

DANA T. MILNER COLLECTION-MSS 62

Papers: 1903-1951, 1970

One box, .5 cu. ft.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dana T. Milner (1881-1960?) grew up in Lorain, Ohio and attended Oberlin Business College before joining the Lorain Gas Company shortly after his marriage in 1903. In 1909 he moved to Arizona to become office manager for the Arizona Marble Company in Bowie, AZ. He also sold real estate and insurance. In 1917 he organized the Bank of Bowie, which he ran for 15 years. Milner purchased a controlling interest in the Bank of Willcox in 1931, and remained President and bank manager after the bank was sold to Valley National Bank in 1936. Milner retired from the Bank of Willcox in 1946.

Milner was a community leader who served as a State Representative from Cochise County in 1920, and was a candidate for the State Senate in 1946. A Mason, Rotarian, member of the Chamber of Commerce and active church member, Milner was once voted the “most popular citizen of Willcox.”

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of papers related to the personal and professional activities of Dana T. Milner. The collection is divided into four series: Legal/Financial; Correspondence; Newsclippings; and Miscellaneous.

The collection was a gift of Milner’s daughter, Alma Milner Burroway, in 1971. Mrs. Burroway’s recollections of her childhood in Bowie, Arizona are recorded in her manuscript Marble Camp, also owned by the Arizona Historical Foundation (cataloged MSM-2).

DESCRIPTION

Box 1

Series 1 Legal/Financial

- Folder 1 Riggs Bank/Bank of Willcox. Corporate Documents, 1920, 1931-33
- Folder 2 Bills of Sale. Marble Corporation, 1936
- Folder 3 Board Meeting Minutes. Bank of Willcox, 1936
- Folder 4 Individual Income Tax Returns and tax receipts, 1918-1936
- Folder 5 Land Titles and Deeds, 1882-1946
- Folder 6 Arizona Referendum and Initiative Publicity Pamphlet, 1970

Series 2 Correspondence

Folder 1 Personal Correspondence, 1909, 1918 Folder 2 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1939-51

Series 2 Continued

Folder 3 Christmas cards from the Phipps, Denver, CO, 1950's

Series 3 Newsclippings

Folder 1 Ohio, 1903-05
Folder 2 Arizona, 1934-51

Series 4 Miscellaneous

Folder 1 Biographical
Folder 2 Map of Bowie, AZ (compiled by Dana Milner), 1919
Cochise County, AZ promotional brochure, c. 1925
Folder 3 Journal entries, 1947-48
Folder 4 Manuscripts - short stories

Box 2 Oversize

Folder 1 Newsclippings
Folder 2 Newsclippings

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