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**Title:** Genung Family Papers SHM MS-5

**Creator:** Charles Baldwin Genung & Family

**Dates:** 1860-1950

**Quantity:** 1 linear foot, 22" (3 boxes), 1 folder Oversize Drawer MS5-Folder 4

**System of Arrangement:**

- Series 1 Family Members
- Series 2 Genung Ranch/ Homestead
- Series 3 Photo Negatives
- Series 4 Wickenburg Massacre
- Series 5 'Old Mary' Ju-Ju-bu-eetcha
- Series 6 Maps
- Series 7 Oversize Items

**Abstract:**

Charles Baldwin Genung (1836-1916) arrived in the Arizona Territory, from California in 1863 as part of the mining surge in Central Arizona. Genung settled in Peoples Valley, Arizona where he ranched and farmed with his wife Ida Elizabeth Hester Smith (1848-1933). Genung was involved in mining, ranching, and local/state affairs.

The collection contains personal correspondence, manuscripts (published and unpublished), accounts of regional events in Yavapai County, Arizona, hand drawn maps of a regional transportation route (Kirkland to Wickenburg) and the Colorado River Indian Reservation which Genung supervised, as well as numerous photo negatives of both the family and Prescott/Yavapai County.

**Identification:** SHM MS-5

**Language and Scripts of the Materials:** English

**Biographical History**

Charles Baldwin Genung ( 1839- 1916) was born at Penn Yan, Yates County, New York, July 22, 1839 to Oshea and Amanda Genung. He relocated to San Francisco with his mother in 1850 hoping to overcome the tuberculosis Charles had battled for years. Charles' mother established a daguerreotype gallery in Downville, California while



Genung worked for the Sierra Citizen, a small newspaper in north- central California. In 1858 Genung and his mother went to Hong Kong to engage in portrait photography. They remained in Hong Kong for two years and returned to California in early 1860.

Late in the summer of 1863, with his health in poor condition, Genung left San Francisco with Dr. John R. Howard and John W. Beauchamp to Los Angeles, where they switched to horseback for the journey to Sonora, Mexico, and a better climate. Before leaving Los Angeles, word of a gold strike at Rich Hill in Arizona came and Genung joined Cal Myers and Ben Weaver for the journey to Arizona. Crossing at La Paz the group moved up the Colorado to Williams Fork then inland to Weaver, Az.. Arriving at the future site of Walnut Grove Dam, the group began prospecting until finding the Montgomery (Climax) lode, the first quartz mine north of the Gila River.

Charles Baldwin Genung married Ida Elizabeth Hester Smith (1848-1933) February 16, 1869 in San Bernardino, California. Ida E.H. Smith Genung was born in Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie, Iowa October 7, 1848 and died in Prescott, Yavapai, Arizona November 11, 1933. Charles and Ida had one child, Grace Genung Chapman born May 17, 1884, Peeples Valley, Yavapai, Arizona Territory. Grace served as the Yavapai County recorder from 1923-1954, and volunteered with many organizations. Grace died in Yavapai County on May 1, 1959.

Genung voted in the first Territorial election in 1864. He assisted Henry Wickenburg in building the first arrastra to extract gold at the Vulture Mine north of Wickenburg (It is rumored that Genung was the first to refer to the town as 'Wickenburg'. In 1867, George W. Dent, brother-in-law to President Grant, placed Genung in charge of the Colorado River Reservation where Indian labor built the first irrigation canal paid for with federal funds in Arizona.

In March of 1871, Genung turned to farm homesteading Peeples Valley. Genung lived out his life as a farmer and rancher in Peeples Valley and became one of the best known citizens of Yavapai County. Genung died at his home in Peeples Valley August 18, 1916, age 77 and is buried in Citizens Cemetery in Prescott.

The Genung family, and descendents continued ranching in Peeples Valley for many years and are still involved with writing, and social, and political events in Yavapai County, Arizona.

## **Scope and Content Note**

This collection contains personal correspondence, manuscripts (published and unpublished) by several members of the Genung Family, accounts of regional events in Yavapai County, Arizona, hand drawn maps of regional transportation route ( Wickenburg to Kirkland) and the Colorado River Indian Reservation which Genung



supervised. It also includes numerous photo negatives of both the family, friends and the Peoples Valley area in early 1900s.

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None

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## Related Archival Materials & Subjects

Genung, Dan B. *Death in His Saddlebags: Charles Baldwin Genung , Arizona Pioneer.* Sunflower University Press, Manhattan, Kansas, 1992. ISBN 0-89745-149-x

Genung Family Vertical File

Peoples Valley Pioneer Cemetery Vertical File

Arizona Indian Wars Vertical File

DB312, folder 8-Mining Claim Genung

Elladean Hayes Bittner Oral History Tape 1437

Ed Genung Oral History Tape 56

Fred Genung Oral History Tape 852-853

Helen Chapman Wilburn Oral History Tape 95

## Library of Congress Subject Headings Compliant

### Personal Name(s)

[Genung, Charles Baldwin](#)

Genung, Fred

### Geographic Name(s)

[Peoples Valley \(Ariz. : Town\)](#)

## Administrative Information

### Custodial History



**Accession #92.032**

Materials found in this collection were donated by Bill Roberts, editor of Traveler, to the Sharlot Hall Museum on April 22, 1992. The materials were accessioned into the archives and museum later that month, and given the accession number #92.032. The scheme used a document box number system and the materials were originally cataloged as Document Box 330, and Photograph RA 179 pac, and Vertical File – ‘Hotels, Restaurants, Saloons .’

**Accession #92.049**

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**Accession #2006.098**

Materials found in this collection were donated by Francella Towne to the Sharlot Hall Museum on September 26, 2006. The materials were accessioned into the archives and museum later that month, and given the accession number #2006.098. The materials were originally cataloged as Document Box 21, F5, F6.

**Accruals:**

None expected.

**Description Control**

This collection was processed by Cellene Smith using *Describing Archives: a Content Standard (DACs)* in 2014.



## Container List

**Title:** Family Members

**Dates:** 1872-2005

**Series Scope & Content:** Correspondence, manuscripts, personal notes of various Genung Family Members.

Series 1: Family Members		
Box/Folder	File/Item Description	Date(s)
1.1	Burton Edward Genung (obituary)	1914-2005
1.2	Charles Baldwin Genung (manuscript, articles and correspondence)	1838-1916
1.3	Charles Genung- Personal Correspondence	1901-1915
1.4	Dan Genung (manuscript, correspondence)	1872-?
1.5	George Genung – Manuscripts	1911
1.6	George Genung – Manuscripts	1911
1.7	George Genung – Manuscript and Article	1897-1911
1.8	George Genung – Manuscripts	1911
1.9	George Genung – Scrapbook	1911
1.10	George Genung – Manuscripts	1911
1.11	George Genung – Manuscripts	1911
1.12	George Genung – Personal Notes	1911
2.1	Grace Genung Chapman (correspondence, photos)	1912-1948
2.2	Ida Genung (interview, manuscript, articles)	1848-1933
2.3	Genung Children Birth Certificates (Edward Burton, and George Walter)	1879-1881
2.4	Genung Ancestors – Photos	unknown

**Title:** Genung Ranch/ Homestead

**Dates:** 1915-1931

**Series Scope & Content:** Brand Registration, Grazing Allotments, Photos of Ranch House

Series 2: Genung Ranch/ Homestead		
Box/Folder	File/Item Description	Date(s)
2.5	Brand Registration Papers	1915-1931
2.6	Genung Ranch – Mulberry Grazing Allotment	1966
2.7	Genung Ranch - Photos	1915-1931



**Title: Photo Negatives**

**Dates:** 1883-1944

**Series Scope & Content:** Individual of Genung Family, Activities, Business Photos, Ranch Activities.

<b>Series 3: Photo Negatives</b>		
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>File/Item Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
2.8	Photo Negatives	1883-1944
2.9	Photo Negatives	1850-1952
	Indexes listing individual negatives are included in both files.	

**Title: Wickenburg Massacre**

**Dates:** 1872

**Series Scope & Content:** Written account of Massacre

<b>Series 4: Wickenburg Massacre</b>		
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>File/Item Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
2.10	Wickenburg Massacre (personal account)	1872

**Title: “Old Mary” Ju-Ju-bu-eetcha**

**Dates:** Early 1900s

**Series Scope & Content:** Articles, photos, accounts of ‘Old Mary’ Yavapai Indian woman and long time resident of Genung Ranch and environs.

<b>Series 5: ‘Old Mary’ Ju-Ju-bu-eetcha</b>		
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>File/Item Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
2.11	‘Old Mary’ Ju-Ju-bu-eetcha (article and photos), Yavapai Indian woman associated with Genung Family	early 1900s

**Title: Maps**

**Dates:** 1864-1912

**Series Scope & Content:** Hand drawn maps of Colorado River Indian Reservation and Wickenburg to Kirkland Wagon Road.

<b>Series 6: Maps</b>		
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>File/Item Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
2.12	Charles B. Genung- Colorado River Indian Reservation Map and letter.	1912
2.13	Wickenburg to Kirkland Wagon Road Map	1864-5



**Title:** Oversize Items

**Dates:** 1890-1966

**Series Scope & Content:** Photos, Maps, Guest Ledger page, Homestead Plat, Homestead Patent, and Portrait Ida Genung.

<b>Series 7: Oversize Items</b>		
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>File/Item Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
MS5-Oversize Drawer 1, F4. I-1	Guest Ledger Page #2289	1924
MS5- Oversize Drawer1, F4, I-2	Charles Genung (PO2387pa)	unknown
MS5-Oversize drawer 1, F4 .I-3	Charles Genung (PO2387pb)	unknown
MS5- Oversize drawer-1. F-4. I-4	Charles Genung (PO2387pc)	unknown
MS5- Oversize drawer 1. F4. I-5	Mulberry Range Improvement Map	1966
MS5- Oversize drawer1. F4 .I-6	Homestead Description Patent #721689 Frederick W. Genung	1916
MS5- Oversize drawer 1. F4.I-7	Plat of Homestead Entry Survey #89, Frederick W. Genung	1916
3 I-1	Ida Genung (PO2350pb)	c.1890s