



**TITLE:** Southern Arizona Bank Alumni Association collection

**DATE RANGE:** 1924-1993 (bulk 1953-1993)

**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1493

**LOCATION:** Arizona History Museum, 949 E Second St, Tucson, AZ 85719

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.5 linear ft. (3 boxes)

**PROVENANCE:** Donated by Daniel Kujawa, Southern Arizona Bank Alumni Association, January 2018.

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**HISTORICAL NOTE:** The Southern Arizona Bank and Trust Company was incorporated by William H. Barnes, Nathaniel E. Plumber, Fred J. Steward, William Preston Hill, and Benjamin F. Ray on January 23, 1903, under a charter from the Territory of Arizona. It opened for business on May 1, 1903 with an authorized capital of \$100,000 and Plumber as the bank's first president. The first location of the Southern Arizona Bank was at 32 North Stone Avenue in Tucson and offered general banking services, as well as a trust, real estate, and insurance department.

This was the first bank in Tucson to pay interests on savings accounts and to make mortgage loans for the construction of new homes. When the bank joined the Federal Reserve System in 1933, the realty and insurance services were separated. On May 14, 1975, the Southern Arizona Bank and Trust Company was acquired by First National Bank of Arizona. At the time of the merger, the bank had 27 locations in Arizona.

The Southern Arizona Bank Alumni Association was formed around 1977 under the direction of Jim Kingston and Ray Raimondi, as a way for employees of the original bank to keep in touch after the merger. Members gathered annually for a reunion.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** This collection contains photographs and papers concerning the Southern Arizona Bank and the Southern Arizona Bank Alumni Association. Photographs include bank locations, employees and affiliates, and photographs of the Alumni Association annual reunions. Papers include pamphlets, writings on the history of the bank and its role in Tucson, newsletters, and newspaper clippings. Also included in the collection is a scrapbook of advertisements in English and Spanish from April 1924 to May 1925, as well as a red deposit bag with lettering “Southern Arizona Bank and Trust Company Tucson, Arizona.”

This collection has been arranged into the following series.

**Series I: Papers and Publications** contains information on the history of the Southern Arizona Bank, bank pamphlets, employee handbook papers, newsletters and newspapers clippings.

**Series II: Photographs** is organized into three sub-series: locations, people, and annual reunions. Photographs and artist rendering are of unidentified and identified bank locations in Tucson. Photographs of employees and affiliates are mostly unidentified. Annual Reunion photographs are indicated by year and include mostly unidentified members. Each folder of annual reunion photographs is preceded by a report of that reunion.

**Series III: Memorabilia** consists of two oversized items including a scrapbook of newspaper advertisements for the bank and a deposit bag.

**SUBJECT TERMS:** Banks and banking -- Arizona; Banks and banking -- History. -- Arizona

**RELATED MATERIALS:** Several oral histories reference the bank and its history.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

<b>Series I: Papers</b>			
<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>1</b>	1	<b>Papers:</b> “Arizona-The Energy to Grow”	undated
	2	<b>Papers:</b> Articles of Incorporation; Bank Pamphlets	1956
	3	<b>Papers:</b> Bank Pamphlets	undated
	4	<b>Papers:</b> Employee Handbook	ca 1965
	5	<b>Papers:</b> Newsletters	1953
	6	<b>Papers:</b> History of Southern Arizona Bank	1971, 1973
	7	<b>Papers:</b> Newsletters	1954–1983
	8	<b>Papers:</b> Newspaper Clippings	undated
<b>Series II: Photographs</b>			
<b>2</b>	1	<b>Photographs:</b> Annual Reunion	undated
	2	<b>Photographs:</b> Annual Reunion	1987
	3	<b>Photographs:</b> Annual Reunion	1989
	4	<b>Photographs:</b> Annual Reunion	1990-1991
	5	<b>Photographs:</b> Annual Reunion	1992
	6	<b>Photographs:</b> Annual Reunion	1993

	7	<b>Photographs:</b> Branches and Locations, identified	undated
	8	<b>Photographs:</b> Branches and Locations, unidentified	undated
	9	<b>Photographs:</b> Employees and Affiliates, identified	undated
	10	<b>Photographs:</b> Employees and Affiliates, unidentified	undated
<b>Series III: Memorabilia</b>			
<b>3</b>	Item 1	<b>Memorabilia:</b> Deposit Bag	Undated
	Item 2	<b>Memorabilia:</b> Scrapbook - Bank Advertisements	1924-1925