



MS 054 Arizona Star Routes

SUMMARY INFORMATION

Title: Arizona Star Routes

Creator: United States Postal Service, the Postal History Foundation, and Margaret Jones

Inclusive dates: [1851-1911 photocopies]; 1918-1974

Extent: 2 linear feet (1 box, 1 small box, 1 oversize folder)

Abstract: This collection contains United States Post Office Department star route forms and work correspondence, chiefly from Arizona star routes. It also contains correspondence, materials obtained (original and photocopied), and research notes created by the Western Postal History Museum (now Postal History Foundation) concerning (chiefly) Arizona star routes. It also contains articles pertaining to, or created by, graduate student Margaret Jones, who researched the star route frauds perpetrated in the mid-1870s.

Call number: MS 054

Language: English

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

ACCESS & USE

Acquisition information: The Postal History Foundation obtained many of these records in the early 1970s in order to research the subject. Many items were ordered from government agencies such as the National Archives and Records Administration.

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ARRANGEMENT

This collection is arranged into three series:

1. Contemporaneous star route documents
2. Material related to star routes
3. Star route research material

SCOPE & CONTENT NOTE

Series 1: Contemporaneous star route documents

Documents include correspondence, oaths of carriers, route issuance letters, carrier reports, and certificates. To facilitate key word searches, names associated with each route is given here in no particular order:

Tucson – in-town routes Morris Myers

Tucson-Municipal Airport	Uly C. Wood; Robert R. Wood; Virginia Cavendar; Cecil Cavendar; Delbert McKeever; Fred E. Prince, Freddie Prince, Jr.
Tucson-Nogales	E.S. Munoz; A.M. Pedregpn; Victor C. Stewart; Edward W. Schoch
Tucson (Annex Sta.)-Nogales:	Katherine J. Boxley; Charles A. Boxley; Archie C. Rentfrow; Clyde Rentfrow (Son?); Jack L. Merriman; Alec Reynolds; Hollie Byers; Jean S. Lacey; Charles C. Albright
Tucson (Old Pueblo Sta.)-Nogales:	William G. Schoch; Edward Walter Scoch; Walter McClure; Francis J. Huber; Fred O'Shea; Stanley Healington; Charlotte Creamer; William E. Clark; Charlotte Hatton Creamer; Clyde Young; Frank Wantland; George Kerber
Tucson (SP Depot) – Nogales:	Jim Dickerson; Orville Cagle Howell; Fred E. Prince; Henry Stifle; James Van Hoy
Tucson-Oracle	Claude Higgins
Tucson-Sasabe	Eugenio P. Serrano; Mathis Johnson; Eugene E. Wilson; Clare Bridgman; William T. Hagan; Ruth Barker; Jack Barker; Lynn Barker; Millie Medena; Mary Bridgman; Helen A. Keith; Mildred M. Pinkerton; Ralph Reese; Marie L. Elam; Marlin W. Benson; Ray Probasco
Tucson-Sells	Beryl E. Wilson; Tucson Ajo Stage Line Co.; Joe Valenzuela; Frank R. Rendon; Cecil E. Slocum; Joe B. Holloway; Charles L. Keith; C.E. Bridgman; Fannie Keith; Claude Higgins; "Mr. Wilson"
Tucson-Winkelman	Archie C. Rentfrow; Eugene E. Wilson; Beryl E. Wilson; Henry Dalton; Fannie Keith; Charles Keith; John Lester Keith; Harvey Floyd Parlet

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING**Series 1: Contemporaneous star route documents**

Box 1	Folder 1	Star route advertisement envelope (from Vail, Arizona), proposal for route (blank), letter concerning proposal	n.d.; 1918
	f. 2	In-town Tucson star routes: 68121; 68070; 68031; 68046; 68071-E	n.d.; 1953
	f. 3	Tucson-Municipal Airport: 268048 (68048/0048); 268043	1952-1959
	f. 4	Tucson-Nogales: 68203; 68223; 68190; other documents with no or multiple route numbers	1933-1954
	f. 5	Tucson (Annex Sta.)-Nogales: 68164; 03164/0164	1949-1690
	f. 6	Tucson (Old Pueblo Sta.)-Nogales: 68167; 68163; 03163	1938-1957
	f. 7	Tucson (SP Depot)-Nogales: 68989; 68195; 03195/0195	1951-1959
	f. 8	Tucson-Oracle: no route number given	1938; 1941
	f. 9	Tucson-Sasabe: 68120; 68230; 68217; 68165; 03165	1922-1958
	f. 10	Tucson-Sells: 68201; 68178; 68180; 68162; 68163; 03163	1929-1959
	f. 11	Tucson-Winkelman: 68165; 68152; 68166; 68168; 03168; no route number	1934-1959
	f. 12	[Rucker Canyon-Webb?]: 68176	1919
	f. 13	Del Norte-La Garita (Colorado): 65354	1945
Oversize	Oversize	Star route advertisement (poster); blank star route proposal, bond, and oath forms	1918-1922
Series 2: Material related to star routes			
Box 1	f. 14	Proceedings in the star route fraud trial (excerpt)	1882

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Box 1	f. 15	Post office guide, Official register, Annual reports of Postmaster General photocopies (Arizona post offices and contactors)	1865-1911
	f. 16	Post office guide, Official register photocopies (New Mexico post offices and contactors)	1851-1865
Series 3: Star route research material			
	f. 17	William Alexander correspondence relating to star route research	1970-1974
	f. 18	Star route research notes, gathered articles, ephemera	n.d.; 1937; 1957-1974
	f. 19	Margaret Jones Master's Thesis: "Corruption and Malfeasance in Arizona Star Route Operations, 1874-1881" and manuscript with editing marks	[1971-1972?]
	f. 20	Margaret Jones's lectures at the Western Postal History Conference (text) **See also f. 22**	1972
	f. 21	Margaret Jones's lectures at the Western Postal History Conference (audio cassette)	1972
Box 2 (small)	f. 22	Margaret Jones's lectures at the Western Postal History Conference (audio-cassette)	1972