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**WHITE, FREDERICK EMERSON, 1856-1933**  
**WHITE PAPERS, 1894-1927**

### **DESCRIPTION**

The collection consists of two distinct folders. The first contains legal documents for Fred E. White; an Arizona Homestead Claim (1894), a petition in suit of delinquent lands (1905), mortgage papers for a property in Florence (1910) and a mining claim for Owl Spring (1915). The second folder contains photographs of Fred White with descriptions of his business making objects (clocks, lamps, and other decorative household objects) from cactus. The photographs depict White sawing Cholla, and standing near cactus and other objects which he created.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Little is known about Fred E. White. He came to around 1877 and settled in Florence. At some point he began making furniture and ornamental objects from cactus. He opened a shop called "The Cactus Shop" around 1892. In 1893, White went to the World's Fair in Chicago with some of his objects and won awards for his work.

### **ACQUISITION**

Donated by Mrs. Natalia White, 1937.

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