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BIRCHETT, JOHN S., d. 1890

Diary, 1883-1890

DESCRIPTION

One leather-bound diary kept by a gambler in Arizona from 1883 to 1890. The diary describes losing money in many towns in Arizona ("went to Tombstone and Benson, back to Tucson, Florence, King, Pinal, Pioneer, Globe, Casa Grande, various other small places...") He also traveled to Mexico and describes trips to Guaymas and Hermosillo. The diary entries are sparse, but Birchett used some colorful language in his brief entries.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John S. Birchett, professional gambler, came to Arizona Territory from Missouri as early as 1870, settling in the Tonto Basin, where he owned a large stock ranch. He died in San Francisco in 1890.

ACQUISITION

Donated by his son, Ross Birchett, in 1931.

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