

WILLIAM N. CALDWELL COLLECTION-MSS 9

Records: 1911-1971

No. of Items: 1 Box, .5 cu.ft.

Provenance: Donated to the Arizona Historical Society in 2012 by the Arizona Historical Foundation.

This collection was donated by William N. Caldwell who was the owner of the Crusader Flag Company and involved in educating the public on the history of Arizona and its flag. Documentary materials consist of correspondence, manuscripts, fact sheets, and newspaper clippings regarding Arizona's flags and seals as well as the state tree, flower, and bird. Most of the items in the collection pertain to flags: U.S., Rough Rider, Spanish, and Arizona.

- Folder 1: Arizona Seals (Territorial, State, County)
- Stickers and envelopes with state seal for Arizona's 50th Birthday
 - Explanation of the Anniversary State Seal
 - Correspondence - Re: County Seals
 - List of Elective County officials for Arizona 1969-1970
- Folder 2: Arizona- Song
- Arizona march song as adopted by Fourth State Legislature
- Folder 3: Song - "This Nation Under God"
- "This Nation Under God" by Glad Robinson Youse
 - Correspondence
 - Cost sheets for printing records
 - Jacket of a record which is in "A.V." material file
 - Receipts for recording and dubs
- Folder 4: Commemorative Stamp Bulletin
- Regarding the 4 cent Arizona statehood commemorative postage stamps
 - Related correspondence and a short newspaper clipping
- Folder 5: Arizona- State Bird "Cactus Wren"
- Essay on the bill introducing the state bird
 - Copy of the actual bill introducing the state bird
 - Color drawings of the state bird

- Folder 6: Arizona - State Flower “Saguaro Cactus Blossom”
- Essay on the State Flower and how it came to pass in the legislation
 - Color pictures of the state flower
- Folder 7: Arizona - State Tree “Palo Verde”
- Essay on the state tree
 - Pictures of the state tree
 - Copy of the bill adopting the palo verde as the state tree
- Folder 8: Arizona - State Nickname
- Pamphlet on the origin of the Arizona name
 - Essay on Arizona’s nickname
 - Newspaper articles on the state’s name and origin
- Folder 9: Rough Rider Flag
- Correspondence - Re: Caldwell’s acceptance as an honorary Rough Rider member
 - Correspondence - Re: Obtaining a new flag case for the Rough Rider Flag
 - Story of the Rough Rider flag
 - Plans of the map case for the Rough Rider flag
- Folder 10: Rough Riders
- Articles about the Rough Riders
 - Pictures of Arizona’s Rough Rider Flag of the United States
- Folder 11: Arizona - Flag
- Correspondence - Re: Arizona’s flag
 - Pictures of the State flag
 - History of the State flag
- Folder 12: U.S. Flag - Laws Regarding Desecration
- Correspondences re: flag desecration laws
 - Arizona Statutes regarding the state flag
 - Papers of the court case Sharon Crosson vs. Rose Silver
- Folder 13: U.S. Flag - Miscellaneous
- Law regarding the U.S. flag
 - Newspaper clippings

- Folder 14: Flags - Spanish
 - Notes on the flag of Grenada
 - Correspondence
 - Article on Spanish flags
 - Picture of the Castilian flag of Spain
- Folder 15: Arizona - Flag Day
 - Proclamation of Arizona State Flag Day - 1971
 - Correspondence
 - News Release
- Folder 16: Arizona - Statehood Anniversary
 - Proclamation of Statehood Anniversary
 - Paul Fannin biographical sketch
- Folder 17: Caldwell - Manuscript
 - "Flags Over Arizona" By William N. Caldwell
- Folder 18: Newspaper Clippings
 - Miscellaneous
- Folder 19: Harris, Charles W. - Biographical File
- Folder 20: Arizona State Symbols and Constitution
 - Book: Arizona: State Symbols and Constitution
 -Copies of the front cover
- Folder 21: Miscellaneous
 - Arizona Rifle Team -list of members 1911
 - Note on various flags: Confederate flag, Kearney flag, Fremont
 flag, flags of Arizona, Mexican flag

Richard Knaefel
11/11/91

Biographical sketch of William N. Caldwell

EDUCATIONAL:

Graduate, University of Pittsburgh, June 1949, B.S. degree in Psychology

Elected to the Board of Trustees, Maricopa County Elementary School District #83;
1960-1965

Arizona State Certification as Special Instructor at Community College level, 1978-
current

Recipient of commendation from Governor of Arizona for contribution to Arizona
Education

Recipient of commendation from U.S. Senator for contribution to Arizona Education

Certificate of Appreciation from Phi Delta Kappa for contribution to Arizona education

LITERARY:

Author & Publisher of ARIZONA STATE SYMBOLS AND CONSTITUTION;
approved by State Department of Public Instruction as supplemental textbook on
Arizona History.

Author of FLAGS OVER ARIZONA; comprehensive history of Arizona State flag;
Arizona Highways Magazine, March, 1970

Author of OUR FLAG, published by Sertoma International

Contributor (article) to THE FLAG BULLETIN, a journal of Vexillology, regarding
historical research on flags.

LECTURER:

Platform appearances to over 300 clubs and organizations throughout the state of
Arizona on the subject of the history and symbolism of the American Flag.

Guest lecturer four times on Elks Flag Day program; includes two television

appearances on Phoenix T.V.

Special July 4th appearance on Rita Davenport's T.V. show, "Open House".

Guest speaker on several radio shows, including Bill Lester's "Top of the Desk", regarding flag symbolism and promotion.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

National Speaker's Association- 1976 to present

International Platform Association

BUSINESS:

Owner of CRUSADER FLAG COMPANY; sale of flags, banners and flagpoles. Set up numerous flag sale promotions through newspapers and clubs.
(see Don Dederer's newspaper article)

Licensed real estate broker in Arizona since 1971.

Promotional sales and merchandising for large national corporations, such as Lever Brothers, Andrew Jergens, Helene Curtis, and American Greetings.

MILITARY:

Served in World War II; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Parachutist; eighteen months in the South Pacific, including New Guinea and the Philippines

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY:

Previous affiliations with:

Civil Defense Auxiliary Police

Little League; coach & umpire

P.T.A.; treasurer & Vice Pres.

Deputy County Registrar

Cub Scouts

Boy Scouts

Precinct Committeeman

American Legion - special award for Americanism

V.F.W.

RELIGION:

Elder in Presbyterian Church
Gave “sermon” entitled IS GOD A FLAG WAVER?

PERSONAL DATA:

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
Arizona resident since 1957
Married Dorothy Boyd January 30, 1948
Two grown children: one in ministry, one an attorney
Two fabulous, fantastic granddaughters (unbiased opinion)

SPECIAL AWARD:

Appointed Honorary Rough Rider, K Troop, 1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry; Sep't. 11, 1972, for work done in preserving historic flag of that unit, and for writing its history in Arizona Highways Magazine, March 1970

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