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**MS 1110**  
**KINNEY, JACK C., 1872 - 1949**  
**Papers, 1895-1955**

## **DESCRIPTION**

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18 Boxes, 8.75 linear feet plus 1 outside item

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## **PROCESSING**

The collection was processed by William Tackenberg in November 1998.

## **ARRANGEMENT**

Arranged into Six series: Personal and Family Correspondence, 1895-1955; Community Activities and Mining, 1916-1935; Correspondence Related to Real Estate, 1912-1931; Politics, 1912-1932; Ranching and Cattle, 1912-1949; and Account Ledgers, 1927-1935.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Jack C. Kinney, prominent Arizona rancher and owner of the La Osa Livestock Company was involved in both Montana and Arizona politics and assisted in the organization of the Annual Fiesta de los Vaqueros Rodeo in Tucson. Kinney was born July 11, 1872 in Dixon, Illinois. As a young man he moved to Texas and in 1890 to Montana establishing himself in the cattle business near Wibaux. While in Montana, in addition to his ranch, he operated a chain of banks, and served eight years in the Montana State Senate. In 1899 Kinney married Alice Brophy. Financial interests in 1913 brought him to Arizona and by 1915 he and his family became residents of Tucson.

In 1915, along with other associates, he purchased and reorganized the La Osa Livestock and Loan Company. At one time Kinney's ranches and land holding entailed over 300,000 acres in southern Arizona constituting one of the largest cattle outfits in Arizona. In addition to the large La Osa Ranch Kinney maintained additional land holdings in Montana, New Mexico, Old Mexico, and North Dakota. In the late in 1920s under financial difficulties he was forced to sell many of his additional holdings.

Kinney had a life-long interest in politics and was a prominent member of the Republican Party in both Montana and Arizona. In addition to the eight years in the Montana Senate he served in Arizona as county supervisor of Pima County from 1928 to 1932. During his last term he was chairman of the board. He served as state chairman of the Republican party in both Montana and Arizona. In 1932 Kinney ran for Arizona governor. He lost that race to Dr. B. B. Moeur.

Kinney was involved in many civic and community activities. While as acting president of the Arizona Polo Association Kinney organized Tucson's annual mid-winter rodeo and served as rodeo "boss" for fifteen years. He was director and member of the executive committee Tucson Sunshine Climate Club.

He died July 18, 1949.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection reflects Kinney's years in politics and ranching activities both in Montana and southern Arizona. In addition, the collection includes general business dealings especially real estate correspondence and community activities including some information on the Tucson Rodeo. Correspondence includes various issues associated with cattle ranching in early twentieth century Arizona including purchases, finance, cattle roundups, and bill collecting. Political correspondence reflects activities associated with his eight years in the Montana State Senate and Arizona politics including the 1932 governor campaign race. The papers have been divided into six series – Personal and Family Correspondence and Items, Community Activities and Mining, Correspondence Related to Real Estate, Politics, Ranching and Cattle, and Account Ledgers. Photographs are included reflecting portraits of Kinney, ranch scenes, and rodeo activities.

The processing of the collection has maintained the original organization of correspondence by year listings. The use of subseries in the Ranching and Cattle Series reflecting calendar years have been utilized. Some folders, containing related correspondence from other years, have been retained as originally found with a notation on the folder of the additional years included. Kinney conscientiously kept copies of letters written as well as replies to correspondence from others.

The financial management of the La Osa Ranch and Cattle Company proved especially demanding for Kinney in the early 1920s. During this period he was forced to sell many additional land holding to retain the ranch. A considerable amount of the correspondence deals with the purchase and delivery of cattle and horses and in some cases the nonpayment of notes by his customers. The 1932 political correspondence is highlighted with communications to and from campaign workers throughout the state providing information to Kinney on issues and concerns for his use. Some correspondence reflects applications for job considerations even before Kinney's election. A large amount of this correspondence including thank you notes, fund raising contributions, and invitations for speaking were written personally by Kinney.

Series I: Personal and Family Correspondence and Items, 1895-1955 (Boxes 1 and 2). Covers Kinney's correspondence with family members. Four folders of photos are included which depict Kinney and scenes on his Arizona ranch. Some photos have unidentified children. A school book and concert program reflects activities participated in by his daughter Kathryn. News clippings and personal notebooks depict family and ranch activities. A manuscript, "Tale of a Steer" is believed attributed to Kinney. Correspondence on personal interest topics is incorporated into business letters. The highlight of this series is the ten years of correspondence with Lone Wolf, a Blackfoot artist. Letters reflect the Arizona climate, geography, weather, and business opportunities to individuals back in Montana after Kinney's permanent move to Arizona in 1915.

Series II: Community Activities and Mining, 1916-1935 (Box 3). Planning coordination for the Tucson annual rodeo and communication with the Arizona Polo Association are contained in this series. Kinney had mining interests in Arizona, New Mexico, and old Mexico and correspondence reflects the period 1916-1935. Communication on rodeo and polo issues includes J.C. Stader and Sons, N. Porter of Porter Saddle and Harness Co. and Capt. R. R. Upton of the Military Science Dept. of the University of Arizona along with many others. Mining points of contact include W.W. McDowell (Lieutenant Governor of Montana), H.K. Schuster of Wibaux, Montana, R. Simon F. Ortega of Sonora, Mexico and

W.C. Taylor of La Colorada, Sonora. Two mines are mentioned in the correspondence by Kinney include the Creston-Colorado Mines and the Rebuscada Mine both in Sonora, Mexico.

Series III: Correspondence Related to Real Estate, 1912-1931 (Box 3 and 4). Kinney owned ranches and property in Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, California, and North Dakota. Correspondence regarding promissory notes due on land and cattle are also included. Principal correspondents include Fen S. Hildreth, D.E. Hosfield, Chas E. Walker, and John H. Page and Co. all involved in land purchases in Arizona or financial arrangements. George McClellan of North Dakota and Edward F. Fisher of Wibaux, Montana communicated with Kinney on land and financial dealings.

Series IV: Politics (Boxes 4-6). The political correspondence in Montana is highlighted by Kinney's eight years in the Montana Senate. Communications reflect state concerns and proposed legislative matters along with letters to the Republican National Committee. News clippings, campaign announcements, petition letters for Kinney's 1932 Arizona governor race highlight this series. Correspondence for the 1932 governor campaign are arranged alphabetically by last name. Individuals communicated with in Montana included C.A. Rasmusson, W.W. McDowell (Lieutenant Governor), J.E. Edwards, and Carl W. Riddick (Montana Representative to U.S. Congress) among others. In Arizona, political correspondence included Scott White (Arizona Secretary of State), Dr. R.J. Stroud (Chairman of Republican State Committee), Mrs. John C. Greenway, Dr. R.C. Kirkwood, Dr. H.C. Shantz (University of Arizona President), and Ben Silverman with many others.

Series V: Ranching and Cattle, 1912-1949 (Boxes 6 – 18). This series with correspondence associated with ranching and cattle sales and activities in Arizona highlight the collection. Communications with cattle purchasing companies, financial institutions for loans & payments, and La Osa Ranch activities are contained. Correspondence is arranged by yearly subseries and then by individual's last names. Many individuals have correspondence over multiple years. Principal correspondents include Tom P. Talle, R.C. Lilly, L.S. Peterson, W. B. Kibbey, J.M. Ronstadt and Co., John H. Page and Co., L.H. Manning, as well as many banks and financial institutions.

Series VI: Account Ledgers, 1927-1935 (Boxes 17 and 18). Ledgers contain entries for various expenditures, salaries, and land purchase accounts.

## BOX AND FOLDER LIST

### Box 1

#### Series 1: Personal and Family Correspondence and Items, 1895-1955

f.1-4	Kinney Portraits and Family Photos	
f.5	Manuscript: "Tale of a Steer"	
f.6	Kinney Stock Certificates	
f.7	Kinney Political and Commercial Cards of Introduction	
f.8-9	Correspondence Between Kinney Family Members	1895-1940
f.10	Printed Material: Kathryn Kinney's School Book and Concert Programs	1925/1926
f.11	Kinney Death Announcements	1949
f.12	Newsclippings of Kinney Family Activities	1950
f.13-14	Personal Notebooks and Travel Diaries	1913,1914,1916,1918 1920,1921,1931,1940 1941,1946,1947

### Box 2

f.15	Correspondence	1899-1916
f.16	J. E. Edwards	1915-1922
f.17	Lone Wolf	1918-1928
f.18	Lone Wolf Newsclippings	1917-1926
f.19-31	Correspondence	1917-1929
f.32	Correspondence	1944-1948
f.33	Correspondence	1949

### Box 3

#### Series 2: Community Activities and Mining, 1916-1935

f.34	Correspondence and Rodeo Planning	1934
f.35	Correspondence of Arizona Polo Association and Rodeo Planning	1925-1927
f.36	Arizona and New Mexico Mining Interests	1916-1925
f.37-38	Mexico Mining Interests	1916-1935

#### Series 3: Correspondence Related to Real Estate, 1912-1931

f.39-41	Arizona Related	1921-1931
f.42-46	Outside Arizona Related	1912-1919

### Box 4:

f.47-53	Outside Arizona Related	1919-1932
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#### Series 4: Politics, 1912-1932

##### Subseries A: Montana Politics, 1915-1942

f.54-62	Montana Correspondence	1912-1923
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### Box 5

f.63	Montana Correspondence	1924-1942
f.64	Communication With Republican National Committee	1916-1920
f.65	Montana Legislative Actions and Correspondence With Montana Governors	1916-1921
f.66	Montana Newsclippings	1915-1921

<b>Subseries B: Arizona Politics, 1918-1932</b>		
f.67	General Arizona Correspondence	1918-1923
f.68	Arizona Newsclippings	1919-1928
<b>Subseries C: Arizona Governor Election, 1932</b>		
f.69	Kinney Speeches	1932
f.70	Petition Letters	1932
f.71	Campaign Expenses	1932
f.72	Campaign Announcements	1932
f.73	General Correspondence	1932
f.74	Newsclippings	1932
f.75	Campaign Handouts	1932
f.76	Correspondence (A-B)	1932
<b>Box 6:</b>		
f.77-84	Correspondence (C-Z)	1932
<b>Series 5: Ranching and Cattle, 1912-1949</b>		
<b>Subseries A: Montana, 1912-1919</b>		
f.85	North Side Elevator Company	1912-1916
f.86	Northern National Bank	1913-1915
f.87	Deed Transfer and Haskell Settlement	1915-1927
f.88	Montana Life Insurance Co.	1915-1917
f.89	O. W. Belden	1919
f.90	Stevens Cattle Co.	1912
f.91	Miscellaneous Montana Ranch Correspondence (With 1914/1917)	1913
<b>Subseries B: Arizona, 1915</b>		
f.92	Arizona Land and Cattle Co.	1915
f.93	Stiles and Devany	1915
f.94	C. W. Hincheliffe	1915
f.95	Tom P. Talle	1915
<b>Box 7:</b>		
f.96	Legislative Bill Sponsoring Agriculture and Livestock	
f.97	Court Legal Papers	1905/1915/1918
f.98	La Osa Balance Sheet	1915
f.99	Miscellaneous Ranch Topics	1915
<b>Subseries C: Arizona, 1916</b>		
f.100	Southwestern Cattle Growers' Association	1916
f.101	Tom P. Talle	1916
f.102	Northwestern National Bank	1916
f.103	First State Bank (With 1913)	1916
f.104	Jose C. Camou (With 1917)	1916
f.105	R. C. Lilly (Merchants National Bank) (With 1915-1918)	1916
f.106	L. S. Peterson	1916
f.107	Sale of Cattle	1916
f.108	La Osa Balance Sheets	1916

**Subseries D: Arizona, 1917**

f.109	Agreement With George D. Elliott	1917
f.110	Organizational Meeting of Blue Water Live Stock Co.	1917
f.111	La Osa Ranch Report	1917
f.112	La Osa Balance Sheets	1917
f.113	Cotton, Grain, and Animal Diseases (With 1918)	1917
f.114	George D. Elliott	1917
f.115	Merchants National Bank (With 1916)	1917
f.116	John H. Page and Co. (With 1916)	1917
f.117	W. B. Kibbey and La Osa Management	1917
f.118	Loan Requests (With 1916-1922)	1917
f.119	North Texas Trust Co.	1917
f.120	L. S. Patterson	1917
f.121-122	Tom P. Talle	1917

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f.123	Loans and Requests	1917
f.124	Cattle Sales	1917
f.125	J. M. Ronstadt and Co.	1917
f.126	Live Stock Bank (With 1918)	1917
f.127	State National Bank	1917
f.128	Sale of Liberty Bonds (With 1918)	1917

**Subseries E: Arizona, 1918**

f.129	James Hunter	1918
f.130-131	John H. Page and Co.	1918
f.132	W. E. Stockstill	1918
f.133	La Osa Balance Sheets	1918
f.134	Legal Financial Agreements	
f.135	Arizona Cattle Growers' Association	1918
f.136	Bailey Cattle Co.	1918
f.137-138	Tom P. Talle	1918
f.139	Kingan and Campbell	1918
f.140	General La Osa Stock and Loan Co.	1918
f.141	Banking Correspondence (With 1917)	1918
f.142	Cattle Sales	1918

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f.143	C. A. Bennett	1918
f.144	Ranch Sales	1918
f.145	Stock Yard National Bank	1918
f.146	Union Central Life Insurance Co.	1918

**Subseries F: Arizona, 1919**

f.147	F.P. Serrano	1919
f.148	W. M. Massic – Receiver (With 1917-1920)	1919
f.149	Powers of Attorney (With 1917-1920)	1919
f.150	Ramsey Watkins (With 1917/1921)	1919
f.151	Loan Letters (With 1917-1920)	1919
f.152	Cattle Sales 9With 1917/1921)	1919
f.153	Arizona Cattle Growers' Association	

	Live Stock Sanitary Board		1919
f.154	R. C. Lilly (Merchants National Bank) (With 1921/1922)		1919
f.155	Establishment of Telephone Service		1919
f.156	Stock Yard National Bank		1919
f.157	John H. Page and Co.		1919
f.158	Consolidated National Bank		1919
f.159	Northwestern National Bank		1919
f.160	Cascade Bank		1919
f.161	Kingan and Campbell		1919
f.162	Tom P. Talle	(Jan-Jun)	1919

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f.163	Tom P. Talle	(Jul-Dec)	1919
f.164	Albert Herman		1919
f.165	Y O Ranch		1919
f.166	Frank H. Page (With 1916-1924)		1919
f.167	A. P. Long (With 1917-1922)		1919
f.168	Ranch Land Loans		1919
f.169	La Osa Balance Sheets		1919
f.170	Legal Suits (With 1917/1923/1926)		1919
f.171	Bailey Cattle Company		1919
f.172	Sale of Cattle to John Willis		1919
f.173	Osborne and Cochran, Inc.		1919
f.174	Miscellaneous Ranch Correspondence		1919

### Subseries G: Arizona, 1920

f.175	Coordination With Other Ranch Dealers		1920
f.176	George Horkan (With 1921/1922)		1920
f.177	Loan Correspondence (With 1912-1929)		1920
f.178	La Osa Live Stock and Other Lands and Leases		1920
f.179	Range Leases (With 1916-1923)		1920
f.180	Stock Yards National Bank		1920
f.181	Richard Ronstadt		1920
f.182	Tom P. Talle		1920
f.183	Arizona Cattle Growers' Association		1920
f.184	Stock Yard National Bank		1920
f.185	W. B. Kibbey		1920

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f.186	Loan Requests and Inquiries		1920
f.187	Albert Herman (With 1918-1924)		1920
f.188	A. P. Long (With 1921)		1920
f.189-190	Cattle Sales		1920
f.191	Cottonseed Oil and Nut Cake		1920
f.192	J. C. Orrick (With 1921)		1920
f.193	Application To Lease State Lands		1920
f.194	La Osa Balance Sheets		1920
f.195	Merchants National Bank		1920
f.196	Ranch Property Sales		1920
f.197-199	Miscellaneous Ranch Correspondence		1920



**Subseries H: Arizona, 1921**

f.200	Cattle Sales	1921
f.201	William B. Judge	1921
f.202	Dallas Income Tax Service	1921
f.203	L. S. Patterson	1921
f.204	B. M. Lauder	1921

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f.205	South Dakota Land Investments (With 1912-1925)	1921
f.206	Cattle Growers' Associations	1921
f.207	Loans to War Finance and Others (With 1922)	1921
f.208	George H. Prince (With 1922)	1921
f.209	La Osa Balance Sheets	1921
f.210	La Osa Ranch Forman's Reports (With 1917-1921)	1921
f.211	Miscellaneous Ranch Correspondence	1921

**Subseries I: Arizona, 1922**

f.212	Ronstadt vs. Kinney Court Case	1922
f.213	J. C. Burns and W.B. Kibbey	1922
f.214	Merchants National Bank	1922
f.215	Cattle Sales	1922
f.216	La Osa Balance Sheets	1922
f.217	Tom P. Talle	1922
f.218	John H. Page and Co.	1922
f.219	Poso Verde Cattle Co.	1922
f.220	Loan Information	1922
f.221	Arizona Cattle Growers' Association	1922
f.222	Miscellaneous Ranch Correspondence	1922

**Subseries J: Arizona, 1923**

f.223	Cattle Sales	1923
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f.224-225	John H. Page and Co.	1923
f.226	Washburn and Condon	1923
f.227	Arizona Cattle Growers' Association	1923
f.228	L. H. Manning	1923
f.229	Lawton Brother and Co.	1923
f.230	Ranch Income and Tax Preparation Correspondence	1923
f.231	Ben Arnold (With 1921-1926)	1923
f.232	Tom P. Talle	1923
f.233	John C. Burns	1923
f.234	Kinan, Campbell, and Conner	1923
f.235	Bangs-Berry and Co.	1923
f.236	Merchants National Bank	1923
f.237	Sale of Horses and Mules	1923
f.238	Exchange State Bank	1923
f.239	Ranch and Feed Correspondence	1923
f.240	Mortgage Papers and Loans	1923
f.241	Shipping and Disease of Animals	1923
f.242	Preliminary Report-La Osa Ranch	1923

f.243	La Osa Balance Sheets	1923
f.244	Railroad Correspondence (With 1922)	1923
f.245	Miscellaneous Ranch Correspondence	1923

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##### Subseries K: Arizona, 1924

f.246	Maurer, Washburn and Condon	1924
f.247	Montana Stock Livestock Commission (With 1919-1926)	1924
f.248	L. C. Manning	1924
f.249	Cattle Sales	1924
f.250	Arizona Cattle Growers' Association	1924
f.251	Kingan, Campbell, and Conner	1924
f.252	John H. Page and Co.	1924
f.253	J. E. Edwards (with 1925)	1924
f.254	R. C. Lilly (Merchants National Bank) (With 1923)	1924
f.255	Shipping Correspondence	1924
f.256	Tom P. Talle	1924
f.257	Arizona Packing Co.	1924
f.258	La Osa Balance Sheets	1924
f.259	Sale of Horses and Mules	1924
f.260	Merchants National Bank	1924
f.261	Wetherill and Colville	1924
f.262	Loans and Letters for Requests	1924
f.263-264	Miscellaneous Ranch Correspondence	1924

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##### Subseries L: Arizona, 1925

f.265	John Leakey (With 1919-1925)	1925
f.266	R. C. Lilly (Merchants National Bank) With 1926/1927)	1925
f.267	Sale of Horses and Mules	1925
f.268	La Osa Balance Sheets	1925
f.269	Ronstadt Court Case	1925
f.270	Arizona Cattle Growers' Association	1925
f.271	Washburn and Condon	1925
f.272	Arizona Auto Sales	1925
f.273	Tom P. Talle	1925
f.274	Sheep Dip (With 1926)	1925
f.275	Loan Requests and Inquiries	1925
f.276	John H. Page and Co.	1925
f.277	J. C. Orrick (With 1923/1927-1928)	1925
f.278	State Livestock Commission	1925
f.279	Grazing Agreements	1925
f.280	Inspection and Transportation of Cattle	1925
f.281	First National Bank-Nogales	1925
f.282	Miscellaneous Ranch Correspondence	1925
f.283-284	Cattle Sales and Prices	1925

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##### Subseries M: Arizona, 1926

f.285	Arthur C. O'Connor	1926
f.286	La Osa Balance Sheets	1926

f.287	Washburn and Condon	1926
f.288	Cattle Sales	1926
f.289	A. H. Arnett (With 1925)	1926
f.290	Financial Loans	1926
f.291	Merchants National Bank	1926
f.292	Arivaca Land and Cattle Co.	1926
f.293	Live Stock Sanitary Board	1926
f.294	Sale of Horses and Mules	1926
f.295	Livestock and Agricultural Loan Co.	1926
f.296	L. H. Manning	1926
f.297	Tom P. Talle	1926
f.298	Various Chamber of Commences	1926
f.299	John H. Page and Co.	1926
f.300	La Osa Posters (With 1948)	1926
f.301	Miscellaneous Ranch Correspondence	1926

**Subseries N: Arizona, 1927**

f.302	Sale of Horses and Mules	1927
f.303	Washburn and Condon	1927
f.304	Cattle Sales	1927
f.305	La Osa Balance Sheets	1927
f.306	Miscellaneous Ranch Correspondence	1927

**Subseries O: Arizona, 1928-1949**

f.307	La Osa Balance Sheets	1928
f.308	Cattle Sales	1928

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f.309	Edgar B. Corse	1928
f.310	Cattle Sales	1929
f.311	La Osa Balance Sheets	1929
f.312	La Osa Balance Sheets	1930
f.313	La Osa Inventory/Balance Sheets	1931/1933
f.314	Miscellaneous Ranch Correspondence	1933
f.315	News Clippings	1915-1938
f.316	Miscellaneous Ranch Correspondence	1946
f.317	Miscellaneous Ranch Correspondence	1947
f.318	Miscellaneous Ranch Correspondence	1948
f.319	Miscellaneous Ranch Correspondence	1949

**Series 6: Account Ledgers, 1927-1935**

f.320-321	Account Ledgers	1927-1935
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**Box 18**

f.322	Account Ledger	1927-1935
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