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MS 108
Brown, Olive Letticia Stephenson
Reminiscences, 1934**DESCRIPTION**

The bulk of the collection are the *Reminiscences Of Mrs. James Kilroy (Olive Stephenson) Brown* "written for her daughter, Billie Brown Strong and presented to her, August 14th, 1934. The collection contains only a transcript of the reminiscences "copied from the original written in long hand by Mrs. Brown, and profusely illustrated with photographs." The original document, along with the photographs, is not present in the collection. The reminiscences describe her childhood in Iowa as well as her life on the Sahuraita Ranch and then life in Tucson. There is also an autograph album kept by Olive Brown at the ranch between 1885 and 1892. It is signed by Tom Jeffords, Pete Kitchen, Mary B. Aguirre, Sabino Otero, and others. Many wrote verse along with their autograph. Also included are biographical sketches of Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Olive L. Stephenson Brown, ranch woman was born in Iowa and moved to Arizona as a young bride after marrying James Kilroy Brown in 1879. Together, they moved 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. They had five children.

ACQUISITION

Unknown - The autograph album was donated by Olive Brand in May of 2003.

RELATED MATERIAL

MS 210 : James Kilroy Brown

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Riva Dean in July 1999.