

**AHS-SOUTHERN ARIZONA DIVISION
FINDING AID**

TITLE: Mildred Taitt Milton papers

DATE RANGE: ca. 1880s-1930s (bulk 1918-1930s)

CALL NUMBER: MS 1468

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2 linear ft (3 boxes)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Mildred Taitt was born in Gouverneur, N.Y. to Lucretia Barnes and George Taitt, a college professor, on February 21, 1879. She taught science in New York City schools until 1918, when she moved to Tucson for her health, where she took some classes at the University of Arizona. She took a vacation with friends during Christmas break to the Tohono O'odham and met her future husband, Jefferson Milton, the Chief U.S. immigration inspector for Arizona. They married on June 30, 1919 and moved to a desert camp. They quickly were relocated to Fairbank, and eventually retired to Tombstone. They moved to Tucson in 1941 and Jefferson died in 1947. Mildred moved to a Phoenix nursing home in 1957, where she lived until her death in September 1963.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection consists of correspondence from Mildred Taitt Milton between 1918-1919, and photographs of Mildred and Jefferson Milton from ca. 1919-1930s. Also included are a few letters from before and after the bulk period, photographs of Mildred Taitt as a child and young woman in New York, and photographs from a visit to Mexico in the 1920s. There is one binder of immigration correspondence and documents from Jefferson Milton encompassing the years 1906-1911 discussing expenses of the department and individual immigration and deportation cases. There is also a book, *Manual of Christian Life*, and a notebook of Mildred's notes on her thesis.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Correspondence – Miscellaneous	1885; 1887; 1927; 1940
	2	Correspondence – New York	May-Sept 1918
	3	Correspondence – Tucson	Sept. 1918
	4	Correspondence – Tucson	Oct. 1918
	5	Correspondence – Tucson	Nov. 1918
	6	Correspondence – Tucson	Dec. 1918
	7	Correspondence – Tucson	Jan. 1919
	8	Correspondence – Tucson	Feb. 1919
	9	Correspondence – Tucson	Mar. 1919
	10	Correspondence – Tucson	Apr. 1919
	11	Correspondence – Tucson	May-Jun. 1919
	12	Correspondence – Tombstone	Jun. 1919
		13	Photographs – Mildred Taitt Milton (with friends and family)
	14	Photographs – Mildred and Jefferson Milton (alone and together)	1910s-1930s
2	1	Photographs – Groups (mostly unidentified)	1910s-1930s
	2	Photographs – Tohono O’odham people and reservation	1910s-1930s
	3	Photographs – Unidentified people	1910s-1930s
	4	Photographs – Desert scenes	1910s-1930s
	5	Photographs – Fairbank and Tombstone	1910s-1930s
	6	Loose photographs from album – Mildred and Jefferson Milton	1910s-1930s
	7	Loose photographs from album – Groups (mostly unidentified)	1910s-1930s
	8	Loose photographs from album – Unidentified people	1910s-1930s
	9	Loose photographs from album – Desert scenes	1910s-1930s
	10	Loose photographs from album – Buildings (Southwest and international)	1910s-1930s
	11	Loose photographs from album – Miscellaneous	1910s-1930s
	12	Loose photographs from album – Mexico trip	1920s
		13	Loose papers from Jefferson Milton binder

	14	Loose photographs from Jefferson Milton binder	1907
	15	Loose scrapbook pages from Jefferson Milton binder	n.d.
	16	Books: <i>Manual of Christian Life</i> and Mildred's notebook with notes on her thesis	n.d.
	17	Picturesque Southwest + 1 photograph of Mildred Milton (from inside magazine)	1938
3	--	Jefferson Milton binder with immigration correspondence and documents	1906-1911