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MS 1098
MING FAMILY PAPERS
Papers, 1888 – 1980 (Bulk: 1915 – 1942)

DESCRIPTION

The Ming Family Papers and Photo Collection consists of ten folders and one scrapbook photo album with materials relating to Ming family activities primarily from 1900 to the 1940s.

2 Boxes, 1.5 linear feet

ACQUISITION

This collection was donated the Historical Society in 1960 by Marcus A. S. Ming with a later donation by Jane M. Smith-Hutton in 1995.

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING

William Tackenberg processed the collection under the supervision of Riva Dean in April 1998.

ARRANGEMENT

10 Folders: Ming family and biographical information, with photos, 1888 – 1980. Photo album with newspaper clippings, ca. 1910 – 1970.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Daniel Huston Ming was born in Kentucky in 1842 and came to Arizona in 1872 working to supply beef to military posts in the territory. He participated with General Crook expedition against the Apaches in the 1870s. Daniel Ming reentered the military and participated in the Spanish-American War serving in the Philippines and later at Forts Sill, OK and Huachuca, AZ. He performed as a packer and scout in the 1916 Pershing Expedition into Mexico. Daniel Ming had two sons (Marcus and Bud) and one daughter (Lucile) and was married three times (1879, 1885, and 1914).

Marcus A. S. Ming was commissioned into the Army in June 1917 from the Arizona National Guard. He participated in military operations in France and England during World War I and remained with the occupation force in Germany until 1923. Marcus Ming returned to the United States and performed duty in the Field Artillery and various Army posts including Forts Sill, OK; Bragg, NC; Sheridan, IL. He also performed duty in assignments to the Organized Reserve and National Guard organizations.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The majority of the letters and photos are from Daniel H. Ming (1842 – 1925) and his son Marcus A. S. Ming (b.1891) especially during periods of military service including the Mexican-border conflict of 1916, World War I, and World War II. Family correspondence, in addition to personal family news, entails letters concerning mining investments in Arizona (Mowry Mine), cattle ranching, the Arizona Pioneer Society, and the Graham County Historical Society. A folder contains Ming family genealogical information and the notebook consists of historical notes from books on the Southwest. The most significant folder in the collection contains a biographical sketch on Daniel Ming of 23 pages by his son Marcus. The essay consists not only relates to family history but describes Ming's participation in early cattle ranching in Arizona, participation in transporting freight on the Oregon and Bozeman trails to the Montana gold field, and performance as a teamster and packer in the 1916 Mexican-American border conflict and the Spanish-American War in the Philippines. The photographs include family portraits, interior home photos, and military activity pictures of Marcus Ming. One group of photos taken on a family outing to the White Mountains in 1910 depict outdoor camping scenes and facilities.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

- f.1 Daniel H. Ming – Biographical information
- f.2 Daniel H. Ming – Photos
- f.3 Ming family correspondence and news clippings
- f.4 Marcus A. S. Ming – Correspondence, 1916-1956
- f.5 Ming family history
- f.6 Ming family photos
- f.7 Ming family photos
- f.8 Marcus Ming military correspondence, 1935-1951
- f.9 Marcus Ming military photos
- f.10 Ming notebook of background information on Arizona

Box 2

Scrapbook

Oversized Photos