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Smith, Abijah, 1857-1939
Smith photographs, ca. 1900-1925

DESCRIPTION

Four photograph albums and loose photographs primarily of homes, streets and business buildings in Globe, Safford, and Clifton. There are also a few images of Solomonville, Phoenix, Black Warrior, Lewis Springs, and Thatcher, Arizona. There is a series of images taken at Tombstone's Helldorado Days celebration, undated, and snapshots of Tombstone pioneers taken in 1936. The pioneers include James Wolf, Quong Gee, John Slaughter Swain, and John L. Larrieu. Other highlights include cowboys at the A. B. Cary Ranch in Happy Valley, ca. 1927, Benson canteen workers waiting for a troop train, ca. 1918, and Teddy Roosevelt at the dedication of Roosevelt Dam. There are also views of flood damage in Clifton.

3 boxes, 3 linear ft.

BIOGRAPICAL NOTE

Pioneer banker in Globe, Solomonville, and Benson, Arizona; arrived in Arizona in 1899. He helped organized the Gila Valley Bank and Trust Company of Globe and was president of the Cochise County State Bank.

RELATED MATERIAL

Abijah Smith papers, MS 0737

ACQUISITION

Donated by Mrs. Abijah Smith, ca. 1940.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

Kim Frontz prepared this finding aid in September 2002.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

- f.1 Loose photos of portraits of young people, perhaps school friends, dated 1897
- f.2 May Smith and friends, ca. 1930s
- f.3 Tombstone pioneers including James Wolf, Quong Gee, John Slaughter Swain, John L. Larrieu, and Abijah Smith taken in 1936
- f.4 Tombstone Helldorado celebration, ca. 1929-1936 showing a parade and people in costume
- f.5 Postcards of Tombstone buildings, ca. 1930s
- f.6 Cowboys at the A.B. Cary Ranch in Happy Valley in the Rincon Mountains, ca. 1937
- f.7 Miscellaneous photos including Benson canteen workers waiting for a troop train, ca. 1918, a zeppelin in the distance in the air
- f.8 Small album with photographs of homes in Clifton, Globe, Safford, Arizona and Douglas, Massachusetts.

Box 2 Photograph album

Includes Oriental Gold & Copper Company camp; Starr King Ranch near Elgin, Ariz.; a picnic in Texas Canyon; quail hunters; University of Arizona buildings; and a trip to the eastern U. S., California, and New Orleans.

Box 3 Two photograph albums

#50619 includes Globe, Safford, Thatcher, Black Warrior, the San Carlos Indian Reservation and Apache Indians with a papoose, as well as an eastern trip that included Douglas, Massachusetts. Globe photographs include the Dominion Hotel, Amster Building, Gila County Jail, Elks Building, Martin Theater, and the F. J. Elliott home. There are images of a mine fire, Roosevelt Lake, Teddy Roosevelt at the dedication of Roosevelt Dam, a flooded Gila River in 1912, Thatcher's Main Street, a baby sitting in a wash pail reflected in a mirror, and the Richards Ranch. Safford, Arizona photographs include a 4th of July rest tent and band stand, Jones Hotel, Main Street, Welkers Store, Briers Hall, Methodist Church, Post Office, Montezuma Canal, and the homes of W. R. Chambers, Jesse Foster, J. S. Abbott and the Hunters.

#50620 includes in Clifton: Clifton flood damage and an overflowing San Francisco River, Shannon Copper Co. buildings, Arizona Copper Company buildings, Metcalf Incline, Longfellow Incline, Clifton jail, Mormon church, the home of Santa Teresa, Clifton Hotel, south Clifton, Mexican quarters, and eastside Clifton. In Morenci there are images of the Detroit Copper Company, school house, hotel, library and gymnasium. In Globe there are images of the "Silver Belt" office, St. Johns Episcopal Church, homes, courthouse old and new, Hannas Drug Store, Dime Theater, Broad Street, the Globe train depot, and various other buildings. There is a photograph of William Jennings Bryan and the Globe school

board dated 1909. Other photographs show the Lewis Springs railroad station, town views of Black Warrior, Arizona, students and a birds-eye-view of the Indian School at Rice, Arizona, a 4th of July parade in Globe, and the Curtis biplane flown by Charles Hamilton on Feb. 1910. There are images of Solomonville, Ariz.'s main street, church, post office and hotel and Mr. and Mrs. I.E. Solomon. There are photographs of Phoenix bands, Adams Hotel, Academy of Music and the Women's Club.