

**TITLE:** Alexander J. Davidson Papers

**DATE RANGE:** 1931-1936

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 Box, .25 linear feet

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:** Alexander J. Davidson was born in Cadiz, Ohio on January 9, 1843 and came to the Arizona Territory in 1879 from California. In both California and Arizona Davidson was employed in assessing mines for individuals and corporations. Upon moving to Tucson he became employed in cattle business, real estate and owner operator of the Tucson Dairy Co. Davidson was a life-long Republican and claimed to have cast his first ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He died on February 23, 1938.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** Contains two folders with correspondence and a personal manuscript of Alexander J. Davidson. Correspondence between Davidson and Mrs. George F. Kitt of Tucson discussing weather and mutual friends. The manuscript, “Reminiscences of Alexander J. Davidson as Told to Mrs. George F. Kitt, 1930-1936” contains rambling recollections of Davidson’s life and activities, especially in Arizona. Davidson provides references to Tombstone, the Bird Cage Saloon, the Baca Land Grant dispute and various cattlemen of the San Pedro Valley area. Significant historical individuals mentioned by Davidson include Bill Oury, Tom Gates, Pete Kitchen and Bill Hart.