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**MS 56**  
**BANTA, ALBERT FRANKLIN, 1843-1924**  
**PAPERS, 1892-1921**

**DESCRIPTION**

The collection contains one folder of correspondence from A. F. Banta (primarily) to Charles Tully of the Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society concerning topics of Arizona pioneers and historic events in Territorial Arizona. The second folder contains writings by A. F. Banta on Arizona History: *Letters and Notes of A. F. Banta*, *A. F. Banta's Story of Sol Barth*, and an untitled article by Banta on Eskiminzin.

1 Box, .25 linear feet

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Albert Franklin Banta, newspaperman, scout and public servant was born in Indiana and came to Arizona in 1863. He was self-educated and held many positions throughout his life. He began working at the *Tucson Citizen* in 1870 and established five Arizona newspapers and edited others at different times. He is believed to have held more public offices in Arizona than other man, including deputy Sheriff in Pima County, district attorney of Apache County, probate judge, scout, guide and Indian fighter under Crook, Stoneman and others. He was also known as Charles Alfred Franklin. He died in 1924 at the age of 80.

**ACQUISITION**

The letters were written to the Historical Society and the papers are assumed to have been sent by Banta.

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