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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Stanley Chapman Bagg was born in Detroit in 1856. In 1876, he married Charlotte M. Winchester of Santa Barbara. Their daughter, Katharine “Carrie” Bagg was born October 30, 1877. The Baggs arrived in Arizona in 1879 and settled in Tombstone in 1881. On March 18, 1883, their son Sherman (later known as John Sherman) was born.

Stanley Bagg, a Democrat, founded The Prospector in 1888 in opposition to the Republican-owned Tombstone Epitaph. Throughout his time as editor, Bagg engaged in several heated debates over his political leanings and freedom of the press. In September 1891, Bagg purchased the Epitaph from Geo Berry. In 1893, he also began publication of the Arizona Kicker. In 1895, he sold his newspaper interests and became involved in mining with his son John. Stanley Chapman Bagg died in 1931 at the age of 75 in his home in Santa Barbara, California.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection contains documents pertaining to Bagg’s public appointments in Arizona Territory, as well as property deeds for Tombstone. It contains one prospectus for the Copper King Mine (1894) and various papers relating to Bagg’s work with the Tombstone Prospector and the Tombstone Epitaph. There are some typescripts of biographical information as well as a small amount of correspondence. Among the typescripts is a transcript of a rare July 27, 1888 article from the Prospector in which Bagg criticizes Judge Barnes for jailing him on contempt charges.
SUBJECT TERMS: Bagg, Stanley Chapman, 1856-1931; Smith, Marcus A. (Marcus Aurelius), 1851-1924 -- Correspondence; Berry, George G; Newspaper publishers -- Arizona -- Tombstone

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