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Spanish Mission Ruins
1958 - 1959

DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of 35 mm slides depicting archaeological investigations of Spanish mission ruins in southern Arizona and Sonora Mexico. Nine folders in the collection feature the ruins at Tumacacori south of Tucson with room identification numbers and some trench excavation work. Images of other mission locations show ruins with deteriorating walls, room outlines, and trench work. Missions included seem to be linked to Fr. Eusebio Kino's visits to the San Pedro River areas of from 1692 to 1697. No individuals or artifacts are displayed in these images.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

At the end of the 15th and 16th centuries Spain established a system of missions and presidios in areas, which became Florida, Mexico, California, and the American Southwest. The purpose of these religious outposts was to spread the Christian doctrine to the local Native Americans and to protect the frontier lands from other country's encroachments. The missions established in the area of the Sonoran Desert (Pimeria Alta) were located in the Mexican state of Sonora and the U.S. state of Arizona. At the end of the 17th century Father Eusebio Francisco Kino, a Jesuit missionary, established over twenty missions in Pimeria Alta and conducted numerous travels throughout the area.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Catholic Diocese of Tucson in 2008. There is no record of who took these images or the purpose.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in June 2009.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

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