

**TITLE:** Phil M. Clarke papers

**DATE RANGE:** 1941-1960

**CALL NUMBER:** MS 0990

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** .1 linear ft (1 box)

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**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:**

The collection of the papers of Phil M. Clarke consists of two series of manuscript materials: (1) Biographical Reminiscences, undated; (2) Correspondence, 1841-1960.

The bulk of the material relates to Phil M. Clarke's reminiscences as a cattleman and storekeeper in Arivaca and Ruby, Arizona from 1906-1920.

Series One, Biographical Reminiscences, undated, contains biographical and autobiographical manuscripts pertaining to Clarke's experiences as a ranch hand on the Bernard Ranch near Arivaca, and as cattlemen and storekeeper in Ruby for the Arivaca Land and Cattle Company. The reminiscences contain accounts of the killing of Alexander and John Frazer, proprietors of the Ruby store in 1920; and the renegade cattle raids during the Mexican Revolution. There are many references to area mining operations, such as the Cerro Colorado; cattle ranches and prominent landowners around Arivaca; and early mail delivery service to Old Glory, Arizona.

Series Two, Correspondence, 1941-1960, includes Roscoe Willson's research for a Clarke biography which appeared in Arizona Cattlelog, December 1955, and an article on the Frazer Brothers' killing in a 1956 Arizona Republic. Other items of correspondence document Clarke's ranch and banking connections, his general health following his heart attack in 1940, and inquiries about land exchanges or sales of property between Clarke and the U.S. Forest Service and between Clarke and various mineral companies.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>1</b>	1	Reminiscences and Biographies	Undated
	2	Correspondence	1941-1960

Added Entries

Bernard, N.C. (Nonie)  
Fraser, Alexander – 1920  
Fraser, John -1920  
Willson, Roscoe 1879?-1976  
ARIVACA LAND AND CATTLE COMPANY  
ARIVACA, ARIZONA – HISTORY  
MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES – ARIZONA  
OLD GLORY, ARIZONA  
POSTAL SERVICE – ARIZONA  
RANCHES – ARIZONA  
RUBY, ARIZONA – HISTORY  
GENERAL STORES – RUBY, ARIZONA