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**MS 853**  
**WHEELER, CHARLES C, 1858-1941**  
**WHEELER PAPERS, 1880-1939**

**DESCRIPTION**

The collection contains one folder of manuscripts recounting some early history of Tucson. The manuscripts are *The Pioneer Geo. A. Allison, The Indian Training School, Some of the Many Changes that have Taken Place in the Old Pueblo, History and facts concerning Warner and Silver Lake and the Santa Cruz River, Deserted Mining Camps and Towns, Presented to Pioneer Historical Society, 1937, History and Information of Hotels in Tucson of Early Dates, Christmas Season in Pioneer days by Pioneer Firm of Wheeler & Perry, Places of Amusement in the Old Pueblo of Tucson of Past Years, Our Christmas and the Santa Claus Mine of 1887* and *The Killing of Jim Burnett*. There are also copies of several letters he wrote to Bernice Cosulich.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Charles C. Wheeler came to Tucson in the early 1880s. He was first employed as a clerk by the Hoag, Armstrong company. A few years after his arrival, he entered the retail business in partnership with W. L. Perry. Their firm (Wheeler & Perry) became one of the outstanding mercantile establishments in the Southwest. They had large real estate holdings and at one time owned the San Xavier hotel. In 1918, the firm discontinued retail sales, handling wholesale business only. C. C. Wheeler retired shortly after that. In 1885, C. C. Wheeler married Kate Allison and that had four children. After his retirement, he became interested in Tucson history and wrote his memoirs with many appearing in the *Arizona Daily Star* in the 1930s. He died in 1941.

**ACQUISITION**

According to Wheeler's obituary, he donated the manuscripts when he wrote them in the 1930s.

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**PROCESSING**

The collection was processed by Riva Dean, Library/Archives Co-Manager in May 1997.