

Guide to

MS 91

Hotel Adams Construction Collection

1981.252

.5 linear feet

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Donations by Eleanor Spector and Dave Davis, 1982.

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HISTORICAL NOTE

April 1, 1973 the Sectors' purchased the old Adams Hotel property and began construction on a new Adams Hotel. The Sectors' envisioned their Hotel to be "an integral part of downtown; an important part of the heart and the pulse of a major Western metropolis" and set off to do that by "building...an artful blend of the old and new; the latest in modern conveniences and luxurious appointments, yet with the charm and Southwestern overtones so inherent in the old structure."* This collection captures in photographs the construction of that new vision. It also contains four enlarged photographs of the Adams during its historic period.

*Welch, Anita. *The Adams*. Meet Me at the Adams; p; 2.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Adams Hotel Construction Collection consists of photographs and ephemera surrounding the Adams Hotel, mostly centered on the 1974 construction period. The collection consists of one box and eight enlarged photographs.

The collection is organized into two series.

Series one consists of twenty folders in one container labeled "MS91 Hotel Adams Construction Collection". Series two has been identified as a result of the accession record photograph list that was received with the donor information sheets.

Series 1: 3rd Hotel Adams Construction, 1974

This series consists of 20 folders of color photographs, some photographic copies, and some ephemera surrounding the Adams Hotel construction. Many of the photographs have dates on the backs to indicate when they were taken during construction. The photographs themselves are organized close to their construction date order.

Series 2: 4 x 5 Photographs of Hotel Adams

Series two consists of eight Black and White photographs throughout the years the hotel was in existence. These photographs are displayed in the main library reading room presently. Photographs listed in series go from left to right on the wall as you enter the library.

PROVENANCE

This collection came to the Historical Society through donation from Mrs. Eleanor Spector and Mr. David Davis in 1982. Mrs. Spector was Sr. Vice President in charge of public relations and promotions for the hotel after the Spector's purchased the hotel in the 1970's.

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CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

Folder 1: Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #1 (Reference Copy)

77 photos copied two to four per page of 1974 Hotel Adams Construction

f.2 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #1 (Lose Papers)

Hotel brochure, business card from Hotels' Beauty Salon and review for Hotel by the Phoenix Gazette's Jay Brashear dated April 9, 1975

f.3 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #2 (Reference Copy)

75 photos copied one to four per page of Hotel Adams Construction

f.4 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #2 (Lose Papers)

Hotel brochure and an "Adams informational" booklet entitled *The Adams: Dedicated April 1, 1975* detailing the Hotel, it's owners and their 10 Color Photographs of Hotel Construction (1974) history.

f.5 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #1 [1981.252.01 – 1981.252.10]

10 Color Photographs, Construction of 3rd Adams Hotel (1974)

Photo Date: *Photos 1-10 n.d.*

f.6 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #1 [1981.252.11 – 1981.252.20]

10 Color Photographs, Construction of 3rd Adams Hotel (1974)

Photo Date: *Photos 11-15, 17-20 n.d.*

January 2, 1974 [16]

f.7 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #1 [1981.252.21 – 1981.252.30]

10 Color Photographs, Construction of 3rd Adams Hotel (1974)

Photo Date: *Photos 21-30 n.d.*

f.8 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #1 [1981.252.31 – 1981.252.40]

10 Color Photographs, Construction of 3rd Adams Hotel (1974)

Photo Date: *Photos 31-35 n.d.*

March 1, 1974 [40]

f.9 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #1 [1981.252.41 – 1981.252.50]

10 Color Photographs, Construction of 3rd Adams Hotel (1974)

Photo Date: March 1, 1974 [41]

February 15, 1974 [50]

Photos 42-49 n.d.

f.10 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #1 [1981.252.51 – 1981.252.60]

10 Color Photographs, Construction of 3rd Adams Hotel (1974)

Photo Date: February 15, 1974

- f.11 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #1 [1981.252.61 – 1981.252.70]
10 Color Photographs, Construction of 3rd Adams Hotel (1974)
Photo Date: February 15, 1974 [61, 62, 65]
March 1, 1974 [63, 64, 66 – 70]
- f.12 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #1 [1981.252.71 – 1981.252.77]
7 Color Photographs, Construction of 3rd Adams Hotel (1974)
Photo Date: March 1, 1974
- f.13 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #2 [1981.252.78 – 1981.252.87]
10 Color Photographs, Construction of 3rd Adams Hotel (1974)
Photo Date: March 15, 1974
- f.14 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #2 [1981.252.88 – 1981.252.97]
10 Color Photographs, Construction of 3rd Adams Hotel (1974)
Photo Date: March 15, 1974 [88- 90, 92]
April 1, 1974 [91, 94 - 97]
- f.15 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #2 [1981.252.98 – 1981.252.107]
10 Color Photographs, Construction of 3rd Adams Hotel (1974)
Photo Date: April 1, 1974 [98 - 102]
April 15, 1974 [103, 106, 107]
April 9, 1974 [104, 105]
- f.16 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #2 [1981.252.108 – 1981.252.117]
10 Color Photographs, Construction of 3rd Adams Hotel (1974)
Photo Date: April 15, 1974
- f.17 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #2 [1981.252.118 – 1981.252.127]
10 Color Photographs, Construction of 3rd Adams Hotel (1974)
Photo Date: April 15, 1974 [118, 121, 122]
May 1, 1974 [119, 120, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127]
- f.18 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #2 [1981.252.128 – 1981.252.137]
10 Color Photographs, Construction of 3rd Adams Hotel (1974)
Photo Date: May 1, 1974 [128 - 134]
May 10, 1974 [135 - 137]
- f.19 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #2 [1981.252.138 – 1981.252.147]
10 Color Photographs, Construction of 3rd Adams Hotel (1974)
Photo Date: May 10, 1974 [138 – 142, 145]
May 15, 1974 [143, 144, 146]
June 10, 1974 [147]
- f.20 Hotel Adams Construction – Photo Album #2 [1981.252.148 – 1981.252.152]
5 Color Photographs, Construction of 3rd Adams Hotel (1974)
Photo Date: May 15, 1974 [148, 149]
June 10, 1974 [150 – 152]

Series Two:

- f.1 Hotel Adams c. 1896
Black and White Photo Street Scene of Hotel approximately 4 x 5
- f.2 Hotel Adams c. 1918
Black and White Photo Street Scene of Hotel approximately 4 x 5

- f.3 Hotel Adams Bus c. 1920's [1979.95.80]
Black and White Photo of Adams Bus with people on board and standing next to bus, approximately 4 x 5
- f.4 2nd Adams Tower Addition 1960
Black and White Photo with street scene, approximately 4 x 5
- f.5 2nd Adams Tower Implosion 1973
Black and White Photo of Tower as it is imploding, approximately 4 x 5
- f.6 Construction of 3rd Adams Hotel 1974
Black and White Photo of Construction area, approximately 4 x 5
- f.7 Phoenix Street Scene 1899, 2780 Center Street (now Central Ave.)
Black and White Photo of Adams Hotel, approximately 4 x 5