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MS 738
Cornelius C. Smith Jr. Papers
1888 - 1963

DESCRIPTION

This small collection contains manuscripts and articles written by both father and son dealing with western history and family relatives. Early materials in the collection by Colonel C. C. Smith focus on the Apaches in Arizona, William S. Oury of Tucson, and the California Column in Arizona. The manuscript on William S. Oury (Tucson's first mayor, early law enforcement officer, and family relative) provides information on people and events in early Tucson history. Manuscripts by Smith's son, also named Cornelius C. Smith, focus on European military history with articles on the Roman army, Sevastopol, Borodino, and England's last invasion. One article by Robert O. Hunter describes Colonel Smith's (Sr.) career in the U.S. Cavalry.

2 Box, .75 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Cornelius C. Smith was born in 1869 in Arizona Territory into an Army family and background. He spent his early life at various military posts including Fort Huachuca and Fort Lowell. In 1890 Smith joined the U.S. Army and soon after was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for actions against the Sioux in South Dakota. Later assignments brought him to Arizona and the Southwest. He retired from the Army with the rank of Colonel in 1920 and died in 1936.

Cornelius C. Smith Jr. was born at Fort Huachuca Arizona in 1913 and followed in his family's footsteps by joining the military in 1937 but in this case the Marine Corps. In 1941 he was assigned to Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack. As with his father, he wrote many articles on military history with features dealing with European as well as American topics and held a doctorate degree in history. Cornelius C. Smith Jr. wrote many books on people and events of Southwestern history with one of his most notable being *Emilio Kosterlitzky: Eagle of Sonora and the Southwest*. In addition to being an author Cornelius Smith Jr. also was a self taught artist and provided many of the illustrations for his articles.

ACQUISITION - Donated by Cornelius C. Smith between 1959 and 1963.

ACCESS – There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING - The collection was reprocessed by Dave Tackenberg in November 2005.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Folder 1	Correspondence (Smith Family)	1888-1938
f.2	Correspondence	1958-1963
f.3	Cornelius Smith's Notes on Diary of Mrs. Granville H. Oury	
f.4	Catalogue – Art Work of Cornelius C. Smith Jr.	1962
f.5	Note Sheets on William S. Oury Research	
f.6-7	Manuscript: “ Some Unpublished History of the Southwest” (pages 66-100 missing) by Colonel C. C. Smith	
f.8	Manuscript: “The Army and the Apache”	1931
f.9	Manuscript: “A Paper on the California Volunteers” by Colonel C. C. Smith	1930
f.10	Manuscript: “The History of the Oury Family” by Colonel C. C. Smith	
f.11	Manuscript: “The Fight at the Cibicu, And Nock-Ay-Del-Klinne, Apache Medicine Man” by Colonel C. C. Smith	1924
f.12	Articles by Cornelius C. Smith in Newspapers (Believed to be written by Colonel C. C. Smith)	1921-1938
f.13	Article: “...You Keep Going Back” by Cornelius C. Smith Jr. <i>Arizona Highways</i> pp. 14-15/38-39	1959
f.14	Article: “What a Life! U.S. Army, 1863” by Cornelius C. Smith Jr.	1959
f.15	Article: “The Iron Men” by Cornelius C. Smith Jr. <i>Montana: The Magazine of Western History</i> pp.47-57	1959

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f.16	Article: “Child of the Cavalry” By Robert O. Hunter <i>Montana: The Magazine of Western History</i> pp. 53-59	1962
f.17	Article: “The Roman Army” by Cornelius C. Smith Jr. <i>Military Review</i> pp. 27-35	1960
f.18	Article: “Our First Amphibious Assault” by Cornelius C. Smith Jr. <i>Military Review</i> pp. 18-28	1959
f.19	Article: “Bolivar & Boyaca” by Cornelius C. Smith Jr. <i>Military Review</i> pp. 28-37	1960
f.20	Article: “England's Last Invasion” by Cornelius C. Smith Jr. <i>Military Review</i> pp. 17-25	1960
f.21	Article: “The Siege of Sevastopol” by Cornelius C. Smith Jr. <i>Military Review</i> pp. 45-54	1961
f.22	Article: “Bloody Borodino” by Cornelius C. Smith Jr. <i>Military Review</i> pp. 30-37	1959
f.23	Article: “Nevada City Lives Again” by Cornelius C. Smith Jr. <i>Ford Times</i> pp. 7-8	1963
f.24	Article: “Warning: Rockhound Convention” by Cornelius C. Smith Jr. <i>Ford Times</i> pp. 36-38	1959

- f.25 Article: "Russian Easter in Baja California" by Cornelius C. Smith Jr. 1958
Ford Times pp. 46-47
- f.26 Sketches: "William Sanders Oury: History-maker of the Southwest" undated
by Cornelius C. Smith Jr