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**MS 0639**  
**OURY, WILLIAM S., 1817-1887**  
**PAPERS, 1874-1888****DESCRIPTION**

This small collection contains biographical information relating to William Oury. It includes a document of joint resolution authorizing the territorial treasurer to make financial settlement with Oury for the purchase of guns and ammunition, the text of a speech he gave at the completion of the railroad to Tucson, and a manuscript entitled *The Camp Grant Massacre* that was read before the Society of Arizona Pioneers on April 6, 1885. The collection also includes correspondence written by Oury to the Comptroller of the State of Texas regarding pension information, and to the editor of the Arizona Weekly Star entitled *Scraps of Unwritten History of Arizona*.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

William S. Oury was born in Abington, Virginia August 13, 1817. Oury fought as a Texas Ranger in the war of independence against Mexico, and as a soldier in the Mexican War, as well as serving as the first mayor of San Antonio. In Arizona, Oury was a rancher, Sheriff, and the first president of the Society of Arizona Pioneers. He died in Tucson March 31, 1887.

**ACQUISITION**

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