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MS 0318 GROSSETTA FAMILY COLLECTION Papers, 1886-1957

DESCRIPTION

Correspondence, certificates of marriages, school diplomas, and one business ledger highlight the personal and commercial family history of the Grossetta family of Tucson. The business ledger (1892-1893) appears to be an account listings for agents in various towns and communities possibly associated with Anthony Grossetta's grocery business in Tucson. Ten scrapbooks contain clippings and correspondence associated with county politics and personal activities involving Warren Grossetta and the Pima County Board of Supervisors, 1935-1938. One folder is composed of family member photos including Warren Grossetta in his University of Arizona cadet uniform. Thirteen 16mm films depict various family activities and community events in Tucson during the 1920s and 1930s.

1 Box, 1 ledger, 10 scrapbooks, and 1 outsized item, 4 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Anthony Grossetta (1856-1924) came to Tucson, Arizona in 1880 opening first a grocery store and in 1900 the Tucson Hardware Company. In 1897 he built the Tucson Opera House, served in the 24th Territorial Legislature, and later became the first president of the Tucson Light and Power Company. Anthony married Bessie H. Warren in 1884 and they had one son, Warren A. Grossetta. Warren (1888-1943) was born in Tucson and graduated from the University of Arizona in 1910. While at the University he was a cadet in the Military Science Program and acted as assistant instructor. In 1904 he, along with other University students, participated in a class boycott in an attempt to secure a student holiday. In addition to working the Hardware Company Warren served on the Pima County Board of Supervisors for four years, 1935-1938. In 1912 he married Winifred Dodge.

ACQUISITION

Gift of Mrs. Warren Grossetta in 1955 with later donations by Warren Grossetta in 1991-92.

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PROCESSING

The collection was originally processed after 1955 and reviewed by William Tackenberg in December 1998.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box 1

Folder	1: Family History	1849/1897
f.2	Family Correspondence	1895-1903
f.3	Newspaper Clippings	1886-1962
f.4	Application to Daughters of American Revolution	1895/1976
f.5	Tucson Opera House	1905
f.6	Photos	
f.7	Legal Documents	1886-1903
f.8	1904 Student Petition to University President(Copy)	1958
f.9	24th Arizona Legislature Acts	1907
f.10	Movie Tapes of Grossetta Family Activities	1920-1930
f. 11	DVD copies of Grossetta Family Activities (digitized 2007)	1920-1930

Outside Items (12 Items)

Item #1: Business Ledger	1892-1893
Item #2: Scrapbook	Jan 1, 1935-Aug 22, 1936
Item #3: Scrapbook	Aug 23, 1936-Oct 31, 1936
Item #4: Scrapbook	Nov 1, 1936-Jan 27, 1937
Item #5: Scrapbook	Jan 28, 1937-May 31, 1937
Item #6: Scrapbook	Jun 1, 1937-Aug 31, 1937
Item #7: Scrapbook	Sep 1, 1937-Jan 21, 1938
Item #8: Scrapbook	Jan 22, 1938-May 11, 1938
Item #9: Scrapbook	May 12, 1938-Sep 12, 1938
Item #10: Scrapbook	Sep 13, 1938-Dec 31, 1938
Item #11: Scrapbook	Dec 31, 1938-Feb 8, 1939
Item #12: School Certificates & Diplomas	1902-1910