

Guide to

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**JOHN B. MONTGOMERY MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION  
(1888-1981)**

2 Boxes

1989.101

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## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

John B. Montgomery was born in Los Angeles in 1840, and as a young man moved to Arizona, settling near the Silver City mining region and later, the Wickenburg area, where he began a cattle raising operation. Some years after, he moved to Tombstone, Az. and started a Livery Stable, known as the OK Corral, which eventually became the scene of the infamous shootout involving the Wyatt Earp family and several area ruffians. Around 1870, Montgomery moved to the Valley and purchased a homestead owned by Darrell Duppa, who is credited with naming the City of Phoenix and Tempe. Duppa and Montgomery were two of Phoenix's first citizens. The Duppa-Montgomery Homestead still stands at 115 W. Sherman St. Montgomery was elected Sheriff of Maricopa County in 1890, and served 2 years. His son, John G. Montgomery was also elected Sheriff in 1918, and again in 1920.

John B. Montgomery died on December 24, 1917, at the age of 77.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection is both a manuscript and photo collection. The manuscripts are comprised mainly of property deeds, letters, insurance policies and premium receipts, funeral arrangements and bank records. These represent the various holdings of both John B. and John G. Montgomery.

The photo collection consists of many posed portraits of the Montgomery family members, and several group photos. The first two photos in Folder #5 appear to be of John B. Montgomery himself.

## **CONTAINER LIST**

Box 1.

- Folder 1. Receipts, Certificates, Insurance Policies, Deeds,  
Bank Records
- Folder 2. Letters, Deeds, Funeral Instructions, Insurance  
Policies
- Folder 3. Death Notices for: Hosea Greenhaw, Beulah  
Cocke, George Francis Cocke and Mrs. M.A. Greenhaw
- Folder 4. Insurance premium receipts
- Folder 5. 10 Photos
  - 89.101.86-Man seated reading paper
  - 87-J. B. Montgomery
  - 88-Son of John B.

89-Portrait, 2 young girls  
90-Small boy at table  
91-3 small children  
92-Granddaughter "Patti"  
93-Young girls seated on lawn  
94-Mabel Holmes, 6 months old  
95-6 men behind truck

Folder 6.

10 Photos

89.101.96-Young boy in military uniform  
97-Woman and young girl dressed up  
98-Group of school children  
99-3 adults by wagon  
100-2 young girls  
101-Small child standing  
102-Young lady with fancy hat  
103-5 ladies at table  
104-Family photo, Danny, Lillian &  
Bradley Montgomery, c.1940's  
105-2 small children, Mable & Mary

Folder 7. 10 Photos

89.101.106-Portrait of Allie Cocke, 1927  
107-Paul Montgomery in Marine uniform  
108-Glen & Oleta Montgomery, 1950's  
109-Unidentified man  
110-Johnny Montgomery  
111-Old man by barn  
112-Group of children  
113-Older couple, 2 small children  
114-Small child seated in chair  
115-Family portrait, father, mother, child

Folder 8. 6 Photos

89.101.116-Unidentified lady  
117-Baby on chair  
118-2 small children  
119-Young girl  
120-Small girl  
121-2 small children by chair

Folder 9. 6 Photos

89.101.122-Older lady with pearls  
123-3 ladies and child  
124-Lady in wedding dress

125-Lady in long dress  
126-Man in suit  
127-Unidentified lady

Box 2.

Four individually metal framed formal portraits

89.10.128-Young women  
129- Young woman  
130- A young man  
131- A boy