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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Constance Wynn Altshuler was born in Chicago on October 4, 1908. She graduated from the University of Chicago in 1929 and worked for several Chicago newspapers during the next few years.

She married Dr. Samuel S. Altshuler (1902-1963) on March 4, 1934 and moved to Detroit. From the 1930's to the 1950's she wrote freelance fiction for U.S. and Canadian magazines under her maiden name of Constance Wynn. She earned a master's degree in statistics from the University of Michigan in 1939.

When Dr. Altshuler was called to serve in the Army Medical Department in 1942, she accompanied him to El Paso, Texas, and then in 1943 to Cambridge, Ohio, where she worked as an American Red Cross staff member at an Army hospital. After Dr. Altshuler was sent overseas in 1944, she worked as a statistician in New York. In 1946 she was allowed to join him in Frankfurt, Germany, where he was chief of medical services at an Army hospital. She worked as a civilian statistician for the Army in Frankfurt for a year.

The Altshulers moved to Tucson in 1948. Constance Altshuler became interested in Arizona history in the mid 1960's, beginning with research on Governor Anson P. K. Safford. Over the next three decades she wrote four books and numerous journal articles on territorial and pre-territorial Arizona history from 1850-1890. She specialized in the history of Army posts and personnel of the period. She won awards and commendations for her work from Company B of the 8th U.S. Memorial Infantry in 1975, the Arizona Historical Society in 1982, the Arizona Hall of Fame in 1987, and Governor Rose Mofford in 1990.

Source: Memorial folder, March 12, 2000.

L. Boyd Finch said of Constance Altshuler: “My predominant memory of Connie is not that of a persistent and painstaking scholar, although she certainly was all of that; rather it is the image of a gracious lady. That was evident in many ways, but for me one facet of her character will forever remain. Occasionally, I called on her in the afternoon, and it was to be accepted that—before we settled into comfortable chairs to chat—she would offer a small glass of port. It was an elegant, charming touch, a moment of ‘old school’ gentility—a moment to savor.” (The Journal of Arizona History, 2000 (41) 2: 207-208)

Her published books include: Cavalry Yellow & Infantry Blue: Army Officers in Arizona between 1851 and 1886 (1991); Chains of Command: Arizona and the Army, 1856-1875 (1981); Starting with Defiance: Nineteenth Century Arizona Military Posts (1983); and Latest from Arizona!: The Hesperian Letters, 1859-1861 (1969).

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

Arranged in five series: **Series I. Correspondence:** Altshuler correspondence with other southwest history experts and individuals. **Series II. Research Files:** Comprised of typewritten sheets, individually labeled and taken from a myriad of primary and secondary resources. Of special research interest is her collection of biographical data on Cavalry officers and civilians who had dealings with the US Army. Another outstanding feature of this collection is her research and unpublished manuscript for a biography of APK Safford, one of Arizona’s first governors. Safford, who was appointed governor of Arizona in 1869, is said to be the originator of public schools in Arizona. **Series III. Index Card Research Files:** Composed of research files on typewritten index cards. Organized partly by subject and partly by chronology. **Series IV. Microfilm:** Composed of 14 microfilm reels, all in good condition. Arranged alphabetically. **Series V. Oversized:** Comprised of maps, charts, and over-sized copies of original documents. Some maps hand-drawn by Mrs. Altshuler.

Definitions to help navigate the finding aid:

- “Arizona Press” -- notes on articles from early Arizona news sources
- “Arizona District” -- US Bureau of Indian Affairs designation
- “Department of Arizona” – US Army organizational structure in Arizona

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Correspondence , Kühn, Berndt	1995-1996
	2	Correspondence , Mills, Kris	1989-1996
	3	Correspondence , Munson, Robert W.	1978-1983
	4	Correspondence , Schreier, Jim	1987-1993
	5	Correspondence , Stammerjohan, George R. (1 of 2)	1974-1985
	6	Correspondence , Stammerjohan, George R. (2 of 2)	1985-1994
	7	Correspondence , Wilson, John P.	1972-1997

	8	Correspondence, General, A – C	1967-1995
2	1	Correspondence, General, D – G	1967-1997
	2	Correspondence, General, H – M	1967-1996
	3	Correspondence, General, N - Q	1965-1991
	4	Correspondence, General, R - S	1965-1996
	5	Correspondence, General, T - Z	1965-1996
3	1	Research Files, “Across America or the Great West” (copy)	1874
	2	Research Files, Adjutant General Office Annual Reports	ND
	3	Research Files, Adjutant General Office Letters Received	ND
	4	Research Files, Apaches	ND
	5	Research Files, Arizona	ND
	6	Research Files, Arizona, Northern	ND
	7	Research Files, Arizona Territorial Government	ND
	8	Research Files, Arizona early photos (copies)	ND
	9	Research Files, Arizona Pre-Territorial	ND
	10	Research Files, Arizona Press, Arizonian	ND
	11	Research Files, Arizona Press, Arizona Citizen (1 of 2)	ND
4	1	Research Files, Arizona Press, Arizona Citizen (2 of 2)	ND
	2	Research Files, Arizona Press, Arizona Citizen (copies)	1872
	3	Research Files, Arizona Press, Arizona Enterprise	ND
	4	Research Files, Arizona Press, Arizona Miner	ND
	5	Research Files, Arizona Press, Arizona Star	ND
	6	Research Files, Arizona Press, Arizona Weekly Miner (1 of 2)	ND
	7	Research Files, Arizona Press, Arizona Weekly Miner (2 of 2)	ND
	8	Research Files, Arizona Press, Weekly Arizonian (1 of 2)	ND
	9	Research Files, Arizona Press, Weekly Arizonian (2 of 2)	ND
	10	Research Files, Arizona Press, Weekly Citizen	ND
	11	Research Files, Arizona Press, Hesperian Notes	ND
	12	Research Files, Arizona Press, Various	ND

5	1	Research Files , Arizona Proposal for Department Status (copies)	ND
	2	Research Files , Arizona Volunteers	ND
	3	Research Files , Army Life	ND
	4	Research Files , Army & Navy Journal (1 of 3)	ND
	5	Research Files , Army & Navy Journal (2 of 3)	ND
	6	Research Files , Army & Navy Journal (3 of 3)	ND
	7	Research Files , Army Paymaster's Manual (copy)	1884
	8	Research Files , Article Reprints	ND
	9	Research Files , California	ND
	10	Research Files , California Cavalry (1 of 2)	ND
	11	Research Files , California Cavalry (2 of 2)	ND
6	1	Research Files , Californian Column	ND
	2	Research Files , California Column Biographies (1 of 3)	ND
	3	Research Files , California Column Biographies (2 of 3)	ND
	4	Research Files , California Column Biographies (3 of 3)	ND
	5	Research Files , California Column, Letters to Governor Low	1865
	6	Research Files , California Column, Musters	ND
	7	Research Files , California Press, Alta California (1 of 5)	ND
	8	Research Files , California Press, Alta California (2 of 5)	ND
	9	Research Files , California Press, Alta California (3 of 5)	ND
	7	1	Research Files , California Press, Alta California (4 of 5)
2		Research Files , California Press, Alta California (5 of 5)	ND
3		Research Files , California Press, Humboldt Register	ND
4		Research Files , California Press, Los Angeles Star	ND
5		Research Files , California Press, Sacramento Union (1 of 3)	ND
6		Research Files , California Press, Sacramento Union (2 of 3)	ND
7		Research Files , California Press, Sacramento	ND

		Union (3 of 3)	
	8	Research Files , California Press, San Diego Bulletin	ND
	9	Research Files , California Press, San Diego Union	ND
	10	Research Files , California Press, San Francisco Bulletin	ND
	11	Research Files , California Press, San Francisco Chronicle	ND
8	1	Research Files , California Press, California Papers—Various	ND
	2	Research Files , California, Vidette Letters	ND
	3	Research Files , Department of California (copies)	1869
	4	Research Files , Constitution of U.S. Cavalry Association (copy)	1888
	5	Research Files , <i>Cavalry Yellow and Infantry Blue</i> Reactions and Reviews	1991
	6	Research Files , Campbell, Charles H. ACP and Pension Files (copies)	1907-1917
	7	Research Files , Camp Grant	ND
	8	Research Files , Camp Reno	ND
	9	Research Files , Chapin Court of Inquiry (copies)	1867-1868
	10	Research Files , Civil War (1 of 3)	ND
	11	Research Files , Civil War (2 of 3)	ND
	12	Research Files , Civil War (3 of 3)	ND
9	1	Research Files , Civilian Biographies, Mowry, Sylvester (1 of 2)	ND
	2	Research Files , Civilian Biographies, Mowry, Sylvester (2 of 2)	ND
	3	Research Files , Civilian Biographies, Pesqueira, Ignacio	ND
	4	Research Files , Civilian Biographies, Poston, Charles (1 of 2)	ND
	5	Research Files , Civilian Biographies, Poston, Charles (2 of 2)	ND
	6	Research Files , Civilian Biographies, Robinson, John H	ND
	7	Research Files , Civilian Biographies, Spring, John	ND
	8	Research Files , Civilian Biographies, Stewart, William M	ND
10	1	Research Files , Civilian Biographies, General, A-B	ND

	2	Research Files , Civilian Biographies, General, C	ND
	3	Research Files , Civilian Biographies, General, D	ND
	4	Research Files , Civilian Biographies, General, E-G	ND
	5	Research Files , Civilian Biographies, General, H-K	ND
	6	Research Files , Civilian Biographies, General, L-M	ND
	7	Research Files , Civilian Biographies, General, O-R	ND
	8	Research Files , Civilian Biographies, General, S-T	ND
11	1	Research Files , Civilian Biographies, General, V-W	ND
	2	Research Files , Upper Colorado District (1 of 2)	ND
	3	Research Files , Upper Colorado District (2 of 2)	ND
	4	Research Files , Southern Colorado District	ND
	5	Research Files , Colyer, Vincent	ND
	6	Research Files , Cook, Charles	ND
	7	Research Files , de Anza, Juan Bautista	ND
	8	Research Files , Department of Arizona (1 of 4)	ND
	9	Research Files , Department of Arizona (2 of 4)	ND
12	1	Research Files , Department of Arizona (3 of 4)	ND
	2	Research Files , Department of Arizona (4 of 4)	ND
	3	Research Files , District of Arizona (1 of 6)	ND
	4	Research Files , District of Arizona (2 of 6)	ND
	5	Research Files , District of Arizona (3 of 6)	ND
	6	Research Files , District of Arizona (4 of 6)	ND
	7	Research Files , District of Arizona (5 of 6)	ND
	8	Research Files , District of Arizona (6 of 6)	ND
	9	Research Files , Florida Press	ND

	10	Research Files , Fort Buchanan, New Mexico (1 of 2)	ND
13	1	Research Files , Fort Buchanan, New Mexico (2of 2)	ND
	2	Research Files , Fort Buchanan, Letters (copies)	1856-1858
	3	Research Files , Fort Huachuca	ND
	4	Research Files , Fort McDowell	ND
	5	Research Files , Gregg, David	ND
	6	Research Files , Gregg, John I ACP Files (copies) (1 of 5)	1861-1865
	7	Research Files , Gregg, John I ACP Files (copies) (2 of 5)	1866-1872
	8	Research Files , Gregg, John I ACP Files (copies) (3 of 5)	1874-1876
	9	Research Files , Gregg, John I ACP Files (copies) (4 of 5)	1878-1884
	10	Research Files , Gregg, John I ACP Files (copies) (5 of 5)	1892-1896
	11	Research Files , Hualapai Indians	ND
	12	Research Files , Ilges Treaty	ND
	13	Research Files , Indians and Reservations	ND
	14	Research Files , Indian Agents	ND
14	1	Research Files , Indian Agents, Chapman, Oliver	ND
	2	Research Files , Indian Agents, Clum, John	ND
	3	Research Files , Indian Agents, Murford, WE	ND
	4	Research Files , Indian Agents, Wilbur, RA	ND
	5	Research Files , Indian Agents, Williams, Josephus	ND
	6	Research Files , Indian Agents, General A-T	ND
	7	Research Files , Indian Affairs Reports	ND
	8	Research Files , Indian Affairs, Ferris, JM (notes on correspondence)	
	9	Research Files , Indian Bureau Correspondence	ND
	10	Research Files , Indian Bureau Letters Received Index (1 of 2)	ND
	11	Research Files , Indian Bureau Letters Received Index (2 of 2)	ND
	12	Research Files , Indian Scouts Rosters	ND
	13	Research Files , Interments at Date Creek Cemetery (copy)	1892
	14	Research Files , Jones Inspection Reports	ND
15	1	Research Files , Maricopas	ND

	2	Research Files , McCormick, Richard, Arizona Territorial Governor	ND
	3	Research Files , Mickly, J M	ND
	4	Research Files , Military Survey	ND
	5	Research Files , Military Telegraph	ND
	6	Research Files , Mining	ND
	7	Research Files , Miscellaneous	ND
	8	Research Files , Miscellaneous Copies	ND
	9	Research Files , Miscellaneous News Clippings	1970-1991
	10	Research Files , Navajo	ND
	11	Research Files , New Mexico District	ND
	12	Research Files , New Mexico Press, Mesilla Times	ND
	13	Research Files , Newton, Janet Papers	ND
	14	Research Files , Nevada and Idaho Press	ND
	15	Research Files , New York Press	ND
	16	Research Files , Oatman, Olive	ND
16	1	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Bascom, George	ND
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	3	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Bourke, John	ND
	4	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Carleton, James	ND
	5	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Carr, Camillo C. C.	ND
	6	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Chapin, Gurdin	ND
	7	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Crook, George	ND
	8	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Cruse, Thomas	ND
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	2	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Dubois, Richard	ND
	3	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Dubois, Richard ACP Files	ND
	4	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Heintzelman, Samuel	ND
	5	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Henry, Guy V	ND
	6	Research Files , Officer Biographies,	ND

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	7	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Hunter, Sherod	ND
	8	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Jimeno, Porfirio	ND
	9	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Kautz, August V	ND
	10	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Kautz, August V, Diary	ND
18	1	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Lauderdale, John	ND
	2	Research Files , Officer Biographies, McGarry, Edward	ND
	3	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Martin, John	ND
	4	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Maxon, Mason	ND
	5	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Sanford, George	ND
	6	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Smith, Gilbert Cole	ND
	7	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Stoneman, George	ND
	8	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Stoneman, George Correspondence (copies)	1870-1871
	9	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Touey, Timothy	ND
	10	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Tuttle, Edward	ND
	11	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Upham, Frank	ND
	12	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Veil, Charles D (1 of 2)	ND
	13	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Veil, Charles D (2 of 2)	ND
19	1	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Wheaton, Frank	ND
	2	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Whitman, Royal E	ND
	3	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Widney, Joseph Pomeroy Letters (copy)	1867
	4	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Wieting, Orlando	ND
	5	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Wright, George	ND
	6	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Young,	ND

		Samuel	
	7	Research Files , Officer Biographies, A	ND
	8	Research Files , Officer Biographies, B	ND
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	3	Research Files , Officer Biographies, E	ND
	4	Research Files , Officer Biographies, F	ND
	5	Research Files , Officer Biographies, G	ND
	6	Research Files , Officer Biographies, H	ND
21	1	Research Files , Officer Biographies, I-J	ND
	2	Research Files , Officer Biographies, K-L	ND
	3	Research Files , Officer Biographies, M	ND
	4	Research Files , Officer Biographies, N-O	ND
	5	Research Files , Officer Biographies, P	ND
	6	Research Files , Officer Biographies, R	ND
	7	Research Files , Officer Biographies, S	ND
22	1	Research Files , Officer Biographies, T-V	ND
	2	Research Files , Officer Biographies, W	ND
	3	Research Files , Officer Biographies, Various	ND
	4	Research Files , Our Indian Friends	ND
	5	Research Files , Overland Press	ND
	6	Research Files , Overland Mail Pony Express	ND
	7	Research Files , Pension and ACP Files	ND
	8	Research Files , Pima Indians	ND
	9	Research Files , Pioneer Reminiscences	ND
	10	Research Files , Post Correspondence	ND
	11	Research Files , Post Descriptions	ND
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	4	Research Files , Post Returns (3 of 4)	ND
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	6	Research Files , Post Return Summaries	ND
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	3	Research Files , Roberts, James	ND
	4	Research Files , Rusling, James A Reports	ND
	5	Research Files , Sackett Inspection	ND
	6	Research Files , Safford, APK autobiographical notes	ND
25	1	Research Files , Safford, APK autobiographical manuscript	ND
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	3	Research Files , Safford, APK California	ND

	4	Research Files , Safford, APK California Legislature (1 of 2)	ND
	5	Research Files , Safford, APK California Legislature (2 of 2)	ND
	6	Research Files , Safford, APK County Records, Arizona	ND
	7	Research Files , Safford, APK Safford, Disston, Hamilton	ND
	8	Research Files , Safford, APK Ex-Governor	ND
	9	Research Files , Safford, APK Family	ND
	10	Research Files , Safford, APK Florida	ND
	11	Research Files , Safford, APK Florida County Records	ND
	12	Research Files , Safford, APK Governor First Term	ND
26	1	Research Files , Safford, APK Governor Second Term	ND
	2	Research Files , Safford, APK Governor Accounts and Leaves	ND
	3	Research Files , Safford, APK Sixth Arizona Legislature	ND
	4	Research Files , Safford, APK Seventh Arizona Legislature	ND
	5	Research Files , Safford, APK Eighth Arizona Legislature	ND
	6	Research Files , Safford, APK Ninth Arizona Legislature	ND
	7	Research Files , Safford, APK Legislatures and official acts	ND
	7	Research Files , Safford, APK-misc.	ND
	8	Research Files , Safford, APK Nevada	ND
	9	Research Files , Safford, APK Obituary	ND
	10	Research Files , Safford, APK various copies of documents	ND
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	13	Research Files , Safford, APK, Swann, Samuel	ND
	14	Research Files , Safford, APK, Jenny L. Tracy Safford	ND
27	1	Research Files , Santa Cruz District	ND
	2	Research Files , Schuyler Letters (copies)	1872-1874
	3	Research Files , Secretary of War Report	ND
	4	Research Files , Sonoita Valley	ND
	5	Research Files , Southern Arizona Sub-District (1 of 2)	ND

	6	Research Files , Southern Arizona Sub-District (2 of 2)	ND
	7	Research Files , Southern Pacific	ND
	8	Research Files , Stoneman Annual Report	ND
	9	Research Files , Stout, JH	ND
	10	Research Files , Tejon California	ND
	11	Research Files , Tonner, JA	ND
	12	Research Files , Tubac	ND
28	1	Research Files , Tulerosa Reservation	ND
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	3	Research Files , Tucson Courthouse	ND
	4	Research Files , Tucson Sub District	ND
	5	Research Files , Tucson District	ND
	6	Research Files , Tucson First School	ND
	7	Research Files , "The Years of the Horse Soldier" – Uniforms (copy)	ND
	8	Research Files , Various News Clippings, copies	ND
	9	Research Files , Various Forts	ND
	10	Research Files , Various Indian Chiefs	ND
29	1	Research Files , Verde Sub District	ND
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	3	Research Files , Virginia City Press	ND
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	5	Research Files , Way, Phocion Diary	ND
	6	Research Files , Whittier Inspection Report	ND
	7	Research Files , Wickenburg Massacre	ND
	8	Research Files , Yavapai	ND
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	2	Index Card Research Files Br-Co	ND
	3	Index Card Research Files Co-Dy	ND
	4	Index Card Research Files Ea-Gr	ND
	5	Index Card Research Files Gr-Je	ND
	6	Index Card Research Files Je-McD	ND
31	1	Index Card Research Files McD-O	ND
	2	Index Card Research Files Ou-Ru	ND
	3	Index Card Research Files Ru-Th	ND
	4	Index Card Research Files Th-Wi	ND
	5	Index Card Research Files Wi-Zu	ND
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	2	Index Card Research Files , Indians	ND
	3	Index Card Research Files , Military (1 of 2)	ND
	4	Index Card Research Files , Military (2 of 2)	ND
	5	Index Card Research Files , Safford, APK	ND
	6	Index Card Research Files , Safford & Non	ND

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	2	Index Card Research Files , Chronological	1862-1865
	3	Index Card Research Files , Chronological	1866-1867
	4	Index Card Research Files , Chronological	1867-1869
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	2	Index Card Research Files , Chronological	1874-1876
	3	Index Card Research Files , Chronological	1877-1892
35	1	Microfilm , ACP Files	ND
	2	Microfilm , Armor Magazine, Reel One	1888-1898
	3	Microfilm , Armor Magazine, Reel Two	1899-1906
	4	Microfilm , Camp Verde Day Book	1872-1873
	5	Microfilm , District of Arizona	1868-1869
	6	Microfilm , Districts and Subdistricts, Tucson, Verde, Upper Colorado, Prescott	ND
	7	Microfilm , District of Tucson	1867
	8	Microfilm , Division of Pacific	1868-1869
	9	Microfilm , Lauderdale Papers	ND
	10	Microfilm , National Archives, Military Records, Custom Reel	ND
	11	Microfilm , Register LR AGO, A-L	1863
	12	Microfilm , Register LR AGO, M-Z	1863
	13	Microfilm , Subdistrict Northern Arizona	ND
	14	Microfilm , Subdistrict Santa Cruz	ND
36	1	Oversized , Various Rolled Maps (4)	ND
	2	Oversized , Various Map Legends	ND
	3	Oversized , Various Maps	ND
37	1	Oversized , Copies of Correspondence	1866-1875
	2	Oversized , Copies from Microfilm, District of Arizona Register	1868
	3	Oversized , Copies of San Diego Bulletin	1870-1871
	4	Oversized , Copies of Official/Military Correspondence	1873-1877