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## **HISTORICAL NOTE (E. Ray Cowden Papers)**

Born in Springfield, Mo. In 1891, Ray Cowden moved with his family to Phoenix in 1912, because of his mother's poor health. He lived in Phoenix until his death in 1986. Cowden became a prominent cattle rancher specializing in the raising of Herefords. He served as president of the Arizona Cattle Feeders Association (1942-1943) and the Arizona Cattle Growers Association (1964-1965). Prominent in his field both locally and nationally, Cowden was an advisor to U.S. Government and served on the state committee for the U.S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Commission.

Cowden was also very active in civic affairs and figured prominently in the growth and development of Tolleson, Az., Avondale, Goodyear and Litchfield Park. He served on the board of directors for the Valley National Bank, the Stockmen's Loan Company and the Phoenix national Farm Loan Association. He supported the campaigns of Congressman John Rhodes, Senators Barry Goldwater and Carl Hayden, Senator and Governor Ernest McFarland and Governor Raul Castro.

Through the Cowden Foundation or directly, he contributed to many community organizations. Correspondence in the collection relates to over 63 of these institutions.

## **SCOPE & CONTENT E. RAY COWDEN PAPERS**

This collection includes primarily the business and correspondence of Phoenix rancher and businessman E. Ray Cowden and his associates. Although some family records and correspondence date into the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the bulk of the collection represents activities between 1930 and the early 1980's. Materials include business reports, biographical data, maps and blueprints and photographs. Materials related to the Clifford A. Clements family (secretary-treasurer of Cowden Livestock Company) and Allen J. Cowan family (ranch manager for Cowden) are also included in the collection. The collection is organized into 121 boxes and oversized materials with sixteen supporting series. Three boxes contain oversized items of the collection.

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