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**MS 1313**  
**Hyman Myerson, 1903 - 1979**  
**Papers, 1925 – 1969****DESCRIPTION**

The Myerson collection consists of documents, financial ledgers, and letters collected during the professional career of Hyman Myerson. To be more specific, the collection includes: ledger books, bank books, city plans, Southern Pacific Railways plans, proposals, and also two pieces of graphic art (one hand drawn picture of Myerson Department Store, and one serial photo of Tucson). The majority of the collection is made up of Myerson's documents reports, and notes in which he acquired during his time as Chairman of the City Of Tucson Central District Committee. Aside from his presence in government activity, Hyman was the owner of the White House Department Store in Tucson. The collection has many business notes and ledger that were used in the business.

4 Boxes, 2 Linear Feet

**ACQUISITION**

Donated by Myerson's Department Store in 1980.

**ACCESS**

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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**PROCESSING**

The collection was processed by Bryce Dawson (Museum Academy Intern).

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Hyman Myerson was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on July, 3 1903. As a boy, Myerson spent his days living in Los Angeles, California. At the age of 14, Hyman was called away to Tucson, Arizona to assist his father, Victor Myerson, in the opening and operation of White House Department Store. The initial White House Department Store was located at 42 W. Congress St. in Tucson. After his father's death, Hyman and his two brothers Joe, and Abe took over the family business. In 1956, a falling out between the three brothers led to lawsuits over sole control of White House Department Stores. After litigations, Hyman gained control of the business. In 1958, Hyman decided to change the name of his store from White House to Myerson's. During the fall of 1974, Myerson ended up selling his department stores to Lincoln Leasing Co. of Phoenix.

Aside from running a very successful business, Myerson was active within the Tucson community. Myerson was a member of the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, the Sunshine Climate Club, the Tucson Merchants Association, the Old Pueblo Club, the Masonic order, the Scottish Rite, Elks Club, Kiwanis Club, and Temple Emanu-El. Hyman was the chairman of the Central Business District Committee in the 1950s. This committee handled the planning of city redevelopments and additions.

On December 6, 1979 Myerson died at his home in Tucson. Hyman Myerson was 76 years old at the time of death.

## **BOX AND FOLDER LIST**

### **Box 1**

#### **Series 1: White House/ Myerson's Department Store**

- F1: Biographical Notes
- F2: White House Department Store (1938, 1942, and 1969)
- F3: Correspondence (1939-1956)
- F4: Financial Ledgers Pt. 1 of 2 (organized by name) (1945-1959)
- F5: Financial Ledgers Pt. 2 of 2 (organized by name) (1945-1959)
- F6: Bank Books (1925-1933)
- F7: Bank Books (1929-1933)
- F8: Financial Journal (1937-1940)
- F9: Financial Ledger (1/1/1927 – 12/1927)
- F10: Cash Book (1932-1934)
- F11: Financial Ledger (1/4/1930 – 12/31/1931)

### **Box 2**

- F12: Financial Ledger (1/1927 – 12/1927)
- F13: Financial Ledger (1/1/1927 – 12/31/1929)
- F14: Financial Ledger (4/1931 – 10/1936)

#### **Series 2: Central District Committee**

- F15: Central District Committee Notes (1952, 1955, 1956)
- F16: Central District Committee Notes/Minutes (1953 – 1956)
- F17: Central District Committee Miscellaneous (1953,????, 1955)

#### **Series 3: City Planning**

- F18: Community Plan – Parking (1948, 1955)
- F19: City Planning – Street Arterial Plan - Tucson, AZ (1951)
- F20: City Planning – Park/Campbell Redevelopment (1953)
- F21: City Planning – Grade Separations Study – Cherry Campbell Redevelopment (1954)
- F22: Tucson City Maps

### **Box 3**

- F23: City Planning – Preliminary Study of Railroad facilities/ Grade Separations (1953)
- F24: City Planning – Railroad Relocation (1954 1955)
- F25: City Planning – Railroad Facilities (1945)
- F26: City Planning – The O'DOWD Plan V (February, 1955)
- F27: City Planning – The O'DOWD Plan V (March 1955)
- F28: Central District Committee – O'DOWD Plan/ Railroad Reconstruction (1953 – 1956)
- F29: Broadmoor Medical Center – Miscellaneous (1961 – 1963)
- F30: Photo – Aerial View of Tucson Railway

**Box 4**

Large Business Ledger

**Oversized Item**

Hand drawing of Myerson's Department Store