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**Chicago Title Company  
Records, 1869-1972 (bulk: 1920-1972)**

## **DESCRIPTION**

Consists of two sets of record books used by title companies in Tucson to record legal transactions for individuals and corporations which affected real estate titles. The records do not record the title transactions, but the personal information which might affect property transactions.

45 Boxes, 22.5 linear ft.

## **ACQUISITION**

Donated by the Chicago Title Company in August 2000.

## **ACCESS**

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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## **PROCESSING**

The collection was processed by Riva Dean in October 2000.

## **ARRANGEMENT**

In two series : 1/Alphabetical, 1860s-1956, 2/Soundex, 1956-1972

## HISTORICAL NOTE

Though these record books were kept by the Chicago Title Company in Tucson, that company changed hands several times and included “Pioneer Title” and “Tycor.” The records do not only keep track of people dealing with those companies, they keep track of all transactions in Pima County. The system of keeping track of the county records was devised by the Chicago Title Company in 1847 and was used well into the twentieth century. The records were devised to save attorneys the task of searching official records in connection with transfers of real property.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Though titled the “Chicago Title Company,” the records do not record title transactions. They are called a “general index” and record all transactions from the Pima County Records, not only those dealing with a particular title company. The records keep track of every recorded instrument and legal proceeding which might affect the right to deal with property. Arranged alphabetically, the ledgers record personal information on individuals and corporations which might affect real estate transactions. This includes, but is not limited to, information on marriage, divorce, bankruptcy, insanity rulings and other legal rulings.

**Series one** (boxes 1-32) records legal transactions from the earliest county records (1860s) to 1956. This series is arranged alphabetically, with last names listed at the top of each page and then first names listed numerically and keyed to the recorded information.

**Series two** (boxes 33-45) records legal transactions from 1956-1972. In this series, each name is given an alpha-numeric code based on the sound of the name. This system keeps together names that are the same with variant spellings and similar sounding names. It is the same system used in the soundex of census records. The soundex system gives is alphabetic for the first letter of the surname and numeric after that with three numbers. The code follows this system:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Key letters and equivalents</u>
1	b, p, f, v
2	c, s, k, g, j, q, x, z
3	d, t
4	l
5	m, n
6	r

- The letters a, e, i, o, u, y, w, and h are not coded
- The first letter of a surname is not coded
- Every soundex number must be a 3-digit number. A name yielding no code numbers, as Lee, would thus be L000; one yielding only one code number would have two zeros added, as Kuhne, codes as K500; and one yielding two code numbers would have one zero added, as Ebell, coded as E140. Not more than three digits are used, so Ebelson would be coded as E142.
- When two key letters or equivalents appear together, or one key letter immediately follows or precedes an equivalent, the two are coded as one letter, by a single number as

follows: *Kelly*, coded as K400, *Buerck*, coded as B620, *Lloyd* coded as L300 and *Schaefer*, coded as S160.

The following names are examples of soundex coding and are given as illustrations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Letters coded</u>	<u>Code No.</u>
Allricht	l, r, c	A462
Hildebrand	l, d, b	H431
McGee	c	M200
Zita	t	Z300
Zitzmeinn	t,z,m	Z325

**Chicago Title Company  
Box and Folder List**

**Series 1: Alphabetical**

**Box 1**

f. 1-45          A – Arce

**Box 2**

f. 46-92        Arch – Barth

**Box 3**

f. 93-131       Bartl – Biv

**Box 4**

f. 132-169      Bix – Brott

**Box 5**

f. 170-203      Brown 'D' – Carlos

**Box 6**

f. 204-237      Carnaz – Cob

**Box 7**

f. 238-272      Coca – Curi

**Box 8**

f. 273-303      Curl – Dodg

**Box 9**

f. 304-334      Dol – Esh

**Box 10**

f. 335-370      Esk – Forso

**Box 11**

f. 371-404      Forss – Germ

**Box 12**

f. 405-433 Gern – Grz

**Box 13**

f. 434-460 Gua – Hawt

**Box 14**

f. 461-489 Hay – Hop

**Box 15**

f. 490-521 Horg – Jov

**Box 16**

f. 522-554 Joy – Kol

**Box 17**

f. 555-589 Kom – Leor

**Box 18**

f. 590-620 Lep – Magu

**Box 19**

f. 621-652 Mah – Mcdu

**Box 20**

f. 653-684 Mcf – Mog

**Box 21**

f. 685-716 Moh – Nif

**Box 22**

f. 717-747 Nigh – Pari

**Box 23**

f. 748-779 Park – Pret

**Box 24**

f. 780-810 Prev – Richard

**Box 25**

f. 811-847 Richards – Sald

**Box 26**

f. 848-884 Sale – Ses

**Box 27**

f. 885-921 Set – Sor

**Box 28**

f. 922-956 Sos – Tak

**Box 29**

f. 957-990 Tal – Tucs ‘R’

**Box 30**

f. 991-1023 Tucs ‘S’ – Vorc

**Box 31**

f. 1024-1052 Vore – Why

**Box 32**

f. 1053 –1086 Wia - Zwy

**Series 2 : Soundex Records**

**Box 33**

f. 1087-1115 A-000 – B442

**Box 34**

f. 1116-1144 B450 – C430

**Box 35**

f. 1145-1176 C431 – D540

**Box 36**

f. 1177-1213 D541 – F665

**Box 37**

f. 1214-1245 G000 – H400

**Box 38**

f. 1246-1279 H410 – K150

**Box 39**

f. 1280-1321 K151 – L630

**Box 40**

f. 1322-1355 L632 – M635 M-Z

**Box 41**

f. 1356-1401 M636 – P463

**Box 42**

f. 1402-1439 P464 – R562

**Box 43**

f. 1440-1476 R563 – S620

**Box 44**

f. 1477-1521 S621 – W163

**Box 45**

f. 1522-1566 W164 – Z654