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**MS 854**  
**WHELAN, WILLIAM**  
**WHELAN FAMILY PAPERS, 1869-1936**

**DESCRIPTION**

The collection consists of papers relating to William Whelan, Sr. (1843-1908) and William Whelan, Jr. (1872-1975). William Whelan, Sr. ran a stage station at Point of Mountain, and there is a daily log book from 1869-1872 which includes notations on everyone that stopped at the station. The original log book is in "rare" but there is a transcript in the collection. The collection also includes a certificate of William Sr.'s election as supervisor of Graham County in 1886 and his government contract to deliver mail. There are handwritten reminiscences by William, Jr. as well as correspondence between him and the Historical Society in the 1930s. This correspondence also includes his reminiscences. There is also a hand-drawn map showing the location of the stage station.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

William Whelan, Sr. was a native of Ireland who migrated to Canada and arrived in Arizona Territory to become wagon boss for Hooker and Hines Freighting Lines in 1869. He became foreman for the Sierra Bonita Ranch in 1872. William, Jr. was born in 1872 and spent his youth on the Ranch, never attending school. He spent most of his life working as a cowboy for the Hooker spread. He and his wife, Ignacio DeLeon had nine children. He died in 1975 at the age of 103.

**RELATED MATERIALS**

William Whelan Portrait file contains many family photos.

**ACQUISITION**

The collection was donated in the 1930s by William Whelan, Jr.

**ACCESS**

There are no restrictions on this collection.

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**PROCESSING**

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