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Cochran, Orville A.
Papers, 1961 - 1963**

DESCRIPTION

This collection contains primarily correspondence between Orville Alvin Cochran, the Post Historian at the United States Army Electronic Proving Ground, Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, and the Arizona Historical Society.

1 box, .25 linear feet

TRANSFERS

Transferred from the collection: Pamphlets about Ft. Huachuca to Ephemera--Military posts--Fort Huachuca and one photograph of William A. Thompson to Portraits--Thompson, William A.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Orville A. Cochran in 1961.

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PROCESSING

This collection was previously processed and reviewed by David Grasse in March 2010.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Orville Alvin Cochran (1911 – 1969) served as the museum director and post historian at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona from 1960 to 1969. Cochran was born in Grand Valley, Colorado and migrated to Holbrook, Arizona in 1925. Having graduated with a degree in journalism from the University of Arizona in Tucson, Cochran served as the feature editor of the *Arizona Daily Wildcat* and editor of *The Buckeye Review*. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, achieving the rank of Major and subsequently served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Arizona National Guard until 1958. That same year, Cochran took a position with the Inspector General's Office at Ft. Huachuca. Cochran first visited the fort in 1938 as a member of the National Guard and returned in 1949 to inventory the buildings of the then abandoned post.

Orville Cochran was a member of the Arizona Pioneers Historical Society (now the Arizona Historical Society), the Kiwanis Club, the Parent-Teacher association, the First Baptist Church of Sierra Vista, and a life member of the National Guard Association. Cochran authored and presented at the Ninth Arizona Historical Conference the paper entitled *Arizona's 158th Infantry Regiment: The 102-Year Saga of the 'Bushmasters'*. Cochran also rendered a map of the lines and stations of the Department of Arizona Heliograph System from the late 1800s. Orville A. Cochran was married to Euphenia Alice and the couple had two children, Carol Ann and Barry Richard Cochran.