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**MS 045**  
**New Mexico Territorial Covers Collection**  
**[1874]-1912**

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**SUMMARY INFORMATION**

Title: New Mexico Territorial Covers Collection

Creator: Unknown

Inclusive dates: [1874] -1912

Extent: 3 boxes; 2 linear feet

Abstract: This collection contains covers, including envelopes, postcards, and letters, mailed to New Mexico before statehood in 1912.

Call no.: MS 045

Language: English and Spanish

Repository: Peggy J. Slusser Memorial Library  
920 N. First Avenue  
Tucson, Arizona, 85719

**ACCESS & USE**

Acquisition information: The collection has been in the possession of the Postal History Foundation for many years. The provenance of this material is unknown.

Restrictions: This collection has no restrictions.

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**ARRANGEMENT**

The covers are arranged alphabetically by Arizona town cancellation and thereafter chronologically.

**SCOPE & CONTENT NOTE**

This collection includes covers, postcards and letters mailed from towns in New Mexico during the state's territorial period. Items of interest include real photo postcards which show images of: the Alvarado in Albuquerque (postmarked Anapra 1908); the Catholic Church in Las Cruces (postmarked Acme 1909); the Overland Limited Train (postmarked Black Tower 1910); Deming, NM (postmarked

Carne 1912); a cattle ranch near Portales (postmarked Carter, 1907); a birds-eye view of Folsom (postmarked Cuates, 1911); the Institute for the Blind, Alamogordo (postmarked Carrizozo); the hospital at Dawson, 1909; Main Street, Tukumcari, (postmarked Dodson 1911); Mexican Revolution politician Federico Gonzalez Garza (postmarked Elephant Butte 1911); Main Street, Melrose (postmarked House 1910); Tukumcari High School (postmarked Hanley 1911); the wholesale district, El Paso, (postmarked Lanark 1908); unknown building in Lamy, 1906; Main Street Las Cruces, 1908; the Church at Isleta Pueblo (postmarked Leopold 1906); St. Anthony's Sanitarium at Las Vegas, 1910 (Postmarked Levy and Porvenir 1910); Lodge at Cloudcroft, (postmarked Mountain Park); Bravo Ranch Quarters (postmarked Nara Visa 1908); Chaves Courthouse in Roswell (postmarked Orchard Park 1911) Pipeline from Mountains (postmarked Orogrande 1907); Alameda Park Depot and Office Bldg, Alamogordo (postmarked Oscuro 1908); President Porfirio Diaz in a parade at El Paso (postmarked Pearl 1909); Souvenir of Silver Springs, (postmarked Silver Springs 1911); View of Sylanite (postmarked Sylanite 1909); Street Scene, Silver City (postmarked Tyrone, 1910).

A number of picture cachets are also in the collection, including: a cachet of St. Michaels College (postmarked Santa Fe 1889); a cachet with a map of Colorado and New Mexico (postmarked Lookout 1880); and a cachet for "A. GUSDORF Grain Mill (postmarked Ranches of Taos, 1888).

Letters in the collection include: a letter from a teacher describing Christmas celebrations and social events in 1907 in Alma; letters about the economy (lumber, farming, mining), horses and people and a postcard, from Copperton, 1905; a letter from a German speaking soldier at, Fort Stanton, 1886; a letter about Statehood Day and taxes (postmarked Lakewood, 1912); a letter about house construction in Madison; a letter saying "thanks for the tobacco" and about organizing a Breeder's Association in Mesilla, 1906; a letter with details of raising and selling hogs, Ruidoso, 1911; a letter about bad condition of the church and school, Silver City, 1909; and a letter which is described as the writers "last correspondence from the New Mexico Territory".

Other interesting items include: a cover from Gascom dated 1900, signed by the postmaster on the closing date of the post office; a handwritten postmark, dated 1878, Loma Parda; a handwritten postmark and letter from Turquesa 1881; a postmark from the KC and La Jolla RPO (postmarked Melrose, 1908); covers from 1874 and 1875, Santa Fe.

#### **SUBJECT TERMS**

New Mexico – History

Postal service – United States – New Mexico

Postcards – New Mexico

Mining – New Mexico - History

Frontier and pioneer life – New Mexico – History

#### **RELATED MATERIAL**

MS 045 – New Mexico Territorial Covers

Related collections : Tyrone, New Mexico Postal Documents Collection (MS 003)  
Mexican Border Disturbances Collection (MS 021)  
Arizona Territorial Covers Collection (MS 047)

**ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE**

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**BOX AND FOLDER LISTING**

Box 1	Covers Abiquiu-Fulton	[1874] -1912
Box 2	Covers Galina-Porvenir	[1874] -1912
Box 3	Covers Prairie View-Zuni	[1874] -1912