DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of copies of documents associated with Bradford Daily and account ledgers for a freighting and mercantile business. Copied legal documents provided by Harold W. Mather Sr. appear to be associated with both Daily and George W. Maxwell. Three ledgers provide account information for various mercantile items sold or transported by the company between 1871 and 1877. Prominent names listed in the accounts are George W. Maxwell, B. Daily, Tully Ochoa & Co. and Manuel E. Flores. Items listed include such items as matches, watches, tobacco, buckets, gloves, boots, gloves, and sundries. Four folders document legal proceedings involving losses suffered by Daily as a result of Apache attacks upon his freighting service.

1 Box, 2.25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Bradford Daily was born November 15, 1829 in Illinois. It is uncertain when Daily came to New Mexico but he is identified in 1852 as fighting Gila Apaches and later as a stage driver for the San Antonio & San Diego Stage Line and the Butterfield Overland Mail. During the Civil War he served as a scout for Gen. Carlton’s forces. After the war he formed a partnership with George W. Maxwell (his brother-in-law) in the firm of Maxwell and Company at Las Cruces, N.M. He died in 1875 in Las Cruces.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Fred L. Daily in 1994 and Harold W. Mather Sr. in 1982.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in July 2010.
Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Folder 1 Dailey Documents from Harold W. Mather Sr.

f.2  Account Ledger of Supplies and Grocery Items  1871 – 1873
f.3  Cash Account Ledger with Store/Grocery Items  1874 – 1877
     (Later Additional Entries at Beginning of Ledger for 1898)
f.4-7  Indian Depredation Case Involving Daily  1913 - 1914

Outside Ledger #1

Daily/Weekly Account Ledger from Las Cruces, N.M.  1874 – 1877

     Listings for Sundries and Cash – Matches/Tobacco/Buckets/
     Gloves/Boots/Soap/Etc

     Prominent Name – George W. Maxwell

Outside Ledger #2

Credit and Draft Ledger for Customers  1874 – 1877

     Prominent Names – George W. Maxwell
     B. Daily
     Tully Ochoa & Co.
     Manuel E. Flores