DESCRIPTION

This small collection consists primarily of correspondence of Earle R. Forrest with the Arizona Historical Society regarding his books and historical questions. Letters cover the period from 1929 to 1961. There are book notices for Forrest’s *Arizona’s Dark and Bloody Ground* as well as *Lone War Trail of Apache Kid* and *Life of California Joe: Noted Scout and Indian Fighter* both co-authored by Forrest. The last item in the collection is a draft manuscript written by Forrest for presentation at the Fourth Annual Historical Convention in 1963 titled “Riding for the Old C O Bar: Some Memories of Open Range Days in Northern Arizona During the First Decade of the Twentieth Century.”

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Earle R. Forrest was born in Washington, PA on June 29, 1883. He attended Washington and Jefferson College and studied forestry at the University of Michigan in 1908 and 1909. In 1903 he came to Arizona by way of Tucson and later traveled to Flagstaff where he worked for Babbitt’s CO Bar Ranch as a cowboy. Forrest later was employed on ranches as a cowhand in Montana and New Mexico. In 1913 he worked as a Forest Ranger at Deerlodge Forest in Montana. Throughout his work and travels Forrest was always interested in history and took many photographs. With materials he had gathered he wrote *Missions and Pueblos of the Old Southwest* (1929), *Arizona’s Dark and Bloody Ground* (1926), *California Joe* (1935), and *Lone War Trail of Apache Kid* (1947).

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