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**MS 0987
Orndorff Hotel
Hotel registers, 1910-1931****DESCRIPTION**

Thirteen bound hotel registers provide date of arrival, name and city of residence for each hotel guest during the period 1910 to 1931. Listings contain many locations from which the travelers came from including Bisbee, Douglas, Phoenix, Flagstaff, Globe, Wilcox, and others from cities in Arizona. Guest home state locations outside Arizona include New Mexico, California, Utah, Oregon, and Kansas with several references listing Mexico as well. In addition to names and cities there are a few references to next destination for the forwarding of mail and notations of calls made with guest's rooms. A card listing valet charges for laundry services was also found between the pages of the register and has been placed under the front cover of volume 6.

6 boxes, 2.75 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The establishment on the corner of Main and Pennington Streets had many names during its history as a hotel in Tucson, Arizona. Originally built in 1856 by a man named Phillips it was called the Phillips House. Until its demolition in 1934 the hotel names changed corresponding to new owners. Sam Hughes purchased the hotel and renamed it the Cosmopolitan only to sell it to Mrs. A. C. Orndorff in 1896 when it became the Orndorff. Between 1902 and 1934 owners included J. Knox Corbett and F. J. Wharton. The hotel maintained a reputation as the best establishment between St. Louis, MO and Los Angeles, CA. Such notable men as William Tecumseh Sherman, Nelson A. Miles, John C. Fremont, and George Crook stayed at the hotel. In addition to functioning as a hotel the building also served as an early home for the U.S. District Court and meetings of the Masonic Lodge of Tucson.

ACQUISITION

The Acquisition to this collection is unknown, with the exception of the one ledger book with listings of guests to the Orndorff Hotel between Dec. 29, 1917 and Sep. 4, 1919 (Volume 6), this was donated by Daniel B. Chambers in 2003, which is former MS1273.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Kim Frontz, November 1997 and the December 29, 1917 through September 4, 1919 ledger was process by by Dave Tackenberg in December 2005 as MS 1273. Former MS 1273 was integrated into this collection in October 2015.

BOX LIST

Box 1

- v.1 Jan. 1910-Jan. 1911
- v.2 Sept. 1912-Dec. 1912
- v.3 Aug. 1914-Sept. 1915; Feb. 1929-Oct. 1929

Box 2

- v.4 Oct. 1915-Nov. 1916
- v.5 Nov. 1916-Dec. 1917

Box 3

- v.6 Dec.1917-Sep. 1919

Box 4

- v.7 Sept. 1919-May 1921
- v.8 May 1921-Apr. 1923

Box 5

- v.9 Apr. 1923-Aug. 1924
- v.10 Aug. 1924-Jan. 1926

Box 6

- v.11 Jan. 1927-Feb. 1929
- v.12 Oct. 1929-Apr. 1931
- v.13 Apr. 1931-Sept. 1932