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MS 155
Charles McCoy Clark Collection
1890/1923 - 1937**DESCRIPTION**

This collection contains draft manuscripts, newspaper clipping scrapbooks, and correspondence associated with the work of Charles M. Clark. The Clark manuscripts were written for inclusion in a pioneer history section of the *Arizona Republic*. The scrapbooks feature newspaper articles, many written by Clark, on historical events and happenings from 1923 to 1937. Numerous articles in the scrapbooks describe activities of the Arizona Pioneers Association and their yearly reunions. Correspondence includes outgoing personal communications with individuals interested in historical topics and events. The Clark correspondence is mostly on Pioneer Association letterhead and it is apparent that he is writing as president of that organization on historical concerns and issues. Correspondents include Mrs. George Kitt, Herbert Drachman, Dwight B. Heard, and others working to gain listings of pioneer families, personal historical reminiscences, and influence the state legislature in the issues of historical preservation.

2 Boxes, .75 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Charles McCoy Clark was born in Dubuque, IA on May 15, 1855. His family could trace its history back to one of the original passengers of the Mayflower to America. He came to Arizona as a telegraph operator in 1872. Later, Clark became involved with many pursuits including mining, merchant, postmaster, newspaper publisher in Globe, and developer of a Canyon Lake resort on the Apache Trail near Phoenix. In 1880 he married Dora E. Haugh of San Francisco. In 1882, he was appointed postmaster of Clifton and elected justice of the peace. Clark was elected president of the Arizona Pioneer Association in 1923 and wrote many articles concerning the early period of Arizona's history. He worked and participated in the annual Pioneer's Reunion sponsored by the Association until just before his death. Charles Clark died on September 2, 1937 in Prescott, AZ.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Charles M. Clark in 1936.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in August 2008.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Folder 1	Clark Biographical & Family History	
f.2	Old Index to Clark Materials	
f.3-6	Correspondence	1890/1925 – 1937
f.7	Manuscript: “The First Moving Picture in Arizona”	
f.8	Manuscript: “The Camels and Hadja Ali”	
f.9	Manuscript: “Prison Days on the Arizona Frontier”	
f.10	Manuscript: “The First Legal Hanging in Prescott”	
f.11	Manuscript: “The Cowboy Charlie Strong and Two Dead Mexicans”	
f.12	Manuscript: “Pajaro”	
f.13	Manuscript: “Three Mexican Relay Race”	
f.14	Manuscript: “Montezuma’s Castle”	
f.15	Manuscript: “The Signal McCracken Silver Mine”	1933
f.16	Manuscript: “An Early Day Orchestra Leader”	
f.17	Manuscript: “Edward Lawrence Doheny”	1935
f.18	Manuscript: “The Small Pox Epidemic at Florence”	1932
f.19	Manuscript: “Lost Mine of Arizona: The Adams Diggings”	1936
f.20	Manuscript: “Clifton in 1882”	
f.21	Manuscript: “On the Spot in Clifton”	
f.22	Manuscript: “How the Glorious Fourth Was Celebrated in Clifton, 1885”	
f.23	Manuscript: “Mata Poto (Kill Duck)”	
f.24	Manuscript: “The Shooting of Fred Hatch” By Sam Bullock	
f.25	Manuscript: “My First Holdup As A Deputy Sheriff” By Anton Mazzanovich	
f.26	Charles Clark Speech to Pioneer Reunion Gathering	1923
f.27	Note on Alvin Beach	
f.28	Poems	
f.29	Listing of Arizona Pioneers by Charles Clark	
f.30	Arizona Pioneer Association Resolution and MISC.	
f.31	Scrapbook with Clippings	1923 – 1924/1935
f.32	Scrapbook with Clippings	1924 – 1927
f.33	Scrapbook with Clippings	1923 – 1937

Box 2

f.34	Scrapbook with Clippings	1924/1928 – 1935
f.35	Scrapbook with Clippings	1926 – 1934
f.36	Scrapbook with Clippings	1931 – 1934
f.37	Scrapbook with Clippings	1934 – 1936
f.38	Loose Pages from Scrapbooks	