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**MS 265  
FORT LOWELL  
PROPERTY AND ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY, 1960**

**DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists of a notebook surveying civilian and public property around the Fort Lowell historical area and sketch drawings of excavated officer's quarters. A summary report on the 1960 project titled "Archaeological Investigations at Fort Lowell" prepared by Alfred E. Johnson is included. In addition, there are 41 photos taken during the work commencing on August 22, 1960.

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

Fort Lowell, also called Camp Lowell, situated in the northeastern outskirts of present-day Tucson was the first military post established by the California Column under Col. West on May 20, 1862. Originally established close to Tucson in what is now Military Plaza, in center of present downtown area, Lowell was moved on March 19, 1873 eight miles out of town on the Rillito. Ruins are now included in Tucson Memorial Park. In 1960 the Pima County Parks and Recreation Department decided to construct a new county park at the historic site. The Arizona State Museum carried on a salvage archaeological project at the site for 16 days. Excavation work was confined to the officer's quarters and adjoining outbuilding as these were to be destroyed by the construction of a parking facility.

**ACQUISITION**

Ray Brandes donated the Archaeological Investigation Report, sketch maps, and photos to the Historical Society April 18, 1961. William Goldblatt was credited with taking the pictures.

**ACCESS**

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**PROCESSING**

The collection was originally processed in 1961 and reviewed by William Tackenberg under the supervision of Riva Dean in November 1997.