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The Museum of Northern Arizona
Harold S. Colton Memorial Library
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Title

A&B Schuster Co. collection

Dates

1862-1952

Extent

8 photographic images (8 prints), 1.25 cm textual material

Biographical History

Adolf and Ben Schuster were twins born 1862 in Westphalia, Germany. In 1881 they emigrated to Holbrook, AZ where they established a mercantile store. The store provided supplies via railway to areas throughout Arizona and New Mexico. By 1952 A&B Schuster Co. was the oldest continuously operated wholesale grocery firm in Arizona. In addition to running their business, the Adolf and Ben Schuster Co. also collected Native American artifacts.

Scope and Content

The collection contains various news articles and publications written about A&B Schuster Co. at its fifty year anniversary and afterwards, an invitation to the hanging of George Smiley, and news paper clippings regarding the transfer of the Schuster's artifact collection from the Los Angeles Museum to Petrified Forest National Monument in 1934.

In 1888 the Schusters were robbed by "Red" McNeil, a bandit notorious for leaving his victims' poetry of his own creation. The collection contains a copy of the McNeil poetry left for the Schusters after the robbery, as well as an account of the incident written by Platt Cline in *Scenic Southwest*.

Additionally, the collection contains photocopies of Schuster family genealogical information, and eight photographic images.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection was donated by Helen Schuster, the daughter of Adolf Schuster in 1967.

Existence and Location of Originals

Originals of the hanging invitation and McNeil Poetry remain with the Schuster family.

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Description Control

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File #	File Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/Folder
MS-70-1	Institutional History	1934-1952	0.25 cm textual	Asst. Box 2.19
MS-70-2	Hanging Invitation	1900	0.25 cm textual	Asst. Box 2.20
MS-70-3	Schuster Artifact Collection	1934	0.25 cm textual	Asst. Box 2.21
MS-70-4	McNeil Poetry	1924-1947	0.25 cm textual	Asst. Box 2.22
MS-70-5	Biographical Information	1862	0.25 cm textual	Asst. Box 2.23
MS-70-6	Photographs	1879-1900	8 prints	Asst. Box 2.24

LCSH Access Points

Apache Indians

Apache Indians – Rites and ceremonies

Holbrook (Ariz.) – History

Non-LCSH terms

A&B Schuster Company

Schuster, Adolph

Schuster, Ben