

**PC 199**  
**Rudolph, L. H.**  
**Photographs, 1907**

**DESCRIPTION**

Contains one photograph album of 37 photographs taken in 1907 by L. H. Rudolph showing Christmas, Arizona, from different directions, scenic views of the surrounding landscape, views of a wagon road along either the Gila River or Ash Creek, and views of mining operations around the area.

1 Box, 1 linear ft.

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

The first mining claims in Christmas were filed in 1880 by Dennis O'Brien and William Tweed who were subsequently bought out by the Phelps-Dodge Corp. two years later. In 1884, it was determined that the claims were actually on land belonging to the San Carlos Indian Reservation. Through the efforts of G. B. Crittenden of the Saddle Mountain Mining Co., an executive order was issued in 1902 returning the area to the public domain. Crittenden and his partner, N. H. Mellor, jumped the Phelps-Dodge claims on Christmas Day, 1902, providing the name for the mine. In continuous operation until 1907, when it was shut down, the mine produced 113,322 tons of ore with a value of \$872,000. It was opened and closed many times after this until its final closure in 1981. Nothing is known about L. H. Rudolph.

**ACQUISITION**

Donated by Mildred Schofield in 1988.

**ACCESS**

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**PROCESSING**

The collection was processed by Mike Speelman, intern, in 2001.

**ARRANGEMENT**

Material arranged by material.