

TITLE: Tucson Indian Training School records

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HISTORICAL NOTE: The Tucson Indian Training School was founded as the Indian Industrial Boarding School in 1888 by the Women's Board of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. with the principal design to instruct Native American children from the Pima and Papago (now known as Tohono O'odham) Indian Reservations in English and Christianity. With the establishment of public schools on or near the reservations in southern Arizona, government and church run Indian schools suffered financially, and the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. closed the Tucson Indian Training School in 1960 after a decade of diminishing enrollment.

RELATED MATERIAL: Other works and collections which are related to this collection include the Elise Prugh Herndon papers, MS 1038; the Herndon Photograph Collection, PC 063; *A Gospel of Power: Howard Billman and the Tucson Indian School, 1888-1894* by Jere Bishop Franco; *Arrowhead* by the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Board of National Missions; and *The Quest for Civilization: The Tucson Indian Training School* by Jennifer Wilson, all of which are located in the library and archives in Tucson. Additionally there is a related collection which is housed by the Presbyterian Historical Society, the archives of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: The collection consists of thirteen boxes of papers and volumes arranged into ten subgroups and respective record series. Each subgroup is determined by the manuscript material generated from the communication with the Women's Board of Home Missions during each of the administrations of ten superintendents from 1888 to 1951, as well as other documents generated from 1889 to 1953. The collection relates to the establishment, organization, and function of the Tucson Indian Training School with the bulk of the collection being composed of correspondence, reports, class records, and other printed material. The

collection includes insights into the Women's Board of Mission of the Presbyterian Church and their impressions of Native American welfare from the turn of the century through the post-World War II era. Essential in the school's programs were the skills the mission felt were necessary in order for Native American children to be self-sufficient and independent as young adults in the twentieth century.

The ten series into which this collection is divided are listed below with their respective record subgroups.

Series 1: Administration of Howard Billman 1888-1894 and consists of Subgroup I: Correspondence/Letter press, 1888-1891. A synopsis of the letters in Letter Press Volumes One and Two are available in the Finding Aid Folder. Letter Press Volume Two missing since October 2004

Series 2: The Administration of Frazier Hernon, 1894-1903, and consists of Subgroup I: Manuscripts/Sermons, 1896-1900.

Series 3: The Administration of Haddington Brown, 1903-1910, and consists of Subgroup I: Correspondence/Letter Press, 1903-1910; Subgroup II Printed Material, 1903-1906; Subgroup III Notes, 1908; and Subgroup IV Teachers' Records, 1903-1910. A synopsis of the letters in Letter Press Volumes Three, Four, and Five available in the Finding Aid Folder.

Series 4: The Administration of John M. Robe, 1910-1913, and consists of Subgroup I: Correspondence, 1910-1912; Subgroup II: Reports, 1911-1915; Subgroup III: Printed Material, 1911; Subgroup IV: Inventory, 1912-1913; and Subgroup V: Teacher's Records, 1910-1915. A synopsis of the letters in Subgroup I is available in the Finding Aid Folder.

Series 5: The Administration of James F. Record, 1913-1915, and consists of Subgroup I: Correspondence, 1913; Subgroup II: Reports, 1912-1915; and Subgroup III: Teachers' Reports, 1913-1915.

Series 6: The Administration of Martin L. Girton, 1915-1941 and consists of Subgroup I: Correspondence, 1915-1941; Subgroup II: Manuscripts, undated; Subgroup III: Legal Documents, 1913; Subgroup IV: Reports, 1915-1933; Subgroup V: Printed Materials, 1916-1941; Subgroup VI: Inventory, 1924-1931; Subgroup VI: Teachers' Records, 1914-1941; and Subgroup VIII: Ledgers, 1922-1941.

Series 7: The Administration of John King, 1941-1944, and consists of Subgroup I: Correspondence, 1942; Subgroup II: Printed Materials, 1942-1943; and Subgroup III: Teachers' Records, 1941-1944.

Series 8: The Administrations of acting Superintendents Leslie Cronk and Anna Falls, 1944-1945 and consists of Subgroup I: Correspondence, 1944-1945.

Series 9: The Administration of Joseph Poncel, 1945(?)–1950(?), and consists of Subgroup I: Correspondence, 1945–1950; Subgroup II: Printed Materials, 1945–1950; Subgroup III: Teachers’ Records, 1943–1946; Subgroup IV: Ledgers, 1946–1950; and Subgroup V: Miscellany, 1943–1949.

Series 10: The Administration of William D. Hennessy, 1951–1953, and consists of Subgroup I: Correspondence, 1950–1951; and Teachers’ Records, 1951–1953.

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	6	Series 6, Subgroup I: Correspondence; Women's Board of Home Missions, January-May (Folder 24)	1918
	7	Series 6, Subgroup I: Correspondence; Women's Board of Home Missions, June-December (Folder 25)	1918
	8	Series 6, Subgroup I: Correspondence; Women's Board of Home Missions, January-August (Folder 26)	1919
	9	Series 6, Subgroup I: Correspondence; Women's Board of Home Missions, September-December (Folder 27)	1919
5	1	Series 6, Subgroup I: Correspondence; Women's Board of Home Missions, January-April (Folder 28)	1920
	2	Series 6, Subgroup I: Correspondence; Women's Board of Home Missions (Folder 29)	1921-1941
	3	Series 6, Subgroup II: Manuscripts; "The Papago and the War" [1918] and "Glimpses of Our Work at Tucson" [1917] (Folder 30)	1917-1918
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	5	Series 9, Subgroup I: Correspondence; Women's Board of Home Missions, January-March (Folder 63)	1949
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	7	Series 9, Subgroup I: Correspondence; Women's Board of Home Missions, July-September (Folder 65)	1949
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11	1	Series 9, Subgroup I: Correspondence; Women's Board of Home Missions, January-March (Folder 67)	1950
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	5	Series 9, Subgroup II: Printed Materials; Programs, Magazine Excerpt (Folder 71)	1945-1950
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