

Guide to
Arizona State Fair Manuscript Collection, 1978-1995

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HISTORICAL NOTE, SCOPE & CONTENT

Gene Probasco, a Respiratory Therapist by profession and also owner/operator of “Gene’s American Flyer Train Service”, was an annual exhibitor to the Arizona State Fair, at least from 1978 to 1995. The documents in this collection indicate Probasco exhibited Fruits; such as, Lemons, Grapefruit and Oranges, and there are premium slips showing he won cash prizes for his entries. There is also some mention of Probasco collecting unusual pins and buttons.

The collection includes Premium Books and Programs for each State Fair from 1978 to 1995. The Premium Book shows details of all the entry regulations for the various exhibitor categories and the photos of Fair management personnel. Also included are ticket stubs and entry forms for Probasco’s participation at each Fair.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1.

Folder 1: Premium Book(program) for 1978 Az. State Fair and publication showing performers.

Folder 2: Premium Book for 1979 State Fair.

Folder 3: Premium Book for 1980 State Fair, & assorted entry forms.

Folder 4: Premium Book for 1981 State Fair, & assorted entry forms and instructions.

Folder 5: Premium Book for 1982 State Fair, & assorted entry forms and instructions for Eugene Probasco.

Folder 6: Premium Book & Official Souvenir Program for the 1983 State Fair & assorted forms and instructions for Eugene Probasco.

Folder 7: Premium Book & Souvenir Program for 1984 State Fair & entry documents for Eugene Probasco.

Folder 8: Premium Book, Program, News Articles for 1985 State Fair and assorted entry documents for Eugene Probasco.

Folder 9: Premium Book, Program for 1986 State Fair, & assorted entry documents for Eugene Probasco.

Folder 10: Premium Book, Program for 1987 State Fair, & assorted documents and letters for Gene Probasco.

Box 2.

Folder 11: Premium Book, Program for 1988 State Fair & assorted documents related to the Fair and Gene Probasco.

Folder 12: Premium Book for 1989 State Fair, & assorted documents related to the Fair and Gene Probasco, including a letter from Probasco requesting consideration of greater prize awards for exhibitors.

Folder 13: Premium Book, Program for 1990 State Fair & assorted documents related to the Fair.

Folder 14: Premium Book, Program for 1991 State Fair & assorted documents related to the Fair and Probasco. There is a “premium” stating indicating Probasco was awarded \$26.00 for a Fruit exhibit.

Folder 15: Premium Book for 1992 State Fair & assorted documents related to the Fair & Probasco.

Folder 16: Premium Book for 1993 State Fair & assorted documents related to the Fair & Probasco.

Folder 17: Premium Book for 1994 State Fair & assorted documents related to the Fair & Probasco.

Folder 18: Premium Book for 1995 State Fair & assorted documents related to the Fair & Probasco