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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Merritt H. Starkweather was a noted architect and civic leader. Born in Chicago, Starkweather learned his draftsmanship skills from his father byworking in his father's interior woodworking factory at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He enhanced his architectural training in Spokane, Washington and in Los Angeles, California, before moving to Tucson in 1915.

During World War I, Starkweather enlisted in the 23rd United States Engineers, and served in France as a Frenched-trained artillery officer. He rose to the rank of second lieutenant and later was a charter member of the Morgan-McDermott Post of the American Legion.

Starkweather, with the late Sheriff Ed Echols, founded the Tucson Rodeo. The original arena and the present rodeo facilities on South Sixth Avenue were designed by Starkweather. He was laso rodeo chairman from 1944-1946. Active within the community in other ways, he was chairman of the city zoning commission for eleven years, beginning in 1946. Starkweather was president of the board of health in 1926, and was elected to the city council in 1924.

Several buildings throughout Tucson were designed by Starkweather. These include Carrillo, Drachman, Bonillas, and Doolen Junior High Schools; Tucson High School stadium; Saint Joseph's Avademy; a Saint Mary's Hospital addition and convent; and several housesi n the El Encanto subdivision.

In 1937, Starkweather founded the Arizona chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He was named a fellow of the Institute in 1968 for his public service. He was also a charter member of the Tucson Kiwanis Club and thirty-third degree Mason. Starkweather also served in the Elks Club as exalted ruler, state president and grand lodge office.

The Tucson Blueprint Company was founded by Starkweather. He sold it during World War I, bought the company back in 1919, and sold the firm again in 1947.

He married Otilia E. Jettinghoff in Tucson on August 6, 1921. He died in 1972, leaving his wife as his only survivor.

Lily Starkweather was born Otilia Jettinghoff in Delphus, Ohio on January 14, 1886. She moved to Tucson in 1916, and five years later married Merritt.

A gardening enthusiast and conservationist, Starkweather founded the Desert Garden Club in 1940 and held offices in various local, state, and national gardening organizations. These organizations, through her leadership, directed and supplied landscaping for Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Carrillo School, South Main Avenue, Alvernon Way, Randolph Way, Randolph Park, and other Tucson locations.

An early enthusiast for the use of native plants in landscaping, Starkweather went before the city council in 1964 to promote the use of native plants in city park landscaping. She was also concerned with the protection of native plants, and in 1939 she began a campaign to prevent the destruction of the dasylirion wheeleri, or sotol plant. Starkweather continued this fight for preservation of the sotol plant throughout her lifetime.

She passed away at the age of 97 in 1983.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Photographs primarily of Tucson buildings and homes designed by Merritt Starkweather, mostly from the 1930s to the 1950s, including images of the Pima County Courthouse and surrounding street; interior and exteriors of Dr. Don Campbell's dental office at 1145 N. Campbell; many views of Arizona Inn interiors, grounds and buildings; interiors of Paulos Cafe at 55 W. Congress; Rincon Stables on East 8th St.; Martin Drug Co. at 6th Street and Tucson Blvd.; Montgomery Wards on North Stone Ave.; Ryan Evans Drug Store soda fountain and counter; Fort Lowell School; Drachman School; Doolen School; Mission View School; Mansfield School; St. Mary's nurses residence and other buildings; homes in the University Manor subdivision and many homes in the El Encanto Neighborhood showing interiors and exteriors. There are interior and exterior views of the Amerind Foundation Museum; interiors of the Harold Bell Wright guest house; the French House on Ina Road which was incorporated into the Westward Look; and the Hoemako Hospital at Casa Grande. There are images of construction and completion of the Consumers, Inc. market at South 6th Ave. and 29th St. showing a luncheonette counter, check-out lanes, cashiers, dairy cases, etc. Also present are image of gardens including the Tombstone garden tour, a project in Sasabe, Ariz., the Tucson Rose Garden at Reid Park, and private gardens. There are images of Smokey-the-bear in a cage and forest fire prevention signs. Some images also show views of the city north from Arizona Inn and northeast from Sixth Street. One view shows the Rodeo grounds from above. There are many images of billboards from other states.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Photo number	Description	Dates
1	2 - Starkweather, Merritt H.	90801	Merritt H. Starkweather and Lily E. Jettinghoff standing in front of Starkweather Blueprint Co.	1917
		90802-90808	Merritt H. Starkweather by himself or with unidentified people	undated
		90868	Merritt H. Starkweather standing in a group of unidentified men	undated
		91192b	Merritt H. Starkweather	undated
	3a - Starkweather, Lily E.	90809-90811	Lily E. Starkweather (in one picture with dog, Cuddles)	undated

		90812	Lily E. Starkweather with Lucile Mauntel, Grace McFall	undated
		90813	Lily E. Starkweather attending a 90 th birthday party at the foothills home of Mrs. Williams	undated
		90814-90817	Lily E. Starkweather attending Santa Rita mountain picnic	undated
		90818	Lily E. Starkweather gardening	1974
		90819-90824	Lily E. Starkweather visiting Tonto Forest Range	undated
		90825-90826; 90855	Lily E. Starkweather attending Tombstone Garden Tour	undated
	3b - Starkweather, Lily E.	90827	Lily E. Starkweather standing in garden	undated
		90828-90831	Lily E. Starkweather attending Pacific Coast Regional Convention	undated
		90832-90834	Lily E. Starkweather	1955
		90835	Lily E. Starkweather attending Audubon Native Camp, Kerrville, Texas	undated
		90836	Lily E. Starkweather, Woman of the Week portrait	undated
		90837	Lily E. Starkweather standing in front of monument with Mrs. Jessie Beaun, Mrs. L. Cowden, Mrs. Jack Weadock, Wayne O. Early and unidentified guests	undated
		90838a-90838b	Lily E. Starkweather standing beside monument with state Rep. Thomas D. Fridena; five representatives of the armed forces; Mrs. R.A. Wetmore; Chairman, Arizona Blue Star Highway; Mrs. C.R. McFall; Chairman of the dedication ceremonies, Mrs. L. Cowden, Gold Star Mother; and color guard	undated
		90839	Lily E. Starkweather attending American Rose Society Convention	undated
		90840	Lily E. Starkweather with Mrs. Philip L. Bardon and Hazel Johnson.	undated
		90841-90843	Lily E. Starkweather attending National Council of State Garden Clubs meeting	undated
		90871	Lily E. Starkweather with Mrs. Margate S. Kienast and Miss Elizabeth Mason	undated
	4 - Dogs	90848	Pepper	undated
	5 - Cats	90845	Whitey	undated
		90846	Tippy	undated
		90847a-90847c	Whitey	undated

	6 - Roosevelt Dam	90866-90867	Roosevelt Dam	undated
	7 - Tonto National Forest	90859-90860	Lily E. Starkweather visiting Tonto National Forest	undated
		90861-90865	Tonto National Forest - unidentified people	undated
	8 - Santa Rita Mountain	90844-90854	Unidentified people at Santa Rita Mountain picnic	undated
	9 - United States Forest Service	90872-90873	Forest Service mascot	undated
	10 - People (unidentified)	90856	Woman standing on front of house	undated
		90857	Group of women	undated
		90858	Woman standing	undated
		90869	Group of men	undated
		90870	Wheeling, West Virginia American Legion Band	undated
		90874	Men with trophy	undated
		91088	Meeting of sign painters, Local 1194	undated
		91089	A.P. Marsh, A. Brumfield, Ed. Cook.	undated
	11a - Flower arrangements	90881a-90883d	Flower in pot	undated
		90883a-90883f	Flower in pot	undated
		90884	Flower with card	undated
		90886	Flowers in vases	undated
		90887	Flower in pot, flowers in vases	undated
		90892a-90892c	Flowers pressed on paper with picture of Pat Nixon	undated
		90893a-90893b	50 th wedding anniversary bouquet	undated
	11b - Flower arrangements	90941	Madonna with roses	undated
		90942a-90943b	Dried material arrangement	undated
		90944a-90944b	Dried flower arrangement	undated
	12a - Gardens	90876	Poppies	undated
		90877-90880	Garden of Roy Drachman	undated
		90889	Stock	undated
		90890	Palo Verde tree	undated
		90891	Trees	undated
		90894	Palo Verde tree in bloom	undated
		90898-90899	1954 Garden Tour of Tombstone	undated

	Folder 12b - Gardens	90913-90924b	Baird's Garden	undated
		90925-90932	Tucson Rose Garden	undated
	Folder 13a - Cactus	90900-90912	Baird's Garden	undated
	Folder 13b - Cactus	90882a-90882b	Triocereus Spacianos cactus	undated
		90885a-90885b	Sotol	undated
		90888	Echinopsis Paramount cactus	undated
		90895a-90897d	Cactus	undated
		90933-90940	Cactus	undated
		90947	Cactus	undated
		91187	Album of cactus photographs	undated
	Folder 14 - Landscape-Arizona-Tucson	91012	Carrillo School - Desert Garden Club project	undated
		91013	YMCA - Desert Garden Club project	undated
	Folder 15 - Associations	91006-91010	Headquarters of State Garden Clubs	undated
	Folder 16 - Conservation	91012	Soil conservation exhibit	undated
	Folder 17a - Billboards	91014a-91014b	John Dieckmann and Sons	undated
		91016	Central Motor Corporation - Marmon	undated
		91018-91020	Wiedemann's Fine Beer	undated
		91023-91024	Bone Dry Fertilizers	undated
		91025	Mail Pouch Tobacco	undated
		91026	Chewing Serves to Steady Nerves	undated
		91027-91030	Panoramic view of billboards	undated
		91034	Heiners - Bread and Sterling Gasoline	undated
		91040	Wolff Smart Clothes	undated
		91043	Panoramic view	undated
		91045	International Nickel Co.	undated
		91050	Ohio Pottery Co.	undated
		91063	Esso	undated
	Folder 17b - Billboards	91055	Falls City Beer	undated
		91056	Sherman - Chicago	undated
		91062	John Dieckmann and Sons	undated

		91066	United States Tires	undated
		91067	Backside of billboard	undated
		91071	Silver Top	undated
		91072	Kaufmann's	undated
		91080	Falls City Beer	undated
		91081	Wolff Clothes	undated
		91086	Dils Bros. and Co.	undated
	Folder 17c - Billboards (Ohio)	91017	Center Motor Corporation - Marmon	undated
		91033	Purina Feeds	undated
		91046- 91047	Amoco Motor Oil - Amoco Gas	undated
		91057	Coca-Cola	undated
		91069	Capitol Garage	undated
		91073	Essex	undated
		91079	Wolff	undated
		91084	Outdoor advertising	undated
	Folder 17d - Billboards (West Virginia)	90136	Pillsbury's Best	undated
		91037	R.C. Dancer, Inc.	undated
		91038	Marsh Stogies	undated
		91039	A.C. Sparkplugs	undated
		91041	Pontiac	undated
		91042	A.C. Sparkplugs	undated
		91044	Pillsbury's Best	undated
		91048	Chesterfield	undated
		91049	Honey Brand	undated
		91051	Pollack Stogies	undated
		91052	Hine Tire and Service Co.	undated
		91053	Cadillac	undated
		91054	Wheeling Savings and Loan Association	undated
		91058	Alle and Hunter Hatters - Stetson Hats	undated
		91059	Standard Oil - Polarine	undated
		91060	Hine Tire and Service Co.	undated
		91061	Earle Roger's Co. - Kelvinator Electric Refrigerator	undated
		91064	Hopkins Motor Co. - Dodge Bros. Motor Car	undated
		91068	Mail Pouch	undated
		91070	United States Rubber Co.	undated
	Folder 17e - Billboards (West Virginia)	91015	Central Motor Corporation - Marmon	
		91021	West Virginia Beer - Ale	undated
		91102- 91103	Several sailboats	undated

		91104-91110	Sailboats with crew	undated
		91111	Sailboat and paddle - wheel steamboat	undated
		91112	Rowboat with capsized boat	undated
		91113	Sailboats and paddlewheel boat	undated
		91115	Capsized boat	undated
		91116	Yacht	undated
	Folder 18b - Boats and boating (Mich.)	91092-91094	Ice boating	undated
	Folder 18c - Boats and boating (Minn.)	91114	Sailboats in front of unidentified mansion	undated
2	Folder 19 - Buildings	91117	Unidentified mansion	undated
	Folder 20 - Buildings (Tucson)	91189 91191	Unidentified building	undated
		91190	Corbett Building	undated
	Folder 21 - Court Houses (Tucson)	91139	Pima County Court House (third)	undated
	Folder 22 - Dental offices (Tucson)	91091	Dental office (interior) of Dr. Don Campbell	undated
	Folder 23 - Hotels, taverns, etc. (Tucson)	91130-91135	Arizona Inn	undated
	Folder 24 - Restaurants, lunch rooms, etc. (Tucson)	91142-91144	Paulos Café	undated
	Folder 25 - Schools (Tucson)	91137	Mansfeld School	undated
	Folder 26 - Shrines (Tucson)	90998-91003	Wishing Shrine	undated
	Folder 27 - Stables (Tucson)	91184	Rincon Stables	undated
	Folder 28a - Stores, retail (Tucson)	91090	Consumers Market, Inc. - construction	undated
		91145-91157	Consumers Market, Inc.	undated
	Folder 28b - Stores, retail (Tucson)	90981-90990	E. 6 th and Tucson Blvd.	undated
		91138	Montgomery Ward Department Store	undated
	Folder 29 - Streets (Tucson)	91004	Alvernon Way	undated
	Folder 30 - Tucson	91005	Bird's-eye-view	undated

	Folder 31 - Homes (Tucson)	90952a-90965	Starkweather residence (Calle Belleza)	undated
	Folder 32 - Homes (Tucson)	90949-90951	Starkweather residence (2111 E. Adams St.)	undated
	Folder 33a - Homes (Tucson)	90966-90977c	Starkweather residence (1803 E. 5 th St.)	undated
		91185-91186	Starkweather residence (1803 E. 5 th St.)	undated
	Folder 33b - Homes (Tucson)	90978a-90980	Starkweather residence (1803 E. 5 th St.)	undated
	Folder 34 - Homes (Tucson)	91126-91128	Fred O. Adams residence (45 Calle Encanto)	undated
	Folder 35 - Homes (Tucson)	91129a-91129b	C.O. Brown residence (Calle Espanol)	undated
	Folder 36 - Homes (Tucson)	91124a-91125	William Guerin residence (2703 E. 6 th St.)	undated
	Folder 37a - Homes (Tucson)	91158-91177	Walter Gurnee residence (1942 E. 6 th St.)	undated
	Folder 37b - Homes (Tucson)	91178-91183	Walter Gurnee residence (1942 E. 6 th St.)	undated
	Folder 38 - Homes (Tucson)	91140-91141	Robert Heineman residence	undated
	Folder 39 - Homes (Tucson)	91136a-91136b	Matthew H. Swift residence	undated
	Folder 40 - Hospitals (Ariz.)	90991-90997	Hoemako Hospital	undated
	Folder 41 - Hospitals (Ariz.)	91011	Wayne Early, William Foy, K.Ck Radar, William Price	undated
	Folder 42 - Museums (Ariz.)	91188	Trailside Museum	undated
	Folder 43 - Sasabe, Ariz.	91118	People in front of a store	undated
		91119	People in front of a building	undated
		91120	People at grove of trees	undated
		91121	Buildings	undated
		91122	Sasabe, Ariz.	undated
		91123	Herding cattle	undated
	Folder 44 - Amerind Foundation		Amerind Foundation	undated
3	Scrap album	91201	Boyhood album	undated
	Photograph album	91202, 91207, 91210, 91230	Studebaker billboard	undated
		91203, 91211, 91220, 91232	Blue Label Ketchup billboard	undated
		91204-91206	Bannon's billboard	undated

	91208, 91225, 91245	Billings Brewing Co. billboard	undated
	91209	3P billboard	undated
	91212	Famous Biscuit & Silver Top Beer billboards	undated
	91213, 91228	Hotel Radisson billboard	undated
	91214, 91217, 91233, 91236, 91254, 91301	Kaufmann's billboard	undated
	91215, 91259, 91267-91268, 91270, 91273, 91279, 91281, 91288, 91297-91298 91304-91306	Gold Metal Flour billboard	undated
	91216, 91265	Wiedemann's Beer billboard	undated
	91218	Jayne's billboard	undated
	91219	Gordon billboard	undated
	91221	Hennessy's billboard	undated
	91222-91223, 91290	Silver Top Beer billboard	undated
	91224	The Post billboard	undated
	91226, 91247	Lymon's billboard	undated
	91227	T. Eaton Company billboard	undated
	91229	Ogilvie's Royal Household Flour billboard	undated
	91231, 91235	Universal Flour billboard	undated
	91234, 91238, 91286	Backside of billboard	undated
	91237	Beeman's Pepsin Gum billboard	undated
	91239	White Yugatan Gum billboard	undated
	91240	White's Red Top billboard	undated
	91241-91242	Nulife Bottled Beer billboard	undated
	91243-91244, 91248	Billboard with part of slogan missing	undated
	91246	Brownfield-Canty Carpet Co. billboard	undated
	91249	Glass Block Store billboard	undated
	91250	Keystone Lumber Co. billboard	undated
	91251	Post-Dispatch billboard	undated
	91252, 91303	Paige billboard	undated
	91253, 91258, 91260-91261	Coca-Cola billboard	undated
	91255	Pale Export Beer billboard	undated
	91256, 91283	Trio of billboards	undated
	91257	Purina Feeds billboard	undated
	91262	Royers billboard	undated
	91263	P.H. Morton billboard	undated

		91264	Pair of billboards	undated
		91266	Pillsbury's Best and Velvet billboards	undated
		91269, 91274-91276, 91320	Chesterfield billboard	undated
		91271, 91280	Four billboards	undated
		91272	Mail Pouch billboard	undated
		91277, 91284, 91293-91286, 91321-91325	Pillsbury's Best billboard	undated
		91278	R.C. Dancer Wallpaper billboard	undated
		91282	Robert Sheppard billboard	undated
		91285	Rigley billboard	undated
		91287	Patton's Sun-Proof Paint billboard	undated
		91289	Alpha billboard	undated
		91291	Vacuum Cup Tires billboard	undated
		91292	Wrigley's billboard	undated
		91299	Locke Shoe Co. billboard	undated
		91300	Polarine billboard	undated
		91302	Piedmont billboard	undated
		91307	AC billboard	undated
		91308	Dodge Bros. Motor Co. billboard	undated
		91309	Illegible billboard	undated
		91310	Alien & Hunter Hats billboard	undated
		91311, 91317-91318	Hine Tire and Service Co. billboard	undated
		91312	Blue Ribbon Paint billboard	undated
		91313	Imperial billboard	undated
		91314-91315	Cooley-Bentz Co. billboard	undated
		91316	Sheetrock billboard	undated
		91319	AC Spark Plug billboard	undated
4	Photograph Album	91192a-91192b	Portrait of Merritt Starkweather	undated
		91193-91194	Meeting of American Institute of Architects	undated
		91195-91198, 91200	Merritt Starkweather with unidentified people	undated
		91199	George Cannon Young and M.H. Starkweather	undated