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MS 1389
Mary Hughston Collection
1861 - 1969**DESCRIPTION**

The Mary Hughston Collection consists of personal papers associated with the life and family of Mary Hughston and a postcard collection belonging to her mother Florence C. Hughston. Personal papers include materials from her education and her work as a teacher in Tucson. A large portion of the manuscript materials consist of essays Mary wrote for publications many dealing with Tucson history. A large manuscript is present along with extensive notes dealing with the life and career of Albert Steinfeld. There is also a manuscript dictated by Steinfeld to Ms. Hughston and typed by her. Additional manuscripts deal with the Consolidated National Bank of Tucson and a number of prominent men in its organization. As a lover of Arizona history Mary Hughston collected a large number of pamphlets and brochures of points of interest in Arizona and Tucson. Many of these have been preserved in the collection. Photographs show Mary Hughston, Tucson street scenes, animals, and her aerial buying trip for Steinfelds in 1929 by airplane.

16 Boxes, 7 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Caroline Mary Hughston was born January 7, 1881 in Bedford, PA. She attended 24 different schools, but did not graduate from any of them. She came to Tucson with her mother in 1903. In that year she passed her teaching exam and began work at Amphitheater School. She later became the first woman to be employed by the Consolidated National Bank of Tucson with Albert Steinfeld as president. Moving to Steinfeld's Department Store she worked as the advertising manager and personally brought the first load of merchandise to Tucson from Los Angeles by air express. In 1940 she left Steinfelds and opened her own business called Mary Hughston's Petite Maison, a specialty shop for women. She maintained this business for 27 years until her retirement at the age of 86. Throughout her life Mary Hughston wrote many articles and papers dealing with aspects of Arizona history and featuring individuals in Tucson. Many of these were published in pamphlet form or in the local newspapers. Mary Hughston died August 24, 1970.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Mary Hughston in 1969.

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING

The collection was previously processed and reviewed by Dave Tackenberg in May 2010.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box 1

Series 1: Personal and Family Papers Associated with Mary Hughston, 1861 - 1969

Folder 1 Family History	1969
f.2 Family History – Grandmother’s Trip to China	1861 – 1862
f.3 Family History – Florence Bailey School Certificates	1866 / 1867
f.4 Correspondence to Florence Hughston from Ernest	1898 – 1899
f.5 Mary Hughston Personal Correspondence	1929 – 1950/1966
f.6 Mary Hughston Business Correspondence	1942
f.7 Mary Hughston High School Notebook	N.D.
f.8 Mary Hughston Teaching Certificates	1903/1906
f.9 Pamphlet: “Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction”	1902
f.10 Class Correspondence Program “Article & Feature Writing”	N.D.
f.11 Classroom Instructional Materials	N.D.
f.12 Story Formulation for Classroom Assignment	1921
f.13 Story Planning Sheets	1939
f.14 Mary Hughston Shop Announcements	N.D.
f.15 Mary Hughston Newspaper Clippings	1910 – 1939
f.16 Hughston Property and Sales Receipt	1890 / 1904
f.17 Mary Hughston Handwriting & Astrology Readings	1937
f.18 Manuscript: “Trait: Pride and Mother Love” by Mary Hughston	N.D.
f.19 Manuscript: “Santa Claus In the Arizona Desert” by Mary Hughston	N.D.
f.20 Manuscript: “Half Lives” by Mary Hughston	N.D.
f.21 Manuscript: “Main Street Takes the Air” by Mary Hughston	N.D.
f.22 Manuscript: “The Tricennial of the Consolidated National Bank of of Tucson” by Mary Hughston	1920
f.23 Pamphlet: “The Tricennial of the Consolidated National Bank of Tucson” by Mary Hughston	1920
f.24 Manuscript Drafts for History of the Consolidated National Bank of Tucson Paper	
f.25 Manuscript Draft Announcement for “A Midsummer’s Night Dream”	N.D.
f.26 Manuscript: “The Heartbreak of A Dog Abandoned” by Mary Hughston	N.D.
f.27 Manuscript: “Tucson: The City That Was Born of the Desert” by Mary Hughston	N.D.
f.28 Manuscript Draft for Fort Lowell Article by Mary Hughston	N.D.
f.29 Manuscript: “The Shrine In The Desert” by Mary Hughston	1919
f.30 Manuscript: “Style Via Air Express” by Mary Hughston	N.D.

Box 2

f.31	Manuscript: "Material Which I Think Would Be Good For Stories of a Department Store in Arizona" by Mary Hughston	1928
f.32	Albert Steinfeld – Manuscript Draft	N.D.
f.33	Albert Steinfeld – Research Notes	N.D.
f.34	Albert Steinfeld – Manuscript Drafts	1948
f.35	Albert Steinfeld – "Clothes" Brochure by Mary Hughston	1928
f.36	Albert Steinfeld – "Recollections of the Past" by Albert Steinfeld as Dictated to Mary Hughston	1922
f.37-39	Albert Steinfeld – Background Materials	
f.40	Albert Steinfeld – Newspaper Articles (Zeckendorf)	1864 – 1881
f.41	Albert Steinfeld – Clippings	1920 – 1935
f.42	Manuscript: "Epee Randolph"	N.D.
f.43	Manuscript: "Frank H. Hereford"	N.D.
f.44	Manuscript: "Barrow M. Jacobs and Lionel M. Jacobs"	N.D.
f.45	Manuscript: "Herbert B. Tenney"	N.D.
f.46	Manuscript: "Merrill P. Freeman"	N.D.
f.47	Manuscripts: Two Historical Recollections by John A. Spring	1910
f.48	Manuscript: "The Picture Rocks"	N.D.
f.49	Manuscript: "Resume of My Vacation"	N.D.
f.50	Manuscript: "Diary of Sister Monica"	1870
f.51	Manuscript: "Legend of Old Tucson" by W. E. Barnes	N.D.
f.52	Manuscripts: Incomplete Portions and Pages	

Box 3

f.53	Newspaper Clippings – California Social Events	1915 – 1917
f.54	Pamphlets: Tucson - History	
f.55	Pamphlets: Tucson – Origin and Name	
f.56	Pamphlet: Tucson – "Old Tucson" by Estelle Buehman	1911
f.57	Pamphlets: Tucson – Tucson Sunshine Climate Club	
f.58	Pamphlets: Tucson – Visitor Guides	1930 – 1950
f.59	Arizona Maps – Tourist Stops	
f.60	Pamphlet: Arizona Guest Ranches – General Brochure	
f.61	Pamphlet: Arizona Guest Ranch – Rancho Linda Vista	
f.62	Pamphlet: Tucson – Arizona Desert School	
f.63	Pamphlet: Tucson – Evans School	
f.64	Pamphlet: Tucson – Fresno Ranch School	
f.65	Pamphlet: Tucson – Potter School	
f.66	Pamphlet: Tucson - The Stone Ashley Home	
f.67	Pamphlet: Tucson - The Harold Bell Wright Home	
f.68	Pamphlet: Tucson – The Desert Laboratory	
f.69	Pamphlet: Tucson – Saguaro National Monument	
f.70	Pamphlet: Tucson - The Old Pueblo Club	
f.71	Periodical: Tucson – "The Cactus Needle"	1922
f.72	Pamphlet: Tucson – Temple of Music and Art	1927
f.73	Pamphlet: Tucson – "History of Mining In Pima County"	1949
f.74	Pamphlets: Tucson – University of Arizona	
f.75	Programs: Tucson – University of Arizona 75 th Anniversary	1960
f.76	Pamphlet: Tucson – University of Arizona the Samuel H. Kess Collection	1957

Box 4

f.77	Pamphlets: Arizona – Visitor Guides	1934 / 1954
f.78	MISC Items	
f.79	Scrapbook of Cutouts	
f.80	Postcard Club Listings	1919
f.81	MISC Cards	

Series 2: Photos and Postcard Scrapbooks

f.82-83	Photographs – Mary Hughston	
f.84	Photographs - Desert Scenery	
f.85	Photographs - Tucson Views and Street Scenes	
f.86	Photographs – Hughston’s Flight to California	1929
f.87-88	Photographs – Animals	

Box 5

f.89	Photographs – Arizona Related	
f.90	Photographs – Outside Arizona	
f.91-94	Photographs - Unidentified People/Places	

Box 6 (housed in RARE)

Antique Photo Album
Carte de Viste Images
Tin Types
Many Images of Civil War Generals (Grant & Burnside)
Very Few Labeled Images
Photographers from California and East Coast Areas

Box 7

Postcards	1906 – 1940
Arizona Images	
California	
Other States in United States	
Outside Continental United States	

Box 8

American Southwest and Mexico Postcards	1906 - 1909
Douglas, AZ	
Nogales, AZ	
Benson, AZ	
Cananea, Mexico	
Guaymas, Mexico	
Train Wreck	
Mining Scenes	

Box 9

Massachusetts & New England Postcards	1906 - 1010
Beach/Harbor Scenes	
Historic Markers	
Structures	
Historic Re-enactment Scenes	
Street Scenes	

Box 10

Historic Lighthouse Postcards	1908 – 1913
Images from Both US Coastal Areas	

Box 11

Canada Postcards (Broken Binding – Poor Condition)	1910 – 1914
Outdoor Scenery	
Street Scenes	
Quebec	
Montreal	
Buildings and Street Scenes	
Snow Scenes	

Box 12

MISC United States Postcard Locations	1908 – 1909
Park Scenes	
Small Community Street Scenes	
Many Massachusetts Images	
River Scenes	
California Postcard Album (Album in Poor Condition)	1907 – 1909
Street Scenes	
Rural Scenery	
Buildings	
Harbor Scenes	

Box 13

MISC United States Postcard Locations	1908
State Capital Series	
Historic Image Set	
Washington DC Buildings	
New York Buildings	
Santa Fe Railroad Station Scene	
Adams Hotel - Phoenix, AZ	
Petrified Forest – Arizona	
Niagara Falls	

Box 14

MISC United States Postcard Locations (Album in Poor Condition) 1908 – 1908
Street Scenes
City Buildings

Box 15

MISC United States Postcard Locations 1909 – 1910
President McKinley Visit in Iowa
Various State Capital Buildings
School Buildings
Whit Mountain Resort
Street Scenes
Winter Scenes

Box 16

MISC United States Postcard Locations 1909
Colorado Outdoor Scenes
Snow Scenes
Street and Buildings
Many Colorado Scenes
Many Oregon and Northwest Images

Oversized Item

Two School Diplomas for Florence C. Bailey (Mary's Mother) 1867 / 1868
Oversized Photo of Mary Hughston and Unidentified Lady
Panorama Image of Advertiser's Convention in San Francisco, CA 1922