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**MS 0216****Drachman, Samuel Harrison, 1837-1911  
Papers, 1867-1934 (bulk 1867-1907)****DESCRIPTION**

Correspondence, real estate deeds, diary and reminiscences, naturalization papers, printed material and scrapbook of newspaper clippings of Samuel Drachman's relating to his trip to Tucson in 1867 and his life here. Also one file of correspondence from Samuel's son, Herbert Drachman, 1899-1934.

2 boxes, .75 linear ft.

**RELATED MATERIAL**

Mose Drachman Collection, MS 0226 and Harry A. Drachman Collection, MS 0225, Rosalie Avery Drachman Photo Collection, and photograph portrait files.

**ACQUISITION**

Gift of Herbert Drachman.

**ACCESS**

Some materials are restricted due to fragile condition; photocopies are available for patron use.

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**PROCESSING**

The collection was processed by Kim Frontz, March 1998.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Merchant and businessman; Samuel H. Drachman was born November 9, 1837 in Petrokoy, Russian Poland; he was 18 years old when he came to the United States. He landed in New York, later going to Charleston, South Carolina, and joined the Confederate Army in 1861. In 1867, he traveled first to California and soon after to Tucson, Arizona to join his brother, Phillip. He worked as a government contractor, later establishing himself in the tobacco and cigar business with stores in Tucson and Phoenix.

He was a member of the Eighth Territorial Legislature, a City Councilman in Tucson, a charter member of the Masonic Order in Tucson and of the Arizona Pioneer's Historical Society, and was a School Trustee for nine years. He married Jenny Migel at San Bernadino in 1875. They had four children, Herbert, Lucille, Myrtle, and Solomon, an attorney who went to fight in the Spanish American War, fell off a horse, then returned to Tucson to die.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The personal papers of Samuel H. Drachman include his naturalization papers and property deeds and indentures for property in Pima and Cochise Counties. There is also his diary of 1867-1868 and 1871 which contains brief entries concerning his trip to Arizona and his daily activities. An 18-page, handwritten talk for the Arizona Pioneer's Society, entitled "Arizona Pioneers and Apaches", relates his journey from California to Tucson, merchandise prices, fears of Apache attacks, the Camp Grant massacre, and the first schools. A ledger contains papers of the incorporation, by-laws, and list of subscribers of the Jewish Cemetery Association, 1890; the directors were Samuel Drachman, Barron M. Jacobs, and Adolph Goldschmidt. One file of correspondence is from Samuel's son, Herbert Drachman; this is chiefly to the Arizona Historical Society. Scrapbooks contain many newspaper articles about early Tucson and the Drachman family.

### **BOX AND FOLDER LIST**

#### **BOX 1**

f. 1	Personal material	1870-1899
f. 2	Correspondence	1889-1908
f. 3	Diary	1867-1868, 1871
f. 4	Reminiscence, "Arizona Pioneers and Apaches"	1885
f. 5	Property deeds and indentures	1872-1900
f. 6	Printed materials	1880-1887
f. 7	Jewish Cemetery Association by-laws	1890
f. 8-9	Scrapbook pages	1898-1907

#### **Box 2**

f. 10	Scrapbook	1893-1911
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**Outside Items** – 3 real estate documents, 1878-1900 (one for Cababi Mining Co.)