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MS 0952
Earp, Josephine Sarah Marcus
Papers, 1925-1936

DESCRIPTION

Correspondence and printed material; primarily letters written to Josephine Earp concerning the reputation of her deceased husband, Wyatt Earp.

1 box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Josephine Sarah Marcus was born in Brooklyn about 1861 and moved with her family to San Francisco in the 1860s. She left home in 1879 to join Pauline Markham's H.M.S. Pinafore troupe which brought her to Tombstone. She became Wyatt Earp's third wife. She died in 1944.

ACQUISITION

This collection was donated by Lincoln and Mary Louise Ellsworth in 1986.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Kim Frontz in October 1997.

INVENTORY

- f.1 Letters sent by Josephine Earp, 1931-1936
(Most are written to Mary Louise Ellsworth regarding collection.)
- f.2 Letters received by Josephine Earp, 1931-1932
(From various people responding to Josephine's defense of Wyatt Earp's reputation.)
- f.3 Letters to Wyatt Earp, 1925-1932
(From fans and researchers seeking autographs and information.)
- f.4 1909 Proof of Labor Claim for Happy Day Mining Group, signed by Wyatt Earp; Typescript of letter from George Parsons to Herald re: Earps
- f.5 Printed material: Calling card, book of poems presented to Ellsworth's from Mrs. Earp.