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**BEHAN, JOHN H., 1845-1912
PAPERS, 1875-1900**

DESCRIPTION

The small collection contains original letters and documents as well as photocopies of materials relating to the life of John H. Behan. The collection contains biographical materials, a photocopy of Behan's divorce proceedings (1875), typed transcriptions from George W. Parson's diary concerning Behan, original legal documents concerning Behan's appointment as Superintendent of the Territorial Prison (189?), original court papers regarding a case of Behan v. George C. Goodfellow (1883) and a folder of miscellaneous documents including an expense account kept by Behan as Sheriff (1882).

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John H. Behan, Cochise County Sheriff, Territorial legislator, Prison superintendent arrived in Tucson in 1863. He freighted between Tucson and Fort Lowell and later was a Pony Express Rider. In 1864, he was clerk in the first territorial legislature. He served many public positions including Sheriff of Yavapai County and served several terms as a member of the Territorial Legislature from Yavapai County. He moved to Tombstone in 1879 and was appointed Deputy Sheriff there. He later served as assistant warden of the Territorial Prison in Yuma and was appointed Superintendent of the prison in 1883 serving until 1890. He was then Inspector of Customs until 1897 when he served in the Spanish-American War.

ACQUISITION

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