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## PC 180

Wallace, Norman G., 1885-1983 Photographs, 1906-1969 (bulk: 1933-1942)

#### DESCRIPTION

Photographs taken by Norman G. Wallace of highways, bridges, dams, cities and towns and railroads primarily in Arizona and Mexico between 1906 and 1969. The bulk of the photographs are black-and-white and taken with large-format cameras, though the collection also includes some color transparencies as well as albums and a small amount of manuscript material used to document the photographs.

59 Boxes, 4 folders of panoramas, 55.25 linear ft. 2 boxes of glass plates stored with glass plates.

# **ACQUISITION**

Henrietta Wallace donated the bulk of the collection in 1984. In 1999 *Arizona Highways* magazine donated the "Highway Negatives" along with prints made at *Arizona Highways*.

#### ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

# RELATED MATERIAL

Oral history interviews were conducted with Norman G. Wallace in 1975 (AV 366) and his widow, Henrietta Wallace in 1987 (AV 619).

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## **PROCESSING**

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# ARRANGEMENT

Arranged in twelve series: 1/U. S. National Parks and Monuments, 1906-1950. 2/Arizona Highways, 1918-1950. 3/Arizona Underpasses & Bridges, 1932-1954. 4/Railroads, 1907-1944. 5/Portraits, 1907-1976. 6/Arizona Places, 1910-1951. 7/Non-Arizona Places, 1906-1950. 8/Subjects, 1910-1950. 9/Color Transparencies, 1938-1969. 10/Albums, 1907-1965. 11/Manuscript materials, 1923-1980. 12/Panoramas, 1923-1950.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Norman G. Wallace (1885-1983), surveyor and Chief Locating Engineer for the Arizona Highway Department, arrived in Arizona from Ohio in 1906. He lived in Tucson and worked as a railroad surveyor for the Southern Pacific Railroad in Southern Arizona and Northern Mexico. From 1906 until 1913, and then sporadically into the 1920s, he surveyed various railroad lines in Northern Mexico. He began working for the Arizona Highway Department in 1932 until his retirement in 1955. In this capacity, he traveled all over Arizona. Both for his work for the highway department, and for his own interest, he photographed everywhere he went. From the 1920s to the 1950s, his photographs, sometimes accompanied by articles, appeared in the pages of *Arizona Highways* magazine.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Norman G. Wallace collection of photographs is a significant photographic collection for images of Arizona and Northern Mexico in the first half of the twentieth century. Several factors make the collection unusually valuable. One is the large volume of images taken by one photographer for over fifty years during a time of tremendous growth. Wallace documented the building of Arizona's infrastructure with construction of highways, dams, bridges and railroads. A second factor is Wallace's meticulous record keeping; though not every print is identified, most do have exact information on the date and location of each image. The detailed information and location show areas of highways and dams before, during and after construction. Finally, the quality of Wallace's large-format negatives gives a great deal of detail not ordinarily present.

Wallace's views of cities and towns in Arizona, particularly in the 1930s show active main streets in communities all over Arizona. Besides the series of "Arizona Cities & Towns," views of mines and smelters illustrate Arizona's mining communities as well. Though Wallace did not often photograph people, the subject files offer views of Native Americans, particularly of the dwellings. This series includes ancient ruins, including Wupatki and Kinishba, as well as "modern" dwellings of hogans and Tohono O'Odham homes taken in the early part of the twentieth century.

Wallace's scenic views include areas all over Arizona including the Grand Canyon, Oak Creek Canyon, various Mountain ranges and rivers. These images will illustrate changes made to the environment with construction of tunnels, dams and highways.

Also of significance to researchers will be the photographs of Mexico. These include building the railroad, missions and villages as well as a small amount of Mexican Revolution photographs. Images of the revolution include soldiers, hangings, and burning buildings taken between 1906 and 1916.

Wallace organized his photographs into groups and his basic organization has been kept. For instance, his photographs of abandoned forts were kept under Historical - Forts. The Highway photographs have been kept together as a series. His arrangement is a useful one though the researchers may sometimes need to check under the highway photographs for towns, bridges and dams along the highway. In addition, many negatives are not printed but have been preserved. Wallace tended to pick out the most significant negatives to print, but

if a researcher is interested in seeing every negative on a particular subject, advance notice will be needed to retrieve and research any unprinted negatives.

# **Series List**

Series 1/ U.S. National Parks and Monuments, 1906-1950 (bulk: 1930s). Contains scenic views of several major national parks in the western United States. These include Canyon de Chelly, Canyon del Muerto, the Grand Canyon, the Grand Tetons, the Painted Desert, the Petrified Forest, Yellowstone, Zion, and Bryce Canyon. The majority of the photographs were taken in the mid-1930s. 3 boxes (2.25 linear ft.) arranged alphabetically by name (with the exception of Bryce Canyon, which falls at the end.)

Series 2/ Arizona Highways, 1918-1950 (bulk dates: 1933-1950). Contains photographs of highway construction, scenic views taken from highways, and cars on the highways. This series also includes bridges and tunnels along the highways, though more bridges can be found in Series 3. Wallace included some bridges in the Highway group, such as the Queen Creek Bridge, but other bridges were separated and are in Series 3 (Underpasses and Bridges). 12 boxes (9 linear ft.) are arranged by highway number, with unnumbered roads at the end along with general or unidentified highway construction.

Series 3/ Underpasses & Bridges, 1932-1954. Contains photographs of underpasses and bridges generally taken along the highways. This series includes construction views as well as views of finished bridges and underpasses. It also includes dedication ceremonies of finished construction. 2 boxes (1.5 linear ft.) arranged by location.

Series 4/ Railroads, 1907-1949 (bulk: 1909-1919). Contains photographs of railroads, railroad tracks, railroad construction, locomotives and railroad workers in Arizona and Mexico. Includes some railroads from other states and includes different kinds of railroad locomotives. 4 boxes (3 linear ft.) arranged by name of railroad.

Series 5/ Portraits, 1907-1976. Small collection of portraits, many of which are unidentified. Includes photographs of Norman G. Wallace and personnel of the Southern Pacific Railroad as well as Arizona Highway Department Personnel. 1 box, (.75 linear ft.).

Series 6/Arizona Places, 1910-1951. Photographs include cities and towns throughout Arizona. The bulk of these are taken in the 1930s and show many thriving small towns. Photographs of Tucson are generally earlier from 1910-1920s when Wallace lived in Tucson. Though Arizona towns are represented in this series, more photographs can be found under "Subjects-Mining" for mining towns like Bisbee and Clifton and other photographs of towns are located in the Highway Series as the roads go through towns and cities. Also included in this series are the Dams and Reservoirs, Mountains, Rivers and Miscellaneous places. The miscellaneous includes the Pinacate Region which is located in Southern Arizona and Northern Mexico. 9 boxes, (6.75 linear ft.) arranged alphabetically by name of the town, dam or mountain range.

Series 7/Non-Arizona Places, 1906-1950 (bulk: 1907-1923). The first box of this series are photographs taken by Wallace on occasional trips outside of Arizona. The largest grouping in the series of U. S. States were taken in Alaska during a trip in 1923. The second

box contains photographs taken by Wallace during his years in Mexico. This box is supplemented by several of the albums (boxes 43, 45-48) where more of the Mexico prints can be found. Wallace spent many years in Mexico for the railroad and this series is significant in that it includes photographs taken during the Mexican revolution. 2 boxes, (1.5 linear ft.) arranged alphabetically by City or State in Mexico.

Series 8/Subjects, 1910-1950. Includes photographs taken by Wallace of a variety of subject matter around Arizona. The "Mines and Smelters" show mining towns around Arizona, some of which are also represented in the Place files. Wallace's "Historical" photos show ruins of military posts, jails and other abandoned sites. Included in this series are one folder of "Mexican Revolutionaries" taken between 1906 and 1916. Of particular interest will be the "Native American" sub-series which includes ruins such as Tuzigoot and Wupatki, but also modern Native Americans including Tohono O'Odham, Navajo and Hopi taken from 1912 to 1945. 5 boxes, (3.75 linear ft.) arranged alphabetically by subject.

**Series 9/Color Transparencies, 1938-1969.** Includes 35mm, medium-format, 4x5 and 5x7 color transparencies. Subjects range from family vacations to bridges, dams, and scenic views. One box of 4x5 and 5x7 transparencies includes many views of the Salt River Canyon and particularly Oak Creek Canyon and Alt. Hwy 89. 2 boxes, (1.5 linear ft.) (stored in the cold box).

Series 10/ Albums, 1907-1965. Wallace kept albums of many of his photographs. Several of these were put together later, including some of the Mexico prints. The albums of "K" negatives form a chronological view of Wallace's work. These are contact sheets of his medium-format negatives; only some of these are printed in the regular collection, though the negatives are available to make prints. 16 boxes, (15 linear ft.).

Series 11/ Manuscript materials, 1923-1980. Wallace kept meticulous records of his photographs. These are the chronological log books which he kept of his photography as well as indexes that he created later in his life. For detailed information on particular images, a researcher may be able to find information as to location, time of day, type of film, exposure, etc. 2 boxes, (1 linear ft.) arranged chronologically.

Series 12/ Panoramas, 1923-1950. Wallace shot many views as "panoramas." While not taken with a panoramic camera, he lined up his shots so that the negatives overlapped. Many of his "panoramas" are printed individually in the regular files but these are prints which he cut himself to keep as panoramas. Primarily panoramas are of Tucson and Mohave County. 4 oversized folders, (8.5 linear ft.)

\*PANORAMAS ARE STORED WITH AHS PANORMAS.

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# **Series 9: Color Transparencies**

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35 mm. and medium-format color transparencies, 1932-1969. The 35mm were primarily taken by Wallace on vacations or as preliminary shots for his large format photography. The subject matter is mostly the same as his other photographs. Includes photographs of the Grand Canyon, roads, dams, Oak Creek Canyon, etc. The medium-format (M-size) transparencies include two folders of Black Canyon Highway, 1961-62 and one folder of misc. 1962-1969, which are mostly scenic photographs.

#### Box 41

One box (approximately 70) of 4x5 and 5x7 color transparencies, includes bridges, dams, highways including Alt. Hwy. 89, Salt River Canyon, Grand Canyon and many views of Oak Creek Canyon. Most are undated, though it seems to cover 1938 to 1959.

# Series 10: Albums

Note: the numbers listed on the albums do not correspond with photo numbers as Wallace later renumbered his negatives.

#### Box 42

Album #1: 1100 to 1200, 1201 to 1300. Contains photographs of Colorado and Mexico, 1907-1908. Primarily taken in Mexico of the SPRR of Mexico, laying tracks and locomotives. Also includes 2 photographs of Yaquis hanging in 1907.

Albums #1A: Rocky Mountains, Idaho Springs - Georgetown Loop, 1909.

#### Box 43

Album #2: #1-245. Contains photographs taken in Mexico, 1915-1919. Includes railroad scenes, personnel and pictures taken around Sonora including Empalme, Imuris, Hermosillo and Nogales. Photos of Nogales include "El Ranchito," the "Red Light District" in 1917. Photographs taken in 1919 include Sinaloa. This album also includes wrecks on the railroad from 1915 and shots of the harbor in Guaymas in 1917. Includes Carranza's soldiers entering Empalme in 1915. The album is not arranged chronologically as it seems to have been put together by Wallace at a later date.

## Box 44

Album #3: #246 to 287. Photos taken in the Tucson area around 1910. Primarily desert scenes, it also includes a view of Tucson from "A Mountain," scenes of San Augustine mission and Silverlake road. These photographs are also represented in other files of Tucson and the Tucson Mountains.

## Box 45

Album#4: #302-449. Rio Yaqui to Nogales South. Primarily Southern Pacific Railroad of Mexico. Shows construction of Rio Yaqui Bridge, 1914-1916.

# **Box 46**

Album #5: #450 to 576. Nogales to Guaymas, 1915-1917. Same kinds of photographs as Album #4.

#### Box 47

Album #6: Mazatlan - Manzanillo - Colima - Guadalajara - Mexico City - Vera Cruz and others, 1909-January 1910.

## **Box 48**

Album #7: #900-1029. Tepic, 1909-1912.

**"K" Albums.** Contact sheets of medium format negatives arranged numerically. These contact sheets are all kinds of subject matter including Highways, Places, Bridges, Dams, etc.

# **Box 49**

K Album: K1 - K50. June 1938-November 1938.

# Box 50

K Album: K51 - K99. November 1938 to September 1939.

# Box 51

K Album: K100 - K199. September 1939 to April 1941.

#### Box 52

K Album: K200 - K251. April 1941 to June 1944.

# Box 53

K Album: K251 - K405. 1944 to 1950.

# Box 54

K Album: K405 - K440. February to October 1950.

## Box 55

K Album: K441 - K465. October 1950 to April 1965.

#### Box 56

"M" Sized negatives. Contact sheets of "M" sized negatives M1 - M50, ca. 1937-1938.

#### Box 57

2 Albums of Norman G. Wallace Postcards: These postcards include all kinds of subject matter including Highways, Places, Bridges, Dams, etc. These are significant in that they represent images Wallace felt to be pictorially significant.

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f. 381	Photo Log Books: #5, July 23, 1935-October 1936 (8x10)
f. 382	Photo Log Books: #6, October1933-June 1934 (5x7)

f. 383	Photo Log Books: #8, 1934-1936
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f. 385	Photo Log Books: #12, 1938-1947 (5x7)
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# Series 12: Panoramas, 1923-1950

Folder #1: Tucson & Topock. Includes two panoramas taken from "A" Mtn. In 1923 and 1927 which are also included in the regular files (f. 263-f. 266). Also includes three views of Topock and the bridge over the Colorado river.

Folder #2: Highways. Includes panoramas of the Bush Highway, Davis Dam Highway, Route 66 and the Black Canyon Highway.

Folder #3: Mohave County, 1940. All views of Mohave County, mostly showing scenic type of views of mountains. Some are without exact location.

Folder #4: Scenic, 1927-1950. Views include the Mogollon Rim, 1948, Puerta Penasco, 1927, Virgin River Canyon, 1950, Kaiser Springs Canyon and a 360 degree panorama taken of the Santa Cruz River Valley, beginning and ending with Picacho Peak.