

MANUSCRIPT RECORD

Barnes, Will C., 1858-1936

Papers: 1878-1945  
Cubic Feet: 17.5

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William Croft Barnes, pioneer Arizona Indian fighter, cattleman, legislator, conservationist and author, was born in San Francisco, California on June 21, 1858. He received his early education in Minneapolis, Minnesota and LaPorte, Indiana. Barnes was appointed telegrapher at Ft. Apache in 1880 and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1881 for heroic service there.

After leaving the military in 1882, Barnes went into the cattle business in the Holbrook area. He became general manager and principal owner of the Esperanza Cattle Company, one of the largest cattle concerns in Apache County. Barnes entered civil public service in 1890, serving on the Apache County Board of Supervisors in that year. He was elected to the Territorial legislature in 1891 and named to the Arizona commission to the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. Barnes served as Chairman of the Arizona Live Stock Board from 1897 to 1900. In the latter year Barnes moved to New Mexico where he was elected to that Territory's legislature in 1901. He was chairman of the New Mexico Live Stock Board from 1902 to 1907 when he joined the Forest Service under conservationist Gifford Pinchot. For most of his twenty-one years with the Forest Service he was instrumental in developing and administering grazing policy.

Barnes retired in 1928 and shortly afterwards became Secretary of the U.S. Geographic Board in Washington, D. C. Until retiring again in 1930, Barnes was credited with clarifying confusing instances of place names throughout the country. He returned to Arizona in 1930 to work on his compilation which was published in 1935 under the title Arizona Place Names. Barnes was a prolific writer attracted to popular as well as technical subjects. Many of his publications were illustrated with his own photographs.

Will C. Barnes married Edith Talbot in Phoenix in 1897. He died on December 17, 1936 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C. The Will C. Barnes Papers were given to the Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society by his widow in 1937.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of 35 boxes of manuscript material arranged in eight series: (1) Incoming General Correspondence, 1890-1945; (2) Outgoing General Correspondence, 1899-1938; (3) Diaries, 1878-1936; (4) Business Papers, 1898-1932; (5) Manuscripts; (6) Research Material; (7) Printed Matter; and (8) Photographs.

The collection relates to the various professions and interests of William C. Barnes. The collection is especially valuable for the material it contains regarding the Territorial history of Arizona in particular, and the Southwest in general. The material documents activities in military, political, scientific and artistic fields; livestock and cattle grazing; range management and land conservation; Arizona fauna and flora; origins of geographic names; native American groups and cultures; and culture of the world.

Series One and Two consist of incoming and outgoing correspondence, respectively. Important topics and individuals represented in the correspondence include: Colonel William C. Greene and ranching in Sonora, Mexico, (with Colin Cameron, January 17, 1905-May 27, 1909); place names of Arizona, (with John Cameron, January 15, 1931-October 24, 1934); Edith Kitt, October 12, 1929-October 8, 1936; E. G. Miller, August 21, 1929-October 15, 1934; William Neifert, November 19, 1935-December 9, 1936; and A. F. Potter, July 18, 1907-November 25, 1936; Dr. Carlos Montozuma, an Apache Indian (with Charles Gibson, April 3, 1934-May 11, 1935; Mr. Kennicott, January 12, 1935); early New Mexico politics (with J. Hagerman, February 15, 1907-July 29, 1928; James Garfield, March 9-December 28, 1907); native Arizona flora and fauna (with W. A. Dayton, September 4, 1928-August 13, 1932; J. J. Thornber, March 18, 1932-September 22, 1936); Pleasant Valley War; and the Washknife outfit (with Earle Forest, October 16, 1924-August 21, 1928);

Arizona state revenue and tariffs on copper (with L. W. Douglas, May 13, 1932-September 10, 1934); Mormon migration and settlement (with Joseph Fielding Smith, August 23, 1933-December 13, 1935; Andrew Jonson, September 9, 1933-November 24, 1934); range management (with H. A. Jastro, February 3, 1908-June 28, 1910; Dwight Hoard, March 3, 1908-January 3, 1925); and Barnes' publications (with H. E. Maule, April 1, 1929-January 1, 1935; William M. Raino, April 30, 1929-December 15, 1934).

Series Three consists of diaries, 1878-1936. The journal kept during Barnes' service at Ft. Apache documents fort activities and the Indian raids of the late 1870s and early 1880s. Diaries maintained during Barnes' employment with the United States Forest Service contain notes on land erosion, over-grazing of lands, livestock and forestry. In these volumes he recorded observations made during inspection trips. A number of diaries were kept during a world tour from 1929 to 1931. Barnes often kept personal and professional diaries simultaneously. This practice resulted in an overlap of dates between the two types of diaries.

Series Four consists of business records, 1898-1936. The records relate to Barnes' partnerships in commercial and literary ventures and to his professional career.

Series Five consists of manuscripts written by Barnes relating to a wide range of topics which reflect his interest in life in Arizona from the Territorial period through statehood. Topics included are: origins of place names; conservation of land and wildlife; folklore; cowboy songs; and travel. Series Five also contains his autobiography which was published posthumously under the title Apache and Longhorns.

Series Six consists of research materials relating to the manuscripts included in Series Five. The bulk of the material is arranged by subject. Major categories include origins of names for places and natural monuments; conservation of land and wildlife; folklore; cowboy songs; humor; and travel. Of particular interest are the note cards Barnes compiled for preparation of Arizona Place Names.

Series Seven consists of printed matter which reflect Barnes' interests in Arizona and Southwest history; origins of place names; conservation;

Indian groups and culture; folklore; and travel. Boxes nineteen through twenty-two contain ten scrapbooks. A copy of Barnes' index to these scrapbooks is included in the inventory. The printed matter in boxes twenty-three through twenty-five have not been indexed.

Series Eight consists of photographs taken by Will C. Barnes. The photographs reflect Barnes' interest in Arizona and Southwest history; place names; conservation; Indian groups and culture; folklore; and travel.

The certificates listed below have been transferred to the Certificate Collection:

Arizona Pioneers Association, 1936  
Order of Indian Wars, 1927  
Order of Indian Wars, U.S., 1927  
North Pole Excursion, 1929  
(to Mrs. Edith Barnes)

## DESCRIPTION

## SERIES ONE INCOMING GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1890-1945

## Box 1

Folder 1	A	1928-1936
Folder 2	B	1911-1936
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Folder 28	Y	1931
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(Barnes, Mrs. Edith)

## SERIES TWO OUTGOING GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1899-1938

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Volume 1 Letter Press		1899-1905
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Folder 46	O	1905-1936
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Folder 49	R	1912-1935
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Folder 51	T	1913-1935
Folder 52	U	1926-1936
Folder 53	V	1909-1935
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Folder 55	Z	1913-1921
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(Barnes, Mrs. Edith)

## SERIES THREE DIARIES, 1878-1936

## Box 6

Item 1	1904-1905
Item 2	(Missing)
Item 3	1906-1910
Item 4	1907
Item 5	1908
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Item 7	1907-1908
Item 8	1910-1927
Item 9	1910
Item 10	1926
Item 11	1910
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Item 21	1914
Item 22	1914
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Item 47	undated
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Folder 65	Arizona Place Names	V-Z
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Folder 72	Pioneers
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Folder 75	Autobiography
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Folder 81	Land conservation
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## Box 13

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## SERIES SIX RESEARCH MATERIAL

## Box 13

Arizona Place Names cards	A-B
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## SERIES SIX (CONT)

## Box 16

Folder 92	General, Places
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## SERIES SEVEN PRINTED MATERIAL

NOTE: Scrapbook index at end of inventory

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Folder 122	Animals and Livestock
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Folder 135	Birds
Folder 136	Boats and ships
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Folder 138	Buildings
Folder 139	Burros
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Folder 142	Camps-tents
Folder 143	Cattle
Folder 144	Cattle grazing
Folder 145	Cattle brands and branding
Folder 146	Cattle stockyards
Folder 147	Cemeterys
Folder 148	Cowboy equipment
Folder 149	Dams
Folder 150	Erosion
Folder 151	Farms
Folder 152	Fences and corrals
Folder 153	Fish
Folder 154	Flora and fauna

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## Box 27

Folder 155	Horses-harnesses
Folder 156	Pack horses
Folder 157	Indians-Apaches
Folder 158	Indians-Big Hole Battle site
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Folder 167	Indians-Zuni
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Folder 176	Oxen
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Folder 184	Sheep diseases
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Folder 225	Hawaii
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Folder 230	Panama
Folder 231	Philippine Islands
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Skunks  
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Montezuma Well  
Payson, Arizona  
Navajo Springs  
Coolidge Dam  
Fort (Camp) Date Creek  
Fort Bowie  
Pearce, Arizona  
Sells, Arizona  
Jacob's Lake, Arizona  
Yuma, Arizona  
Prisons-Old Penitentiary-Yuma, Arizona  
House Rock  
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Nogales, Sonora-Revolution  
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Red Lake, Arizona  
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Stage Stations of 1880 (Sentinel)  
Sentinel Stage Station  
Prescott, Arizona  
Grave of Mrs. Carrie A. Stanton at Conco.  
Mrs. Will C. Barnes  
Crook Road from Ft. Verde to Ft. Apache  
Grave of Capt. J. C. Hunt, U.S. First  
Cavalry, Walnut Grove Dam Site  
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Fort Wingate  
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Map-Jesse Chisholm Trail  
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Map-Jesse Chisholm Trail  
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Folder 245 Buffalo  
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Roosevelt Lake  
Range Cattle

Folder 250 Phoenix-1914  
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St. Johns, Arizona  
St. Joseph, Arizona  
Salome, Arizona  
Hall, Dick Wick  
Pleasant Valley, Arizona  
Superstition Mountains, Arizona  
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Salt River Valley  
Cotton

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Cattle-Arizona  
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Al Sieber-Monument-Roosevelt Dam, Arizona  
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Kit Carson House-New Mexico  
Indians-Moqui Villages-1893  
Indians-Moqui-Snake Dance-1893  
Indians-Snake Dance-1893  
Indians-Moqui families  
California  
Indians-Supai  
Ft. McDowell, Arizona-on Verde River  
Stages-Prescott to Phoenix-1892  
Canyon Creek-1892  
Cooper, Andy  
Ramer, Jim  
Pleasant Valley  
Montezuma Castle  
Colorado River-1889  
Needles, Arizona-1889  
Ft. Apache-1881  
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 Robert Casbeer  
 St. Johns-House of T.D. Bunch  
 Snow Flake-House of Charlie Flake  
 St. Johns-Gus Becker, 1892  
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