DESCRIPTION
Correspondence, genealogy, reminiscences, photographs, books, and other items associated with the Beaham, Ruthrauff, Kellum, and Elrod family groups. The collection includes the Ohio diary of Emma Wyatt Kellum, 1887, World War I era correspondence between Capt. John M. Ruthrauff and his wife, Mrs. Nell Kellum Ruthrauff mentioning personal topics and local events, as well as documents pertaining to Thomas G. Beaham's state legislature campaign and his abbreviated term in office as the Republican senator from Pima County District 8 in Tucson. Also contained in the collection is an extensive Beaham, Ruthrauff, Kellum genealogy compiled by Shirley Beaham Moore, the daughter of Thomas and Virginia Beaham. Reminiscences of Albertine Kellum Elrod concern Hitch Ranch and Greaterville, Ariz. Photographs relate to Greaterville, ca. 1906 including buildings, school children, a horse and plow, and an African American cook; as well as Bert Hitch, Helen Marks, Milton Cobb, and Albertine Kellum. A copy of the "Rincon Valley Sun", published at El Reino Ranch, Wrightstown Rd., is present (f.22) containing a political ad for Beaham.

4 Boxes, 2.5 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE
John Mosheim Ruthrauff, a native of Illinois, was a captain in the U.S. Army during World War I and married Nell Kellum of Ohio. The Ruthrauff family resided in Tucson, Arizona, where John Ruthrauff worked as a mining engineer. Nell Kellum’s sister, Albertine Kellum, married Samuel A. Elrod and the couple moved to Greaterville, Arizona in 1906, and eventually came to reside in Tucson. John Ruthrauff and his wife had two daughters, Virginia and Betty. Virginia Ruthrauff graduated from the University of Arizona and married Thomas Beaham II in 1933 and the couple had two children, Shirley Beaham and Thomas Beaham III. Thomas Graham Beaham II, who was born in Kansas City, Missouri and graduated from Princeton University, moved to Arizona in 1922. He served as a major in the U.S. Army and was the owner of the Double X Cattle Ranch. Thomas Beaham was elected to the Arizona State Legislature in 1966 and served as a state senator until his death in 1967. Virginia Ruthrauff died in August 1974.

ACQUISITION
Donated by Shirley B. Moore, September 16, 2009.

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PROCESSING - The collection was processed by David Grasse in February 2010.
BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box 1
f.1  Beaham, Ruthrauff, Kellum genealogy by Shirley Beaham Moore
     (Beaham family history also available as pdf on CD – in folder) 2008
f.2  Samuel A. Elrod Ledger cum Scrapbook
f.3  Albertine Kellum Elrod Diary 1965 – 1969
f.4  Reminiscences of Albertine Kellum Elrod
f.5  Postcard Correspondence addressed to Mrs. Samuel Elrod 1910
f.6  Diary of Emma Wyatt Kellum 1887 – 1888
f.7  Pocket Bible and Psalm Book of Virginia Ruthrauff
f.8-10  Correspondence to Capt. J. M. Ruthrauff from Mrs. Ruthrauff 1918
f.11-12 Correspondence to Mrs. J. M. Ruthrauff from Capt. Ruthrauff 1918
f.13  Correspondence to Mrs. J. M. Ruthrauff from Capt. Ruthrauff 1919

Box 2
f.14-15  Vacation Correspondence to Mrs. J. M. Ruthrauff from Virginia Beaham 1933
f.16  Mortgage Documents for Thomas and Virginia Beaham 1939
f.17  Missionary Journal of Mrs. J. M. Ruthrauff 1940
f.18  Ruthrauff Family Household Ledger 1947 – 1956
f.19  Thomas Beaham Board of Adjustment Correspondence 1954
f.20  Address Book of Mrs. J. M. Ruthrauff
f.21  Correspondence addressed to Mrs. J. M. Ruthrauff 1961 – 1962
f.22  Thomas G. Beaham State Senate Campaign Ephemera
     includes copy of "The Rincon Valley Sun" 1966
f.23  Thomas G. Beaham Biographical Sketch and Correspondence 1964 – 1967
f.24  Thomas G. Beaham Newspaper Articles 1966 – 1967
f.25-26  Obituaries and Condolence Letters for Thomas G. Beaham 1967
f.27  Obituaries and Condolence Letters for Virginia Beaham 1974
f.28  Thomas Beaham and Virginia Ruthrauff Sundry Documents
f.29  Unused Postcards

Box 3
f.30  Captain J. M. Ruthrauff Bible 1910
f.31  Photos Kellum /Elrod Family Members
     Includes home construction in Tucson foothills, a women's
     Anti-TB society meeting (Easter seals)
f.32  Photos Beaham /Ruthrauff Family Members
     Includes 1967 Arizona Senate chambers and a "on the street"
     photo of Thomas Beaham, 1948
f.33  Photos and Portraits Unidentified Individuals
     Includes group preparing to go on a picnic on a Tucson
     Transfer Co. flat bed truck, ca. 1915; and Edith Holbert
     In a rattlesnake cap (Buehman photo)
f.34  Photos Elrod Family Residences
     Includes homes on 4th Street, Lester, 603 E. Speedway, and
     A foothills rock house near Campbell and River.
f.35  Photos Elrod Family Residences incl. Fox Burro, Sunset Point, Tucson
     Includes an apartment building at 151 S. Eastbourne, Fox Burro
     Ranch house south of Tucson, home at 1845 E. Adams
f.36    Photos Unidentified Residences

**Box 4**
f.1    Oversized Portraits of Thomas G. Beaham and Virginia Ruthrauff Beaham
f.2    Oversized Portrait of an unidentified Couple