

TITLE: Hancock Family Collection

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Captain William Augustus Hancock arrived in the Salt River Valley in 1870. He was hired to survey and lay out the townsite of Phoenix. He opened the first store in the valley and built the first building in the Phoenix Townsite. Captain Hancock married Lillie Belle Kellogg in 1873. They had two children, Henry Lee and Mable. Henry, the first Anglo child born in the city of Phoenix, became an engineer and Mabel, a schoolteacher. Mabel married Harry F. Latham about 1895. Mabel and Henry lived in Phoenix their entire lives, living well into their 90's.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The collection was created by Mabel Hancock Latham. It is organized alphabetically and chronologically within. Material includes biographical information about various family members; correspondence with Barry Goldwater, a former student of Mrs. Latham; hand-written personal reminiscences of Mrs. Latham which give descriptive glimpse into early Phoenix; and irrigation information written by William Augustus and Henry L. Hancock. See page 2 for an itemized list of writings. See photograph collection FP FPC #11, Hancock Family Photograph Collection.

CONTAINER LIST:

| Box | Folder | Title | Dates |
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| 1 | 1 | Biographical | 1902-1964 |
| | 2 | Correspondence (to Lillie Bell Hancock) | 1882-1906 |
| | 3 | Correspondence (to Mabel Hancock Latham) | 1922-1965 |
| | 4 | Correspondence (to Mabel Hancock Latham from Senator Barry Goldwater) | 1937-1965 |
| | 5 | Writings (by William Augustus and Henry Lee | 1901-1928 |

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| | | Hancock) | |
| | 6 | Writings, Reminiscences (by Mabel Hancock Latham) (1 of 2) | ND |
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Writings

- “Something About Water” by William A. Hancock
- “National Aid in the Storage of Water for the Irrigation of the Arid West’ by William A. Hancock
- Report on the irrigated lands of the Verde River and *its* tributaries in 1914
- Buckeye water conservation and drainage district, Electrical Equipment Specifications, 1928 by H.L. Hancock
- Buckeye water conservation and drainage district, Well Drilling Specifications, 1928 by H.L. Hancock
- Report on the use of irrigation water in the Gila River Indian Reservation of the water developed in Maricopa Drainage District no. 5 by H.L. Hancock
- Memorandum of an agreement as to the distribution of the waters of the Salt and Verde Rivers
- Map of the Agua Fria Valley

Writings, Reminiscences of early Phoenix by Mabel Hancock Latham

- Tempe Road, Four Mile House
- Early expansion of Phoenix
- Puffs of Dust; delivery of the first piano by wagon train
- Grown in Phoenix – autobiography
- Maricopa extension of the Southern Pacific Railroad
- Mabel Hancock Latham – biography
- Contrasts; biographical - Lilly Bell Hancock
- Phoenix, 1880
- Phoenix, 1885
- Artists in Phoenix
- Phoenix comes of age; Roosevelt Dam
- Out of Step; post Civil War period
- Comes of Age: city ordinance regarding
- The Student Lam: early life in Phoenix
- A Humorous Translation of R.S.V.P.
- Deliver of freight
- Picket Fences; description of early Phoenix
- Generations of Phoenicians
- Lurid Memories
- A summer day in 1880
- A trip to Sallie Hayden’s
- Freighting days
- Le Bar Family
- The Southern Gentlemen - The Orme Family
- Fires in early Phoenix
- Kind deeds; smallpox in Phoenix

- Early Hotels
- Citizens of picturesque character
- Otera family
- The Sheriff's step daughter; early sheriffs
- Hancock home on Cortez Street
- Washington Street in 1880
- Pioneer days and ways