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MS 579
NEAL, WILLIAM, 1849-1936

DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of two folders. The first folder contains photocopies of the marriage license between Shadwell Bowyer and Josephine Box and a certificate of marriage between William Neal and Anna Box. It also contains one statement from the Arizona National Bank concerning the account of William Neal, Oracle, Arizona and one page of "Reminiscences of Mrs. Wm. Neal, Oracle, as told to Mrs. George F. Kitt (undated). The second folder contains the original receipt book from Neal's Stage Line, 1911-1912.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

According to Donald Bentz in his article, "William and Anna Neal of Oracle and the Mountain View Hotel," *Oracle Historian*, Summer 1982, William Neal was born in 1848, the son of an African-American man and a Cherokee woman. He was given the Indian name of "Bear Sitting Down." When he was about nineteen years old, he teamed up with Buffalo Bill Cody as a fellow scout, traveling companion and servant. He came to Tucson around 1878 and worked at various occupations. He had various ventures of hauling freight and passengers and in 1885 was awarded the government contract to carry mail from Tucson to Mammoth. He married Anna Box in 1892 and in 1894, he built the Mountain View Hotel in Oracle. He and Annie ran the hotel in Oracle until his death in 1936 from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

ACQUISITION

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