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**MS 1254
Benson (Ariz.). Board of Trade
Records, 1094-1914**

DESCRIPTION

This small collection consists of correspondence, meeting minutes, by-laws, and legal documents dealing with the activities of the Benson Board of Trade, 1904-1914.

1 box, .25 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Organized to attract investors into the Benson area and upper San Pedro Valley, the Benson Board of Trade was promotional in nature. Their goals were to promote good roads, business interests, and water and irrigation concerns.

ACQUISITION

Donated by the Benson Women's Club in 1929; this material was transferred from AHS Ephemera files in 1998.

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING

This collection was processed by Charles H. Herner, under supervision of the Archivist in June 2004.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Consisting of one box (.25 linear feet) of manuscript material, the collection chronicles the promotional activities of the Benson Board of Trade from 1904 to 1914. The collection is arranged in eight series: (I) Agreements, 1906-1912; (II) Cancelled checks; (III) Committee reports/Actions, 1906-1908; (IV) Constitution/By-Laws; (V) Correspondence, 1906-1914; (VI) Day book; (VII) Minutes, 1906-1908; (VIII) Miscellaneous.

f. 1 Series I contains a variety of Agreements, Leases, Indentures and Deeds involving public access in Benson and vicinity, 1906-1912, including a 1907 list of supporters for advertising, an undated list of supporters to provide a free public water trough, and bids for street cleaning, 1911.

f.2 Series II contains a number of cancelled checks, 1906-1907.

f.3 Series III contains a variety of reports and references to actions taken by the Board of Trade including the names of members in 1908.

f. 4 Series IV contains copies of the Constitution and By-Laws and attending policies.

f.5 Series V contains a wide variety of incoming and outgoing correspondence dealing primarily with efforts to promote the Benson area.

f.6 Series VI contains the Day Book established with the re-organization of the Board of Trade in 1912.

f.7 Series VII contains existing minutes of the Board of Trade, 1906-1908.

f.8 Series VIII contains a small number of unrelated items.