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**CLUM, JOHN PHILIP, 1851-1932  
Papers, 1881-1965 (bulk: 1881-1935)****DESCRIPTION**

This collection of material on John Clum is primarily biographical. There are some original letters from Clum, but they are mostly to Mrs. Kitt of the Arizona Pioneers Historical Society about his writings. There are letters from Mrs. Florence Clum, again mostly to Mrs. Kitt between 1932-35. There are several legal documents signed by Clum when he was in Tombstone, but the remainder of the material is biographical and secondary source material.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

John Philip Clum, Indian Agent and editor, was born in New York in 1851. In 1874, he was named Indian Agent for the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation (Arizona). He spent three years and was the focal point for the "concentration policy" of putting all the Apaches on one reservation instead of keeping the different bands at different reservations, a policy that resulted in later conflicts. He quit the San Carlos post in 1877 and purchased the *Arizona Citizen*, which he sold in 1880 when he went to Tombstone and founded the *Tombstone Epitaph*. He was mayor and postmaster in Tombstone and left in 1882. He later moved to Alaska and eventually to Los Angeles. He wrote of his experiences for journals and published *Apache Agent*, which is regarded as more biographical than autobiographical. He died in 1932 at the age of 81.

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