

TITLE: The Rufus K. Wyllys Collection

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Rufus K. Wyllys (1898-1955) was born in Cambria, Michigan to Rufus J. & Katherine M. Sutton Wyllys, the youngest of five children. He spent most of his young life in the county seat of Hillsdale, MI and after a short stint in the military, worked in commercial and newspaper offices in Toledo, OH. He returned to home to earn a degree in arts and science from Hillsdale College. Wyllys then completed a master's degree in history at the University of Michigan and taught history at Kalamazoo College for two years. He decided to pursue his Ph.D. at the University of California in Berkeley, where he married his wife Eugenia Dunsmore in August 1926.

Wyllys finished his Ph.D. work in 1929 and secured a faculty position at Tempe State College (now known as Arizona State University) where he taught many of the history courses. He chaired the Department of Social Studies for 22 years. During that time he published many scholarly works including the much heralded *Arizona: The History of a Frontier State* in 1950. Wyllys was widely admired as a teacher, an exemplary scholar, and a tough critic of academic scholarship. Wyllys died of cancer April 16, 1955. (Hubbard, Paul. 1980. "Dedication to Rufus Kay Wyllys." *Arizona and the West*, 22(2), 105-108)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection contains unpublished manuscripts, lectures, source publications, and maps created by Wyllys for his publications. The majority of the materials in the collection are in fair to excellent condition. Highlights of this collection include a number of research papers written by Wyllys as young academic, biographical sketches of Sonoran politicians Ignacio Pesqueira & Manuel Maria Gandara, a number of short manuscripts on historic border relations between Mexico and the United States, and transcripts of speeches given by Wyllys.

This collection is arranged in three series and listed in chronological order. **Series I: Biographical; Series II: Publications; and Series III: Writings.**

CONTAINER LIST:

| Box | Folder | Title | Dates |
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| 1 | 1 | Biographical (includes photograph) | 1939-1980 |
| | 2 | Publications: The Californian Illustrated Magazine, v.2, n.2 | 1892 |
| | 3 | Publications: Pamphlets on Southwest | 1903-1932 |
| | 4 | Publications: John R. Murdock Papers (brief history of Arizona) | 1928 |
| | 5 | Publications: Articles by Will Barnes | 1931-1932 |
| | 6 | Publications: Congressional Records for 75 th & 76 th Congress | 1938-1939 |
| | 7 | Publications: Papers on Southwest (authors unknown) | n.d. |
| | 8 | Writings: The Mining Camps of California and Their Government (class paper) | 1924 |
| | 9 | Writings: The Case of Luther v. Borden | 1927 |
| | 10 | Writings: The Origins of the Wilmot Proviso: Its Effects on North & South (graduate school paper) | 1927 |
| | 11 | Writings: The Trail of the Padres (in Arizona Highways, v.9: 12) | 1933 |
| | 12 | Writings: The Administration of Woodrow Wilson and International Reconstruction | 1934 |
| | 13 | Writings: The Crisis of the Saar | 1934 |
| | 14 | Writings: Will There Be Another War? | 1935 |
| | 15 | Writings: Maricopa County Backgrounds | 1936 |
| | 16 | Writings: Apache County Backgrounds | 1937 |
| | 17 | Writings: Book Reviews | 1937-1940 |
| | 18 | Writings: Chronology of Arizona | 1937 |
| | 19 | Writings: A Picture of the Mexican Situation | 1938 |
| | 20 | Writings: Coconino County Backgrounds | 1937 |
| | 21 | Writings: Historical Sketch of the City of Phoenix | 1938 |
| | 22 | Writings: America's Defense | 1939 |
| | 23 | Writings: Biographical Sketches of Ignacio Pesqueira & Manuel Maria Gandara | 1939 |
| | 24 | Writings: The Advance of Arizona | 1940 |
| | 25 | Writings: The Journey of Fray Marcos De Niza (paper presented at American Association for the Advancement of | 1940 |

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| | | Science General Meeting) | |
| | 26 | Writings: New Tools for Arizona Social Science (paper for Lloyd A. Arbidson State Archival & Records Project) | 1941 |
| 2 | 1 | Writings: The Future – War or Peace? | 1944 |
| | 2 | Writings: What’s It All About? (speech addressing problems that could arise following the conclusion of WWII) | 1944 |
| | 3 | Writings: In Dollars & Sense (economics in a post-WWII world) | 1949 |
| | 4 | Writings: The Mexican Border: Its Lore and Lure (in Helios) | 1949 |
| | 5 | Writings: Formosa (Taiwan) Takes the Spotlight | 1950 |
| | 6 | Writings: A Voice Crying in the Wilderness (Mormon History) | n.d. |
| | 7 | Writings: Arizona Maps (early drafts of those used in <i>Arizona: The History of a Frontier State</i>) | n.d. |
| | 8 | Writings: Border Relations (since 1850) | n.d. |
| | 9 | Writings: Brief History of Arizona | n.d. |
| | 10 | Writings: Caravans to the Southwest | n.d. |
| | 11 | Writings: Conquistador Trails | n.d. |
| | 12 | Writings: Early Visitors to the Southwest | n.d. |
| | 13 | Writings: Editorial notes on the Statement of D.P. Barstow | n.d. |
| | 14 | Writings: Far Eastern International Currents | n.d. |
| | 15 | Writings: Jacobin Imperialist Designs | n.d. |
| | 16 | Writings: Pupil Appreciation of Arizona’s Spanish Backgrounds | |
| | 17 | Writings: Spanish Exploration and Settlement to 1600 | n.d. |
| | 18 | Writings: Speech, “Evolution of Government” (address to new recruits of the Civilian Conservation Corps) | n.d. |
| | 19 | Writings: Speech, “History of Arizona” | n.d. |
| | 20 | Writings: Speech, “The Challenges of Today” (address to graduates of Tempe Union High School) | n.d. |
| | 21 | Writings: Sud Pacifico: Postscript on a Railroad | n.d. |
| | 22 | Writings: The Americans in Texas (Anglo-American settlement in the Southwest) | n.d. |
| | 23 | Writings: The Career of Garces (Fray Francisco Garces) | n.d. |
| | 24 | Writings: The Faculty Looks at College | n.d. |
| | 25 | Writings: The Fur Trade of the Southwest | n.d. |
| | 26 | Writings: The Gadsden Treaty | n.d. |
| | 27 | Writings: The Peopling of Arizona | n.d. |
| | 28 | Writings: The Spanish Missions of the Southwest | n.d. |
| | 29 | Writings: The Winning of the Southwest | n.d. |
| | 30 | Writings: This Shrinking World | n.d. |

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| | 31 | Writings: William Walker's Invasion of Sonora, 1854 | n.d. |
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