

TITLE: Roy P. Drachman Papers

DATE RANGE: ca. 1872-2002 (bulk 1940-1980)

CALL NUMBER: MS 1476

CREATOR: Drachman, Roy P., 1906-2002

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 15.5 linear ft (9 boxes)

PROVENANCE: Donated by Roy W. Drachman, December 2010

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RELATED MATERIAL: Oral history interviews at AV 0357, AV 0389-01, AV 0406-06, AV 0505-18, and AV 0614, and photographs at Buehman-Portraits-Drachman, Roy and Portrait-Drachman, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillip

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Real estate developer, civic leader and philanthropist, Roy Drachman was born in Tucson, Arizona in 1906 to Emanuel and Rosa Drachman. The Drachman family first settled in Tucson in 1868. Roy first worked in his family's movie theaters, then became manager of the Sunshine Climate Club, a group that promoted tourism, in the late 30s and 40s. He served in World War II before getting involved in real estate development, both locally and nationally, including land, hotels, and shopping centers. He was active in local and national organizations, advisory boards and committees especially those related to real estate and urban planning. In 1948, he worked with Del Webb to acquire land and sell homes in the Pueblo Gardens housing project. Roy was known for bringing Howard Hughes and Hughes Aircraft to Tucson in 1951 and is credited with contributing to the establishment of Tucson Medical Center and bringing the Cleveland Indians to Tucson for spring training. He was the author of two books: This is not a book: just memories, 1980, and From cow town to desert metropolis: ninety years of Arizona memories, 1999.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

Family documents and correspondence, sports memorabilia, clippings and articles, writings, and photographs relating to Roy Drachman's life, his family, business and philanthropic pursuits, from 1872 to 2002.

This collection is organized in six series: Series 1: Personal and family materials, 1872-1982; Series 2: Clippings and articles, 1945-1986; Series 3: Sports memorabilia, 1929-1973; Series 4: Photographs, 1898-2002; Series 5: Oversize photographs and printed materials, 1899-1950; and Series 6: Oversize scrapbooks, 1898-2002.

The earliest materials present are a few Tucson property deeds for family-owned property, dated 1872 to 1892, and photographs of the earlier generation: Emanuel, Mose, and Harry Drachman.

Newspaper clippings and articles concern numerous awards and tributes, reminiscences about family and Tucson history, and civic affairs, philanthropy, and real estate development. Of special interest are articles about urban renewal, the Pueblo Gardens Housing project, and the Urban Land Institute. Other topics include Chamber of Commerce activities, the Sunshine Climate Club, baseball and golf. Sports memorabilia includes Tucson Cowboys baseball score books and roster (1929), and a World Series radio score card and tickets.

Photographs are mostly of Drachman family groups and individual members but there are also photographs of downtown Tucson, the Fox Theater staff (1934-1937), and sports. There are images of groups gathered in tribute to Hi Corbett and of Tucson High School and Safford School class groups. A complete run is present of the *Tucson Week Ender* newspaper, 1933-1936. It presented a humorous, depression-era, commentary on Tucson mentioning social news, sports, recipes, and the stage and screen.

Four oversize scrapbooks contain clippings, memorabilia and photographs documenting Roy's life, both personal and professional. Highlights of Book A, 1898-1985, include childhood family photos, drawings and letters, World War II letters and photos, photos of John Schaefer, Del Webb, various philanthropic projects, and the dedication of Agua Caliente Park. Topics in Scrapbook B, 1986-1996, include the Drachman Institute for Land and Regional Studies, development and planning for Tucson and Pima County growth, groundbreaking for the Roy Drachman Boys and Girls Club clubhouse, photos with Rose Mofford, Maria Uriquides, and Carl Eller, and more. Scrapbook C, 1996-1998, includes information about History Makers, Malachy Hynes (publisher of the *Week Ender*), Urban Land Institute, various fundraisers, and Roy's Memory Lane columns. Scrapbook D includes awards, the dedication of Agua Caliente Park, and a chronology of 20th century Tucson history.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
		Series 1: Personal and family, 1872-1982	
1	1	Personal - Humor	n.d.
	2	Personal - Birthday cards	n.d.
	3	Family – Property Deeds	1872-1892
	4	Family – Property tax receipts	1893-1904
	5	Family tree – Lilienfeld family	
	6	Family correspondence	1934, 1982
	7	Children’s drawings	n.d.
	8	Condolences on Mother’s death (letters)	1963
	9	Condolences on Mother’s death (cards)	1963
	10	Condolences on Mother’s death (telegrams and cards)	1963
	11	Condolences on Mother’s death (flowers sent)	1963
	12	Writings - “Date with a Star” manuscript - Hollywood	
	13	Writings – Memoir draft – theater mgmt	
	14	Writings – “The Story of Olva” – WWII in Poland	ca. 1949
	15	Correspondence and mailing list	1947
		Series 2: Clippings and articles, 1945-1986	
	16	Clippings and articles – Drachman family members	1949-1970
	17	Clippings and articles – Tucson family history	1953-1976
	18	Clippings and articles – Roy P. Drachman accolades – General	1975-1976
	19	Clippings and articles – RPD Biographical and awards	ca. 1945-1967
	20	Clippings and articles – RPD and Chamber of Commerce and tourism	ca. 1946-1976
	21	Clippings, articles, and report – Real estate	1949-1973
	22	Clippings and articles – Tucson Urban Renewal	1959-1986
	23	Clippings and articles – Urban Renewal – Pueblo Gardens	1948-1949
Box 2			
		Series 3: Sports memorabilia, 1929-1973	

	1	Tickets and golf scores	ca. 1947-1949
	2	Clippings and articles about sports	1950-1973
	3	Score book and roster – Tucson Cowboys baseball	Apr. 1929
	4	Scorebook – Tucson Cowboys	Apr.-Aug.1929
	5	World Series Radio Score Card	Oct. 1929
		Series 4: Photographs, 1898-2002	
	6	Photographs – Emanuel & Millie Drachman and children	1906-1936
	7	Photographs – Emanuel Drachman (Arizona militia, 1898)	1898-1928
	8	Photographs – Millie Royers Drachman	1899-1907
	9	Photographs – Emanuel and Roy P. in hand-made frame	ca. 1907
	10	Photographs – Family album pages	ca. 1908-1920
	11	Photographs – Roy P. Drachman	1906-1929
	12	Photographs – Roy P. Drachman	1930s-1950s
	13	Photographs – Roy P. Drachman	1960s-1980s
	14	Photographs – Roy P. Drachman	1990s-2002
	15	Photographs – “Just Memories” book – Family	ca. 1890-1980
	16	Photographs – Drachman family members	ca. 1925-1990
		Box 3	
	1	Photographs – Drachman family groups	ca. 1930-1990
	2	Photographs – RPD with children	ca. 1990s-2002
	3	Photographs – Harry Drachman (including Treasurer’s office)	ca. 1890s
	4	Photographs – Mose Drachman	ca. 1890s
	5	Photographs – Children	ca. 1950s-2002
	6	Photographs – RPD and real estate groups	ca. 1960s-1980s
	7	Photographs – Roy Drachman and Tucson business leaders	ca. 1940s-1960s
	8	Photographs – Hi Corbett	ca. 1940s
	9	Photographs – Roy Drachman and golf and social groups	ca. 1930s-1990s
	10	Photographs – unidentified people	ca. 1970s-1990s
	11	Photographs – <u>Just memories</u> book – Business, sports, Boy Scouts (includes Harold Patten, Paul Fannin, Del Webb)	ca. 1920-1970s
	12	Photographs – Homes	ca. 1960-1970
	13	Photographs – Fox Theater staff (includes Albert Drachman, Oran	1934-1937

		Sarrels, Jack Weadock, George Diamos, Connie Weinzapfel, Bill Marteny)	
	14	Photographs – Downtown Tucson – Stone Ave., Congress St. (Reginald Russell, photographer)	ca. 1946
	15	Photographs – Tucson – Aerial views	ca. 1940s
	16	Photographs – Tucson High School, Safford School class groups	ca. 1910s-1920s
	17	Photographs – Sports	ca. 1924, 1960-1980
	18	Photographs – Sports – Baseball (19 th century teams with Emanuel, Herbert and Mose Drachman, Walter Zabriskie, David Hughes)	ca. 1890-1903
	19	Photographs – Misc. historical (mostly reproductions)	ca. 1890-1940s
	20	Photographs – Travel – Bangkok	ca. 1970s
	21	Photographs – Travel – Bangkok	ca. 1970s
	22	Photographs – Travel – Helsinki, Berlin, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Moscow	Ca. 1970s-1980s
	23	Postcards – Piotrkow, Poland	1979
		Series 5: Oversize photographs and printed materials, 1899-1950	
Box 4 Oversize			
	1	Oversize family photos (2)	ca. 1928-1930s
	2	Oversize photograph – Safford School with students and teachers	ca. 1899
	3	Certificate Office of Price Administration	1944
	4	<i>Arizona Daily Star</i> statehood edition	1962
	5	Oversize photograph – Roy P Drachman	Ca. 1950
Box 5 Oversize		<i>The Tucson Week-ENDER</i> (2 volumes, bound)	1933-1936
		Series 6: Oversize scrapbooks, 1898-2002	
Box 6		Oversize scrapbook A	1898-1905
Box 7		Oversize scrapbook B	1986-1996
Box 8		Oversize scrapbook C	1996-1998
Box 9		Oversize scrapbook D	1999-2002