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**MS 047**  
**Arizona Territorial Covers Collection**  
**1856?-1912**

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**SUMMARY INFORMATION**

Title: Arizona Territorial Covers Collection

Creator: Unknown

Inclusive dates: 1856?-1912

Extent: 3 boxes; 2 linear feet

Abstract: This collection contains covers, including envelopes, picture postcards, postal cards, and package receipts, mailed to Arizona before statehood in 1912.

Call no.: MS 047

Language: Chiefly English; also Spanish and Chinese

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

**ACCESS & USE**

Acquisition information: The provenance for this collection is unknown.

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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, personal, business, and government letters mailed from towns in Arizona during the state's territorial period. The materials offer a "slice of life" view of the inhabitants during the territorial period. They also demonstrate the manner in which paper was sent through the mail, including addressing practices, envelope sizes, penmanship, and manner of cancellation. Items of interest include hand-cancelled stamps, picture and holiday postcards, store orders, pictorial cachets, bank statements, registered package receipts, a postcard addressed to George J. Roskrug in Tucson, private post, a leather postcard, a letter from Whipple Barracks, a letter from Territorial Governor C. Meyer appointing B.M. Jacobs to the Board of Regents, a letter from Secretary of Territory James A. Bayard to B.M. Jacobs confirming his appointment, and cattle branding requests. Included with some items are identification slips that include town, county, date, Kriege type, Kriege value, cost data, and notes.

### **SUBJECT TERMS**

Arizona – History  
Postal service – United States – Arizona  
Covers (Philately) – Arizona  
Postcards – Arizona  
Frontier and pioneer life – Arizona – History

### **RELATED MATERIAL**

Related collections :       Bechtel Collection (MS 006)  
                                      Graham Territorial Correspondence Collection (MS 020)  
                                      Arizona Postcards Collection (MS 023)  
                                      Arizona Territorial Correspondence Collection (MS 025)  
                                      Kriege Collection (MS 026)  
                                      Theobald Postcards and Postmarks Collection (MS 032)

Separated material:       Territorial covers from the states of Washington and Wyoming  
                                      Express and stage covers  
                                      Modern picture postcard of Concord stagecoach

**ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE**

Acquisition number : 2014-01

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**BOX AND FOLDER LISTING**

Box 1	Adamana-Lowell	1869-1912
	Adamana	1909
	Agua Frio Valley	1885
	Agua Caliente	1906-1908
	Alexandria	1879-1883
	Alhambra	1899
	American Flag	1881
	Apache (Cochise County)	1910
	Apache Pass	1880
	Aravaipa	?
	Arivaca	1879-1909
	Arizola	1873
	Arizona City	1869-1873
	Ash Fork	1893-1910
	Aubrey	1880
	Basin	1904
	Bellefont	1907
	Benson	1882-1907

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Box 1	Benton	1905
	Big Bug	1897-1900
	Bisbee	1885-1912
	Black Warrior	1903-1908
	Blackwater	1910
	Blaisdell	1901
	Bonita	1897
	Bouse	1909
	Briggs	1901
	Bryce	1909-1910
	Buckeye	1905-1906
	Calabazas	1886-1909
	Camp Grant	1877-1879
	Camp Huachuca	1888-1890
	Camp Thomas	1879-1881
	Camp Verde	1879-1894
	Canille	1905
	Cañon	1894
	Cañon Diablo	1910
	Casa Grande	1883-1901
	Castle Dome Landing	1881
	Catoctin	1906-1908

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Box 1	Cave Creek	1900-1907
	Chaparral	1902
	Charleston	1881-1882
	Cherry	1894-1907
	Chin Lee	1911
	Chino	?
	Chiricahua	1910
	Chloride	1907
	Christmas	1907-1910
	Chrystoval	1902
	Cliffs	1912
	Clifton	1875-1904
	Cochise	1899-1912
	Coldwater	1902
	Columbia	1899-1906
	Congress	1897-1909
	Congress Junction	1909-1911
	Constellation	1908
	Contention	1884
	Copper Hill	1908-1910
	Cordes	1890-1910
	Cornville	1908

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Box 1	Cottonood	1895-1988
	Courtland	1909-1910
	Crittenden	1895-1897
	Crown King	1896-1908
	Crown Point	1902
	Curtiss	1892-1893
	Date Creek	?
	Dewey	1903-1909
	Dome	1905
	Don Luis	1909
	Dos Cabezas	1881
	Douglas	1903-1911
	Dragoon	1883-1904
	Dudleyville	1893-1911
	Duncan	1884-1908
	Dunlap	1884
	Duquesne	1905-1907
	Eden	1896-1908
	Eager	1909
	Ellison	1898
	Escuela	1911
	Esperanza	1884

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Box 1	Fairbank	1902
	Fairview	1911
	Flagstaff	1889-1908
	Florence	1876-1911
	Fort Apache	1884-1898
	Fort Bowie	1885-1893
	Fort Defiance	1893-1908
	Fort Grant	1880-1887
	Fort Huachuca	1891-1903
	Fort Thomas	1890-1896
	Fortuna	1902
	Fredonia	1909
	Ganado	1911
	Geronimo	1898-1909
	Gila Bend	1904-1910
	Gilbert	1901?
	Gillett	1886
	Gisela	1908-1909
	Gleeson	1902
	Glendale	1907-1911
	Globe	1883-1911
	Goldroad	1908

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Box 1	Grand Canyon	1903-1907
	Grandview	1905
	Grant	1887
	Greaterville	1903
	Greer	1900
	Groom Creek	1906-1911
	Guthrie	1910
	Hackberry	1909-1910
	Hardyville	1867-1878
	Harrington	1904-1909
	Harrisburg	1905
	Harshaw	1879-1883
	Hayden	1911
	Helvetia	1907
	Hereford	1906
	Hillside	1900-1910
	Holbrook	1891-1902
	Hooper	1903
	Hot Springs	1901-1911
	Houck	1908
	Huachuca	1882
	Hubbard	1908



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Box 1	Humboldt	1907-1911
	Huron	1907
	Iron King	1908
	Ironsprings	1900
	Jerome	1889-1907
	Jersey	1908
	Johnson	1900-1909
	Junction	1908-1911
	Juniper	1903
	Keams Canon	1901-1911
	Kelvin	1905-1911
	Kenilworth	1893
	Kingman	1890-1911
	Kirkland	1906
	Kofa	1909
	Kymo	1901
	Land	1911
	Langhorne	1908
	Lehi	1902
	Leupp	1911
	Lewis Springs	1909
	Liberty	1911

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Box 1	Lisoum	1901
	Livingstone	1905
	Lochiel	1894
	Lowell	1906-1907
Box 2	McCabe-Tubac	1875-1911
	McCabe	1902-1908
	McDowell	1875-1907
	McMillen	1880
	Maine	1910
	Mammoth	1900-1909
	Maricopa	1868-1910
	Martinez	1906
	Maxton	1907
	Mesa	1894-1906
	Metcalf	1903
	Meteor	1909-1911
	Miami	1909
	Middleton	1903-1906
	Mineral Park	1882-1899
	Minnehaha	1905-1907
	Mohave City	Circa 1870
Mohawk	1909	

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Box 2	Morenci	1880?-1904
	Morristown	1903-1907
	Mowry	1906
	Monitor	1901
	Myrtle	1908
	Naco	1906-1907
	Navajo	1887-1900
	Nelson	1909
	Nogales	1885-1908
	Nortons	1887
	Nutrioso	1894
	Oatman	1909-1911
	Octave	1909
	Old Glory	1904
	Oracle	1881-1908
	Oraibi	1901
	Oro Blanco	1879-1911
	Palmerlee	1909
	Palomas	1892
	Pantano	1884-1894
	Parker	1904-1910
	Patagonia	1902-1908

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Box 2	Payson	1888-1901
	Peach Springs	1891
	Pearce	1897-1909
	Picket Post	1879
	Phoenix	1872-1910
	Pima	1907
	Pine	1888
	Pinal	1883
	Pinedale	1908
	Pinto	1905
	Pioneer	1883
	Polacca	1909
	Pool	1911
	Poland	1903-1910
	Polaris	1911
	Pratt	1892
	Prescott	1870s-1911
	Providence	1900
	Purdy	1883
	Quartzsite	1910
	Quijotoa	1885
	Ray	1907-1911

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Box 2	Redington	1898
	Redrock	1894-1908
	Rhoades	1904-1907
	Rice	1909
	Roosevelt	1907-1909
	Rosemont	1905
	Sacaton	1883
	Safford	1881-1911
	St David	1890
	Saint Johns	1883-1911
	St Joseph	1879-1892
	St Michaels	1903-1911
	Salome	1907
	San Carlos	1883-1904
	San Simon	1908
	Sasco	1907
	Sayers	1911
	Scottsdale	1899-1908
	Seligman	1890-1911
	Sentinel	1893
	Showlow	1895-1898
	Shultz	1898

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Box 2	Signal	1886
	Silver Creek	1908
	Silver King	1889-1890
	Simmons	1891
	Skull Valley	1905
	Snowflake	1906
	Solomonsville	1899-1909
	Somerton	1903
	Springerville	1909
	Stanley	1910-1911
	Stanton	1889
	Stoddard	1888-1893
	Strawberry	1895
	Sultan	1903
	Swanea	1911
	Taylor	1882-1904
	Tempe	1897-1910
	Teviston	1888
	Tip Top	1883
	Tolchaco	1905-1911
	Tombstone	1879-1908
	Tonto	1885

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Box 2	Tres Alamos	1886
	Troy	1909
	Tuba	1910
	Tubac	1865
Box 3	Tucson-Zenos	1868-1911
	Tucson	1868-1911
	Turkey	1907-1909
	Turner	1905-1912
	Vail	1907
	Valverde	1902-1905
	Vekol	1890
	Vernon	1911
	Vicksburg	1911
	Vivian	1907
	Vulture	1882-1883
	Wagoner	1902-1909
	Walker	1905
	Walnut Grove	1905
	Washington	1898
	Webb	1910
	Wellton	1907
	Wenden	1910

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Box 3	Wendendale	1908
	Whipple	1895-1896
	Whitehills	1898
	Whiteriver	1904-1911
	Wickenburg	1878-1905
	Wilcox	1882-1911
	Williams	1888-1909
	Winkelman	1910
	Winslow	1888-1910
	Yarnell	1905-1909
	Young	1897-1909
	Yuma	1868-1911
	Zenos	1887