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MS 0177
Bernice Cosulich
Papers, 1928-1952

DESCRIPTION

The collection includes the research notes of Bernice Cosulich from her time as a writer in Tucson. There are notes on topics she most frequently covered, such as the Colorado River Controversy; Tohono O'odham Indians; and Catholic missions; and articles printed in local and national publications as well as notes about the history of Tucson, including typescripts of interviews and writings of others, which she possibly used in her book, Tucson.

4 Boxes, 2 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Bernice Cosulich was born in Iowa in 1896. She married Gilbert Cosulich in 1916 and they had one daughter, Donna. Together they lived on the southern border of the United States and in Mexico City and did reporting work. Ms. Cosulich moved to Tucson and reported for the Arizona Daily Star from 1922-1948 as the "state's best known newspaperwoman." Her best work was on the Colorado River Controversy. She simultaneously worked as a correspondent for the New York Times, Life, Time and Fortune. She covered the state legislature from 1941-1946. She retired in 1948 due to health reasons, but continued to research and published a book in 1953 called Tucson.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Bernice Cosulich and Donna Cosulich on various dates.

ACCESS

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ARRANGEMENT

The collection was originally listed at the item level, which is available in Box 1, Folder 1. Reference to these item numbers are made in the Box and Folder Listing.

PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Nancy Siner in June 2009.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

- f.1 Inventory of collection; Bibliography of Cosulich publications
- f.2 (item 10) Photo essay: "The Experiences of a Correspondent"
- f.3 (i. 14-16) Fort Lowell materials
- f.4 (i. 1-9; 11-3; 17) Articles written by Cosulich
- f.5 (i. 18-9) Manuscripts/typescripts
- f.6 (i. 20; 22-5; 29-36) Colorado River Controversy - Pamphlets, maps and charts
- f.7 (i. 26-7; 37-48; 50-1) Colorado River Controversy - Legislative documents and correspondence
- f.8 (i. 21) "The Bridge Canyon Project: Preliminary Report to the Colorado River Commission of Arizona" by Donald Scott, 1942

Box 2

- f.9 (i. 28) "Diversion of the Colorado River Prior to 1941-42"
- f.10 (i. 49) Articles on the Colorado River Controversy, 1943-45
- f.11 (i. 52) Booklet of articles on the Colorado River Controversy
- f.12 (i. 56) Articles on Arizona Legislature, 1943-45
- f.13 (i. 53-5) Life magazine article on the Colorado River Controversy
- f.14 (i. 72-3) Notes on missions, churches and Casa Grande Ruins
- f.15 (i. 69) "Architecture of the Sonora Missions" by De Long and Miller, 1935
- f.16 (i. 57-62) Materials on Tohono O'odham (Papago) Indians

Box 3

- f.17 (i. 70-1) Materials on Mormons and Snowflake, Arizona
- f.18 (i. 63-8) Materials on Missions
- f.19 (i. 74-84) Notes of desert flora and fauna
- f.20 (i. 85-91) Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
- f.21 (i. 92) Letters to and from Cosulich
- f.21a Index of letters in folder 21
- f.22 (i. 93-8) Biographical chronology of John Slaughter and Cora Howell
- f.23 (i. 99-100) John Pershing articles and telegrams related to Cosulich's articles

Box 4

- f.24 (i.101) Fort Huachuca article by Cosulich
- f.25 (i.102-4) Lewis Douglas articles and notes by Cosulich
- f.26 (i. 105-6) "Literary Lantern" articles by Cosulich, 1931-1941
- f.27 (i. 107) Miscellaneous newspaper articles by Cosulich
- f.28 (i. 108) Music and art reviews by Cosulich
- f.29 (i. 109) "Happy Day Column" by Cosulich

Notes and research by others:

- f.30 Early Tucson - Hilario Gallego reminiscences
- f.31 Early amusements in Tucson by C.C. Wheeler
- f.32 Interview with Harry A Drachman about early Tucson businesses, homes, and people by BC and George Chambers
- f.33 Memories of the circus by Harry Drachman
- f.34 Early Tucson - visitor's impressions - misc.

- f.35 Tucson 1880-1884 - Veronica Power
- f.36 George Chambers interviews with pioneers
- f.37 Robert Forbes interview with Sam Hughes
- f.38 Cave Coutts diary notes
- f.39 Early Tucson history in documents (Mrs. Wm. Bell)
- f.40 Tucson in 1896 - Az Daily Star
- f.41 Frank Lockwood columns on pioneers
- f.42 Misc. articles on pioneers

Notes about businesses and business locations:

- f.43 Businesses - Hotels
- f.44 Businesses - Mails and freighting
- f.45 Businesses - Railroad -- SPRR wreck Esmond Station
- f.46 Businesses - Saloons and stables
- f.47 Businesses - Leatherwood stables & R.N. Leatherwood
- f.48 Businesses - Warner's Mill and Store (claim for damages
and William S. Grant claim for damages)
- f.49 Businesses - Zeckendorf store

Notes about historic sites and places:

- f.50 Incorporation of Tucson
- f.51 Tucson City Directory 1881
- f.52 Street names
- f.53 Historic sites - General
- f.54 Sites - Barrio Libre
- f.55 Sites - Capitol Building
- f.56 Sites - Courthouse, also criminals, whipping post
- f.57 Sites - Churches
- f.58 Sites - Cemetery
- f.59 Sites - Governor's Corner
- f.60 Sites - Grass, water, game, rivers, etc. 1852-1900
- f.61 Sites - Levins Garden
- f.62 Sites - Los Reales ghost town (10 mi. s. of Tucson)
- f.63 Sites - Military plaza / Camp Lowell
- f.64 Sites - Missions - San Agustin Mission
- f.65 Sites - Missions - San Xavier, Feast Day, Kino
- f.66 Sites - Overland Stage Depot
- f.67 Sites - Presidio, Spanish settlements
- f.68 Sites - Reids Opera House
- f.69 Sites - Schools
- f.70 Sites - Silver Lake
- f.71 Sites - Springs
- f.72 Sites - Maricopa Wells Stage Station by Stratton
- f.73 Sites - The Wedge
- f.74 Sites - Wishing Shrine
- f.75 Sites - Tucson - Misc.

Notes about individuals:

f.76 Aldrich, Mark
f.77 Brown, Rollin C.
f.78 Hand, George diary
f.79 Heney, Ben (Incl. Handy shooting)
f.80 Hughes, Sam
f.81 Kitchen, Pete
f.82 Roca, Miguel Gonzales
f.83 Warner, Solomon
f.84 Kino, Garces, Anza

Misc. notes:

f.85 Mammoth Excavation (Naco, Az)
f.86 Mormon Battalion
f.87 Politics & elections
f.88 Apache raids
f.32 (i. 113) Miscellaneous papers (bibliographies, donations, etc.)