

Accession # 2008.22

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Title

The Frank Pierce Drew Collection

Dates

1855-1930

Extent

1 folder : 1 cm textual materials (photocopies)

Creator

David Drew

Biographical History

Frank Pierce Drew was born in Sacramento, California, in 1855. He moved to Arizona in 1880 after his friend, Joe Woods, wrote to him and told him how wonderful it was in Arizona. He worked for Greer's Ranch in Hunt, Arizona as a ranch hand for one season and then sent for his mother and sisters. One sister, Lizzie, became a governess for the Greer children. In 1883 Frank married Deseret Diannah Rutter (néé Greer) in Apache County, Arizona Territory. Soon they moved under the Mogollon Rim on Sharp Creek, which is near Christopher Creek in Arizona. They had six children but only Baldwin N. was listed as having been born in the Tonto Basin area. Frank's sons always said that their home in their formative years was at the "homestead" on Sharp Creek, so called even though the land was never patented. The home has now disappeared, but marking the spot is a plaque placed by Frank's sons William and Cecil in 1958.

Many of Frank's brands were registered in the area. In 1892 Frank registered to vote.

In 1896, Frank and Dessie moved to Mesa for unknown reasons; however, a letter from Dessie to "mother" said they had to be out by October 1. (The letter is not part of this collection.) It is believed they sold out to another rancher, but there is no record of sale.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of photocopies of materials relating to Frank Pierce Drew, the Drew and Greer families, and their ranches and activities in the Payson area. Materials include photographs, maps and directions, marriage certificates, brand registrations, a bibliography, and a family tree.

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research.

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Languages and Scripts of the Materials

All materials are in English.

Finding Aids

Collection index available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition/Provenance

This collection was donated to the Northern Gila County Historical Society, Inc., by David Drew in March 2008. David Drew is the great-grandson of Frank Pierce Drew.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Existence and Location of Originals

The original materials were retained by David Drew.

Preferred Citation

Bibliographic citations must cite the title of the collection, the box number (or other location) and the Northern Gila County Historical Society, Inc. Please use the following example:

Doris Sturgis to Senator Barry Goldwater, Box 1, Folder 1, the Doris Sturges Harger Papers, Marguerite Noble Library, Northern Gila County Historical Society, Inc.

Description Control

Finding aid written by Carol Sigsbee, December 2009

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Access Points

1985 U.S. Forest Service Surface and Historical Study

Armstrong, F. M.

Bear Flat (Ariz.)

Concho (Ariz.)

Drew, Baldwin N. "N.B." (b.1892)

Drew, Cecil Levi Lacy (b.1889)

Drew, Deseret Diannah "Dessie" Rutter (née Greer)

Drew, Francis "Frank" Pearce (b.1855)

Drew, Ella (b.1884)

Drew Lloyd A. (b.1896)

Drew, William Frank (b.1885)

Drew Trail (Ariz.)

F. P. Drew and Sons Lumber Yard

Greer, Nat
Greer, Thomas
Greer Ranch (Ariz.)
"Lazy T" Brand
Mesa (Ariz.)
Mogollon Rim (Ariz.)
O'Malley Lumber Company
"Open A Bar" Brand
"Pitchfork Triangle" Brand
Sharp Creek (Ariz.)
St. John's Precinct, Apache County, Arizona Territory
Tonto Basin (Ariz.)
Woodruff (Ariz.)
Woods, Joe