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Abstract: This is a collection of manuscripts by Captain W. H. Hardy regarding his life and experiences in Arizona from 1867-1887. Some were printed in the newspaper *Mohave County Miner* between 1887 and 1889. These are typed manuscripts and copies, all of which are undated.  
creator: Hardy, William Harrison, Captain, 1823-1906  
Scope and Contents  
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Biographical note  
William Harrison Hardy, born in Allegany County, New York on April 25, 1823, was a pioneer adventurer, town builder, and businessman. He went to California with a wagon train in 1849 and became "Captain Hardy" when elected captain of the company. Captain Hardy, as he was known for the rest of his life, was drawn to the new frontier of the Territory of Arizona and founded the town of Hardyville, in 1865, at the approximate site of the present day Bullhead City. He erected a cluster of adobe buildings for a mercantile store, hotel, and saloon. He took an active, influential role in Territorial politics. He established the post office (and invented a riveted mail sack still in use today), ferry crossing at Hardyville, and a stage line and mail route to Prescott on a toll road.  
In later years Captain Hardy was a member of the first board of prison commissioners who supervised the construction of the Arizona Territorial Prison at Yuma. He died a man of modest means at the home of his sister in Whittier, California in June 1906.  
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