organizations working with or alongside the Commission; 3/Subjects related to the Commission.

**PROCESSING**

The collection was processed by Nancy Siner in June 2009.

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