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Hull, Pauline Kitt, 1906-
Photograph collection, ca. 1912 to 1927

DESCRIPTION

Photograph album and copy prints of the Kitt family at Mount Lemmon including their tent and cabin homes, family and friends, and their activities mostly from 1912 to 1927.

1 box, .5 linear ft.

Rare: 1 box, .5 linear ft.

ACQUISITION

Donated by the Pauline Kitt Hull in 1987.

ACCESS

Original album restricted; copy prints are available for patron use.

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Kim Frontz, April 1998.

ARRANGEMENT

Arranged in three series: Family and friends. Activities. Buildings and misc.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

A member of a pioneer family, Pauline Kitt was born Oct. 6, 1906 in Tucson. Her parents, Stanley J. Kitt and Ethel Thompkins also had a son, Stanley. Ethel had moved to Tucson to be near her sister, Ethelyn Purcell. Stanley's parents were William Farwell Kitt and Mary Roskrige; William founded W.F. Kitt Dry Goods on Congress St. which was later sold to the Jacome family. Pauline married Norman Hull, a lawyer, in 1928 and they had three children: Stanley, Frank and Patricia.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes a photograph album, copy prints of most of the album photographs, and copy prints of other photographs which were returned to Mrs. Hull. The album has been filed in Rare, but a facsimile is available in the collection which has been supplemented with notes written by Mrs. Hull about many of the photographs. The copy prints, both from the album and received separately from Mrs. Hull, have been arranged by subject.

This collection provides a view of life on Mount Lemmon for summer residents in the 1910s and 1920s. The photographs, while focused on the Kitt family and their friends, also provide examples of homes, lifestyles and activities of people who moved to Mount Lemmon each summer to escape Tucson's heat. There are images of tents, tent cabins, cabin construction, a footbridge and the Ranger Station and lookout. Activities include horseback riding, tennis, fishing, hunting, and there are several images of groups eating meals both indoors and outdoors. There is one image of Ethel in the kitchen of her tent cabin. Besides the Kitt family, the Sporleder family, Mets family, Westfalls, Ethelyn Purcell, Mary Estil and Ed Vail are also represented in the photographs. Jim Westfall was the Forest Ranger at the time.

Photographs of Pauline and her friends from Tucson High School and the University of Arizona were not taken on Mount Lemmon. These include group photographs and picnics, Pauline in her high school basketball uniform, 1923, and the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority on Park Avenue at University Blvd. and its members, 1926 to 1927.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

Series 1: Family and friends

- f. 1 Stanley, Ethel and family
- f. 2 Stanley Kitt and friends
- f. 3 Pauline and Stanley Kitt as children
- f. 4 Pauline and friends – Tucson High School
- f. 5 Pauline and friends – University of Arizona
- f. 6 Jim Westfall (Forest Ranger) and friends

Series 2: Activities

- f. 7 Groups on Mount Lemmon
- f. 8 Groups at cabins
- f. 9 Fishing and hunting
- f. 10 Horseback riding
- f. 11 Tennis games and firewood hauling

Series 3: Buildings and misc.

- f. 12 Kitt cabin construction, 1920
- f. 13 Kitt cabin
- f. 14 Cabins and tent houses
- f. 15 Ranger Station and lookout
- f. 16 Landscape scenes
- f. 17 Movie set “The Mine with the Iron Door”, 1922
- f. 18 Misc. and unidentified