

PERKINS FAMILY COLLECTION-MSS 48

6 Boxes, 3.0 cu. ft.

1878-1963

Biographical Note

Marion Perkins (1848- 1927) and his wife Annie were married in 1879 and headed to Texas with several head of cattle. They eventually settled in Jefferson Davis County Texas, where Marion Perkins managed a large cattle ranch. While in Texas the Perkins had eight children, four of whom lived to maturity - Robert E., Marion N., Benjamin and Fannie.

The family moved to Arizona in 1899 and established a cattle ranch of their own in 1900. The Perkins ranch site later became Perkinsville, Arizona. M.A. Perkins was a charter member of the Arizona Cattle Growers Association, which was founded in 1904. In 1904 he was also elected to the Territorial Legislature, and in 1905 he was appointed to the Livestock Sanitary Board.

After Marion Perkins' death in 1927, all four children continued in his cattle business, and started the Perkins Cattle Company in 1933. In addition to being a successful rancher, Robert Perkins served in the Arizona Legislature from 1939-1949 and was president of the Yavapai Cattle Growers Association.

Scope and Content

The collection consists primarily of business account books and payroll records; leases, deeds and other land purchase documents; cattle head counts, brands and sale information. Biographical information about various members of the Perkins family is also included.

The Perkins Family Collection was a gift of Mrs. Victor H. Lytle in 1968.

Box 1 Biographical Information

- Folder 1 Perkins family genealogy (incomplete)
- 2 Perkins, Marion A. and Annie. Biographical
- 3 Perkins, Robert E. and Laura Digby Perkins. Biographical
- 4 Perkins, Marion N. Biographical
- 5 Perkins, Fannie. Correspondence 1930-32 and college commencement program
- 6 Hayes. Pearl H. and Sue Digby Hayes. Miscellaneous (Laura Perkins sister & brother in-law)
- 7 M.A. Perkins. Tax receipts, land records, newsclippings, 1895-1899. Jeff Davis County, TX.
- 8 Tax statements and receipts. 1901, 1904, 1926
- 9 Properties - water rights, deeds, leases
- 10 Arizona Cattle Growers' Association
- 11 Cattle sales, contracts, etc.
- 12 Cattle brands
- 13 Grazing permits

Box 2 Account books & Payroll records

- Folder 1 1878
- 2 1878-1893
- 3 1886-1887; 1898-1913
- 4 1888-1890; 1891-1893 and checkbooks 1896-1899
- 5 1893-1906
- 6 1894-1896
- 7 1897-1898

Box 3 Account books & Payroll records

- Folder 1 1891-1919
- 2 1900-1902
- 3 1902-1908; 1910-1914 Cattle count
- 4 1900-1928
- 5 1915-1918 Cattle records; 1916-1933 Calves branded
- 6 1918-1919 Cattle Sales
- 7 1918-1927 Cattle Sales

Box 4 Account Books

- Folder 1 M.N. and R.E. Perkins and Fannie Perkins. Account books, 1929-1946, Payroll records 1930-1936
- 2 Robert E. Perkins, ledgers 1938-1951
- 3 Robert E. Perkins, ledgers 1944-1960

Box 5

- Folder 1 Perkins Cattle Company. Corporate Records 1933- 1946. Articles of Incorporation, By-laws meeting minutes
- 2 Robert E. & Laura Perkins. Ledger 1955-1963 (includes personal assets)
- 3 Cancelled checks and bank statements, 1927-1929
- 4 Souvenir medals

Box 6

Book of piano music (1860s). Belonged to Laura Perkins' mother, Sallie M. Murman

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