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MS 266
FORT LOWELL
Records, 1869 – 1907

DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of a ledger book containing various post expenses paid between August 6, 1878 and March 28, 1907. In addition, inspection reports describing the locations and conditions of the facilities at the post are provided for the years 1869 to 1890. These reports were submitted through military channels to the Adjutant General, U.S. Army in Washington, D. C. They provide an observation throughout much of Camp Lowell's history on post facilities, needed improvements and living conditions for the soldiers.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

HISTORICAL NOTE

Fort Lowell, also called Camp Lowell, situated in the northeastern outskirts of present-day Tucson was established August 29, 1866. Originally established close to Tucson in what is now Military Plaza, in center of present downtown area, Lowell was moved on March 9, 1873 eight miles out of town on the Rillito. Ruins are now included in Fort Lowell State Park. The role of Fort Lowell encompassed escorting wagon trains, guarding supplies, patrolling the border, and conducting offensive operations against the Western and Chiricahua Apache Indians and the protection of settlers. The Post was closed in 1891.

ACQUISITION

Provenance is unknown.

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PROCESSING

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