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BRICHTA, AUGUSTUS, 1826-1910
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DESCRIPTION

Biographical material on Augustus, Albert, and Bernabe Brichta. Reminiscences and correspondence of Augustus Brichta. Reminiscences include a description by Augustus of his experiences in the Mexican-American War in 1846. Also includes *Reminiscences of an old Pioneer* (undated) in which he describes arriving in Arizona in 1863 and prospecting in Northern Arizona and the "Indian Question."

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Augustus Brichta, the first teacher of an English-speaking public school in Tucson, was born in New York in 1826. He moved to Texas as a boy and joined a Texas regiment in 1846 serving in the Mexican American War under Taylor. He joined the gold rush to California and then came to Arizona prospecting around Prescott. He moved to Tucson when Tucson in 1868 and began teaching, though the school closed after six months for lack of funds. He worked at a variety of others jobs including a number of mining ventures and was one of the original members of the Society of Arizona Pioneers in 1884. He died in Tucson in 1910.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Augustus Brichta.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

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