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JAASTAD, BENJAMIN (1886-1965)**JAASTAD, HENRY O. (1872-1965)****Papers, 1934-1960****DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists of seven folders of correspondence and manuscripts by Henry and Benjamin Jaastad between 1934 and 1960. The bulk of the collection is contained in early drafts and final copy of Benjamin Jaastad's book *Man of the West: Reminiscences of George Washington Oaks, 1840-1917*. Correspondence between Henry Jaastad and the Arizona Historical Society between 1934 and 1917 highlights communication over historical memorabilia and biographical data for the Society's collections. A manuscript by Henry Jaastad titled "A Short Summary of the Expenses Imposed on the City of Tucson by the State Legislature without the Consent of the City" focuses on his attempts as mayor of Tucson to limit tax impositions by the state legislature.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Benjamin Jaastad was born on January 14, 1886 in Norway. Henry, his older brother was born July 24, 1872. The family left Norway and arrived in Wisconsin in 1891. Benjamin came to Arizona in 1906 and found work as a carpenter and millworker. Benjamin never married and recorded the life of George Washington Oaks (1840-1917) which was published by the Society as *Man of the West* in 1965. Henry came to Arizona in 1902 and married Millie Wick and after her death in 1907 Henry married Theolina Nelson in 1912. He studied architecture and designed many schools and churches throughout Arizona and New Mexico. In 1924 he was elected to the Tucson City Council and Mayor in 1933. He was mayor from that time until 1943. After his wife's death in 1948 Henry married his third wife, Juliet Sexe, in 1959. Henry died December 21, 1965 and Benjamin also died in 1965.

ACQUISITION

Henry and Benjamin Jaastad donated this collection periodically between 1955 and 1958.

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PROCESSING

The collection was originally processed at the Historical Society and reviewed by William Tackenberg under the supervision of Riva Dean in January 1998.