DESCRIPTION

This small collection consists of collected papers on historical subjects associated with southeastern Arizona people and communities. Short histories and clippings highlight events in Portal, Galeyville, Paradise, Arizona and surrounding areas. A short history and clippings describe science research conducted at the Southwestern Research Station in Cave Creek affiliated with the American Museum of Natural History in the period 1956-1973. Newspaper clipping describe scenery and activities at the Chiricahua National Monument and activities to preserve the wildlife and scenery at Cave Creek Canyon. A copy of the final draft of Hayes’ book, A Portal to Paradise is also present dealing with the history of the communities and people in this southeast corner of the state.

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HISTORICAL NOTE

The southeastern corner of Arizona contains many small communities with historical associations with mining and ranching in Arizona history. Portal and Paradise, Arizona are located only 5 miles west of the New Mexico border and approximately 60 miles from Douglas and the Mexican border. The Chiricahua Mountains and Cave Creek Canyon attract many visitors for bird study and to observe geological formations. Mining and cattle ranching made the area attractive during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Galeyville during the 1880-1882 period was a famous mining camp and a rendezvous location for such characters as Curly Bill and his gang. Paradise Arizona was also a mining town founded just after the turn of the century and at one point had a population of over a thousand individuals. Alden Hayes lived in Portal Arizona, collected local history, and published a book of the area.

ACQUISITION - Donated by Alden Hayes in 2005.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in November 2005.
Box 1

Folder 1 Document: Agreement on The Texas and Dumm Mines
f.2 Document: Transfer of Dumm Claim
f.3 Document: Mining Claim Notice
f.4 Manuscript: Chiricahua District Mines
f.5 Correspondence: Cowboys and Outlaws at Galeyville, A.T.
f.6 Correspondence: To Alden Hayes
f.7 Manuscript: Crystal Cave in Chiricahua Mountains
f.8 Manuscript: “The Miners Called it Paradise” from Ghosts of Adobe Walls
f.9 Manuscript: “Tales of Paradise, Arizona” from The West by Nelli Merwin
f.10 Manuscript: “He Showed Them How: Tactics Used By Crook Against Indians Influence War in Viet Nam”
f.11 Manuscript: “Cotton City and the Animas Valley” by Betty Woods
f.13 Manuscript: “Early Days of Paradise Pioneers” by William W. Sanders
f.14 Manuscript: “From Wilderness to Homesteads or Guadalupe Canyon in Transition” by Mary B. Magoffin
f.15 Manuscript: “History of Camp John A. Rucker”
f.16 Manuscript: “History of Animas Valley” by Bill Bercham Draw
f.17 Manuscript: “Personal Justice on the Arizona Desert” by J. Evetts Haley
f.18 Manuscript: “The Gray Ranch and the Victorio Land & Cattle Co.” (Draft)
f.19 Manuscript: “The Saga of ‘Russian Bill’” by David W. Nichols from Gold Prospector
f.21 Manuscript: “Walter L. Vail, Pioneer Builder of the West” from Pioneer Western Empire Builders
f.22 Manuscript: “The Southwestern Research Station” Portal, AZ
f.23 Manuscript: “Through the ‘Cherrycows’ With Picnic Basket and History Book” from Outdoor Arizona by E. V. Girand
f.25 Pamphlet: “Sky Islands Wildlands Network”
f.26 Manuscript: “The Chiricahua Mountains” from Arizona Highways by Welden F. Heald
f.27 Newsletter: “Research in Southeastern Arizona” in “Carolina Tips” by Vincent D. Roth
f.28 Fact Sheet: Cave Creek Canyon
f.29 Documents: Galeyville Directory
f.30 Portal and Paradise, AZ Community Statistics
f.31 Information on Paradise, AZ
f.32 Election Notice and Card for Store at Portal, AZ
f.33 Opera Concert Announcement at Rodeo, AZ
f.34 Newspaper Clippings – Fort Bowie, AZ
f.35 Newspaper Clippings – Faraway Ranch, AZ
f.36 Newspaper Clippings – Portal, AZ
Newspaper Clippings – Southwest Research Station in Cave Creek Operated by American Museum of Natural History 1956-1973

f.38 Newspaper Clippings – Cave Creek Canyon, AZ 1977-1992

f.39 Newspaper Clippings – Chiricahua Mountains 1968-1996

f.40 Newspaper Clippings – People 1941-1995

f.41 Newspaper Clippings – Misc. 1958-1995

f.42 Postcards: Portal, AZ, Cave Creek Ranch and Canyon, and Chiricahua Mountains

Box 2

Manuscript: “A Portal to Paradise: 11,537 Years, More or Less, On The Northeast Slope of the Chiricahua Mountains, Being a Fairly Accurate And Occasionally Anecdotal History of That Part of Cochise County, Arizona, and the County Immediately Adjacent, Replete With Tales Of Glory and Greed, Heroism and Depravity, and Plain Hard Work In the Midst of the Splendor of Soaring Cliffs, Broad Plains, Thorny Foothills and Timbered Heights” by Alden C. Hayes

2 Outside Items:
   A – Map of Chiricahua Ranch Estates at Portal, AZ
   B – Mining Claims Map of Hilltop Mines