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MS 1104
MARTIN, GEORGE 1883 – 1967
Papers, 1907-1978

DESCRIPTION

This collection includes personal correspondence, business records, real estate listings, and tax documents resulting from Martin's fifty plus years in the Tucson community and directorship of the Martin Drug and Crystal Coca Cola companies. The collection consists of two parts with the first half containing Martin's personal correspondence much of which relate to business interests, stock and trust funds, and property and home improvement bills and receipts. The second portion comprises documents and records relating to the Martin Drug Company, 1917-1974 and the Crystal Coca Cola Bottling Company, 1907-1964.

4 Boxes. 2.0 linear feet

ACQUISITION

The collection was acquired on June 10, 1976 from Mrs. George Martin.

RELATED NOTE

In addition to this collection the Historical Society also maintains a collection on Andrew Martin (MS 476) and a photo collection (Andrew Martin, PC 77). The old manuscript collection on the Crystal Coca-Cola Bottling Company (MS 927) was incorporated into the present George Martin Collection in 1998.

ACCESS - There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by William D. Tackenberg under the supervision of Riva Dean.

ARRANGEMENT

Arranged in 6 series: George Martin Biographical Materials, 1941-1971; Correspondence, 1910-1969; Records, 1910-1971; Documents, 1907-1978; Martin Drug Company, 1917-1974; Crystal/Coca-Cola Company, 1907-1964.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

George S. Martin was born in 1883 in Yuma, Arizona Territory. When he was one year old, his father moved to Tucson and opened the Martin Drug Co. George Martin attended the University of Arizona and received a pharmacist's degree from the University of California in 1903. Upon the death of his father Martin returned to Tucson to operate Martin Drug until purchasing the Sparkling Soda Bottling Co in 1905. Andrew Martin, George's brother, assumed leadership for the Martin Drug Company at this time. Renaming the Sparkling Soda Company to Crystal Coca-Cola Company Martin operated this establishment until 1955. This was the first Coca-Cola company to operate in Tucson.

Involved in many community and civic activities, George Martin served as an early director for the Tucson Medical Center and in 1925 was elected to presidency of the Arizona Pioneer Historical Society. At the time of his death in 1967 he was the oldest living member of the local Elks Club and held a 50-year card. Martin was charter member of the Tucson Golf and Country Club and one of the founders of the Old Pueblo Club. He was a member of the Rotary Club and belonged to the Arizona Alumni Association.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes personal correspondence, business records, real estate listings, and tax documents resulting from Martin's fifty plus years in the Tucson community and directorship of the Martin Drug and Crystal Coca-Cola companies. The first half of the collection entails Martin's personal correspondence much of which centers around business interest, stock and trust funds, and property and home improvement bills and receipts. The second portion of the collection contains documents and records related to Martin Drug Company, 1917-1974 and the Crystal Coca-Cola Bottling Company, 1907-1964.

These papers are divided into six series: George Martin Biographical Materials, Correspondence, Records, Documents, Martin Drug Company, and Crystal/Coca-Cola Company.

Series 1, George Martin Biographical Materials, 1941-1971, contains information on George Martin and the Martin family. It includes two folders of material with newspaper clippings on individual and family events.

Series 2, Correspondence, 1910-1969, features personal correspondence between George Martin and other Martin family members between 1935 and 1969. Communications with the city of Tucson on Martin's request in 1952 for the rezoning of property is also included. Finally, correspondence from Martin pertaining to stock and general business and investment purchases along with communications on the two trust funds administered for Matilda Martin Ronstadt and Stephna M. Kall. Series 2 has four folders.

Series 3, Records, 1910-1971, consists of seven folders with various tax records for Martin including city, state, school and road improvements, property, and estate trust records. Folder 7 includes tax papers on other Martin family members, 1935-1971.

Series 4, Documents, 1907-1978, covers the Kall and Ronstadt trust papers and personal financial and banking statements for George Martin along with insurance statements and

home improvement receipts. Real estate papers on homes owned or monitored by Martin are contained in four folders. This series involves ten folders (.25 linear feet).

Series 5, Martin Drug Company, 1917-1974, consists of ten folders (.25 linear feet) and contains business and income information on the Drug company. Samples of Martin Drug stock are available as well as incorporation letters for the company. Meeting notes for Board of Directors for select years between 1940 and 1974 in addition to correspondence from Martin to stockholders of the company for several year periods are represented.

Series 6, Crystal/Coca-Cola Company, 1908-1964 contains the heart of the collection with seventeen folders (.5 linear feet). Materials covered include company correspondence, payroll listings, and business receipts for the organization. Tax information, IRS audit, and court settlement on taxes owed by the company are also present. Samples of company stock certificates, mortgage papers on the plant, as well as some newspaper clippings about the company conclude the series. Finally a 50-year commemoration of Coca-Cola Company book is present containing Martin's Tucson company.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

Series I: George Martin Biographical Materials, 1941-1971

F.1	George Martin Biographical Materials	1941-1960
F.2	Martin News Clippings and Family History	1942-1971

Series II: Correspondence, 1910-1969

F.3	Martin Personal Correspondence	1935-1969
F.4	City Planning (Rezoning Requests)	1952
F.5	Stock and Business Correspondence	1910-1935
F.6	Communications On Trust Funds	1960-1962

Series III: Records, 1910-1971

F.7	Tax Papers On Other Martin Family Members	1935-1971
F.8	Martin City Taxes	1910-1918
F.9	Martin Estate Trust Taxes	1940
F.10	Martin Arizona Income Taxes	1931-1937
F.11	Martin U.S. Tax Examination	1933-1935
F.12	Martin School and Street Improvement Taxes	1912-1939
F.13	Martin Property Taxes (Arizona)	1910-1940, 1966
F.14	Martin Property Taxes (California)	1926

Series IV: Documents, 1907-1978

F.15	Bank Statements For Kaal Trust	1961
F.16	Ronstadt Trust Fund	1961
F.17	Financial and Bank Statements	1925, 1926
F.18	Hospital Bills and Receipts	1925, 1961
F.19	Insurance Statements	1957, 1961
F.20	Home Improvement Bills and Receipts	1921-1953
F.21	Payments On Pennington House	1936-1938

Box 2

F.22	Martin Real Estate Properties	1909-1925, 1965-1968, 1978
F.23	W. E. Murphey Real Estate Sales Listings	1907-1909
F.24	Real Estate Monitored By Martin	1940-1945

Series V: Martin Drug Company, 1917-1974

F.25	Martin Payment Ledger	1929-1937
F.26	Martin Bills and Receipts (Travel)	1959-1967
F.27	Income Tax For Martin Drug Co.	1917, 1939-1940
F.28	Martin Drug Company Stock Certificates	1938, 1964-1967
F.29	Martin Drug Company Incorporation Articles	1933, 1949
F.30-32	Board of Directors Meetings	1940-1970

F.33 Board of Directors and Stockholders Meetings 1971-1974

Box 3

F.34 Martin Drug Company Stockholders Correspondence 1917, 1929. 1935-1937, 1959

Series VI: Crystal/Coca-Cola Company, 1907-1964

F.35 Crystal/Coca-Cola Company Correspondence 1914-1961

F.36 Business Tax Information 1914-1937

F.37 Tax Audit Reports 1934, 1951, 1964

F.38-39 Business Improvement Bills 1923-1958

F.40 Account and Balance Sheets 1924-1951

F.41 Payroll Listings 1952-1953

Box 4

F.42 Business Receipts 1920-1923, 1940-1953

F.43-45 Merchandise Inventory 1917-1940

F.46 Company Stocks 1907, 1932

F.47 Commercial Appraisal of Plant 1947

F.48 General Business Agreements 1907-1939

F.49 Mortgage Papers for Plant 1916-1941

F.50 50 Year Commemoration of Coca-Cola 1957

F.51 News Clippings of Plant 1956, 1962