
ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY949 East Second Street
Tucson, AZ 85719Library/Archives Department
(520) 617-1157ahsref@azhs.gov

MS 0210**BROWN, JAMES KILROY, 1849-1922
PAPERS, 1876-1914, bulk: 1879-1882****DESCRIPTION**

The bulk of the collection consists of personal letters written by James Kilroy Brown to his wife, Olive Stephenson, first before their marriage when she was with her parents in Ohio (1876-79), and then additional letters written by Brown to his wife when she was in Ohio awaiting the birth of their second child (1881-82). The letters are romantic love letters and offer very little in the way of description about life in Arizona. There is also one letter from Quintus Monier to his family in 1921. In addition there is a scrapbook kept by Elsie Siewart, 1913-14 with clippings about the Monier and Siewart families, and a recipe book kept by Elsie Siewart. There is also one file of biographical material on the Brown family, Mulford Winsor (1874-1956), his wife, Clarrissa (1880-1974), and their daughter, Eleanor Winsor Davis (1904-1995).

1 Box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

James Kilroy Brown, pioneer rancher and Pima County Sheriff, was born in Ohio in 1849 and moved to Arizona as a young man. He married Olive Letitia Stephenson (1858-1953) in 1879 and they moved together to Sahuarita where they homesteaded and ran the Sahuarita Ranch as a stagecoach station and post office until 1890. They moved to Tucson in 1890 when J. K. Brown was elected Sheriff for Pima County. At the turn of the century, the family permanently moved to Tucson where they eventually bought a house at 422 S. 5th Avenue. Their first daughter was Clarrissa (1880-1974), who later married Mulford Winsor. Their son, J. K. Brown, Jr. (1882-1942) was married to Elsie Siewert Brown. Elsie was a sister to Edith Monier, wife of Quintus Monier. Quintus Monier (1855-1923) was a building contractor and founder of the Tucson Pressed Brick Company and mayor of Tucson. He came to Tucson to build the San Augustine Cathedral and stayed to build many local structures.

ACQUISITION

Donated by the grandchildren of J.K. and Olive Brown in 1972.

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

COPYRIGHT

Requests for permission to publish material from this collection should be addressed to the Arizona Historical Society, Tucson, Library/Archives Department.

PROCESSING

The collection was preliminarily processed at some earlier date; it was completed by Riva Dean in November 1997.

