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**MS 0638
Otero family
Papers, 1807-1957****DESCRIPTION**

This rare collection of one folder is composed of documents dating back to the beginning of the 19th century. The main and most important document is the legal request of action and permission to remove inhabitants from Otero's royal grant of land dated 1807. The following documents in the collection include the translation of the aforementioned document into modern Spanish not dated, photocopied negatives of the same original document, a fragment of an original document ca 1813, a hand written land claim record dated 1837. Also included is a water location document dated 1902, a photocopy of an original birth certificate of an Otero family member dated 1910, a typewritten English and Spanish translation of the main document dated 1952 and a letter (original and copy) from the donor of the collection to the Arizona Historical Society and the responses (copies) from the A.H.S. to the donor/s dated 1957.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

When the first Oteros arrived to New Spain they came with land grants from King Ferdinand VIII of Spain. Supposedly Torivio Otero, the Otero member that settled in present day Arizona, had to establish a school, plant fruit bearing trees and maintain soldiers in Tubac (the frontier presidio at the time) in order to receive the royal land grant. The Otero family grew quickly and prominent as they became noted cattle ranchers and landowners. In the 1800's Sabino Otero was known as the cattle king in the region as well as a great contributor to charitable organizations in Tucson. The seven Otero generations that made southeast Arizona their home in some way made a pioneering impact.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Carlos E. Ronstadt in 1957

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PROCESSING

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