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PC 023**Contzen, Frederick, 1910-1990
Photograph collection, ca. 1870-1920****DESCRIPTION**

Chiefly photographs of family members, dating from the 1870s but most are from the early 1900s. There are also photographs of Philip Contzen's activities as surveyor and with the Arizona National Guard in the 1890s.

3 boxes, 2 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Surveyors; Fritz Contzen accompanied Emory's boundary survey group to Arizona in 1854. His son Philip, also a surveyor, worked for the U.S. General Land Office, and as City Engineer and Pima County Surveyor. Philip's son, Frederick, was a surveyor for the U.S. Geological Survey, Soil Conservation Service and the National Parks Service.

RELATED MATERIAL

MS 0170 Contzen family papers.

ACQUISITION

Unknown.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The finding aid was prepared by Kim Frontz, July 2000.

ARRANGEMENT

Alphabetical by family member

SCOPE NOTE

Chiefly portraits of the Contzen family, but also portraits of Elizabeth Borton, Frank Conrow, J.B. Girard, Cirilio Leon, and T.F. Velasco. Philip Contzen photographs include gold placer mining at Canada del Oro, surveyors and the U.S. Surveyor General's Office, U.S. Border Patrol agents near Sasabe, and part of Capt. Contzen's Company D of the Arizona National Guard in the 1890s. Photographs of Frank Conrow include an image of the Sam Chung Lung general merchandise store, 1914, Mexican Americans, adobe homes, and men playing Tajo. There is one image of the San Xavier Mission and the surrounding area, ca. 1880. Photographs of an 1892 Labor Day Parade at Toole Avenue and 5th Street include marching labor union members and the Tucson Fire Dept. employees, and views of the Ramona Hotel and the Cactus Saloon.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

- f.1 Borton, Elizabeth
- f.2 Chamberlain, Lizzie Wills
- f.3 Conrow, Frank
- f.4 Contzen, Emma
- f.5 Contzen, Ernestine Childs
- f.6 Contzen, Ferdinand
- f.7 Contzen, Frances
- f.8 Contzen, Frederick J.W.
- f.9-10 Contzen, Fritz
- f.11 Contzen, Fritz, Sr.
- f.12 Contzen, Heinrich
- f.13 Contzen, Lizette Snider
- f.14 Contzen, Margarita Ferrer
- f.15-16 Contzen, Marie (Mary)
- f.17-22 Contzen, Philip (portraits)
- f.23 Contzen, Philip (Cañada del Oro)
- f.24-25 Contzen, Philip (geological surveys)
- f.26 Contzen, Philip (placer mining)
- f.27 Contzen, Philip (Sasabe)
- f.28 Contzen, Philip (Germany)
- f.29 Contzen, Philip (portraits – copy prints)
- f.30 Contzen, Philip (surveying) includes Royal A. Johnson and other surveyors
- f.31-32 Contzen, Philip A. "Buzzy"
- f.33 Contzen, Philip, Sr.
- f.34 Ferrer, Vicente
- f.35-36 Girard, Capt. J.B.
- f.37 Knight, George
- f.38 Leon, Cirilio
- f.39 Leon, Elvira Ferrer
- f.40 Miller, William Wallace

Box 2

- f.41 Miller, William

- f.42 Power, William
- f.43 Snider, Esther Anabella
- f.44 Snider, J.H.
- f.45 Steinmetz couple
- f.46 Valla, Sara
- f.47 Velasco, Lula
- f.48 Velasco, T.F.
- f.49 Von Petersdorf, Major Charles F.
- f.50 Camp Spenazuma
- f.51 Fort Lowell
- f.52 Germany
- f.53 Idaho Falls, Idaho postcards
- f.54 Misc. scenery
- f.55 Missions
- f.56 Nome, Alaska
- f.57 Portraits – Unidentified
- f.58 Silhouettes – Lina Contzen, Julius Contzen
- f.59 Tucson – transportation
- f.60 Tucson – buildings
- f.61 Tucson – Labor Day parade
- f.62 Carte-de-visites- unidentified (Germany)
- f.63 People – unidentified
- f.64 Unidentified

Box 3

Oversize portraits of family, small panoramas of Box Canyon and Charoleau Pass, and oversize images of surveyors including Royal Johnson, Daniel Drummond, and Philip Contzen