



TITLE: Abbey Grunewald collection

DATE RANGE: 1940-1998

CALL NUMBER: MS 1298

LOCATION: Arizona History Museum, 949 E Second St, Tucson, AZ 85719

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2 linear ft (5 boxes)

PROVENANCE: The bulk of the collection was donated by Kathryn Grunewald George in 1998. Michael Harbour donated an additional scrapbook and papers when he purchased the house at 2101 E. 3rd St. in Tucson in 2019.

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PREFERRED CITATION: Arizona Historical Society, Abbey Grunewald collection, MS 1298

PROCESSED BY: The collection was processed by Meghan Harper in September 2006. Perri Pyle revised the finding aid and incorporated the additional items in 2023.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Abbey and Arthur Grunewald owned one of Tucson's first fine jewelry stores, Grunewald & Adams Jewelry Company, and were very involved in the Tucson community. Abbey particularly held many leadership positions in various volunteer organizations, one time being on the board for 34 different organizations. She was also very active at many social events and delighted in hosting parties and luncheons for friends. After Arthur's death in 1974, Abbey became president of the jewelry store and was very involved in all aspects of buying and selling and became a very prominent and successful businesswoman in her own right. After over 20 years, failing health forced her to close the store. She also had ties to the University of Arizona, donating money in 1995 to open the Grunewald-Blitz Clinic for Communication Disorders in children, in memory of her grandson.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection consists of 2 scrapbooks, a yearbook, newspaper clippings, correspondence, directories, and photographs, pertaining to Abbey Grunewald and Grunewald & Adams Jewelry Company. Additional materials pertain to the Grunewald-Blitz Clinic for Children with Communication Disorders. Among the correspondence are letters from daughters Karen and Kathi, birthday, get well and holiday cards and general personal correspondence. News Clippings include many of the social events and volunteer

organizations Abbey Grunewald was associated with and participated in, as well as her involvement with the jewelry company. There is also much detailing her generous donation to found the Grunewald-Blitz Clinic and then her involvement with the dedication. Volunteer organization membership directories and newsletters in which Grunewald took part are included. Photographs include pictures of Abbey as a young girl on vacation, with friends in Tucson, and as one of "Tucson's 11 Best Dressed Women 1958." There is also a yearbook from her junior year of high school in Fargo, ND. One scrapbook includes newspaper clippings dating from 1952-1957 of social events and volunteer activities in Tucson.

Additional loose materials and a second scrapbook covers additional years in the mid-1950s and were incorporated when Michael Harbour purchased the house formerly owned by the Grunewalds in 2019.

SUBJECT TERMS: Grunewald, Abbey; Grunewald, Abbey -- Photographs; Jewelers -- Arizona -- Tucson; Businesswomen -- Arizona -- Tucson; Jewelry -- Photographs

RELATED MATERIALS: Arizona Federation of Women's Clubs records, MS 0605

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
1	1	Fargo Senior High School Yearbook <i>Cynosure</i>	1995
	2	Travel Documents and Itineraries From Trips	undated/1954
	3	Clippings of Grunewald's Social Involvement	1940-1984
	4	Clippings of Grunewald's Social Involvement	1940-1984
	5	Clippings of Grunewald's Social Involvement	undated
	6	Personal Correspondence with Daughter Kathi Grunewald	1966-1967
	7	Personal Correspondence with Daughter Karen Grunewald	undated
	8	Personal Correspondence with Daughter Karen Grunewald	undated
	9	Personal Correspondence- General	1950-1997
	10	Personal Correspondence- General	undated
	11	Personal Correspondence- Birthday Cards	undated
	12	Personal Correspondence- Get Well Cards	undated
2	13	Personal Correspondence- Holiday Cards and Letters	undated
	14	Personal Correspondence- Holiday Cards and Letters	undated
	15	Personal Correspondence- UArizona Poetry Center	1986-1987
	16	Parties and Recipe Memo Book	undated
	17	Grunewald-Blitz Clinic Documents- Correspondence	1994
	18	Grunewald-Blitz Clinic Documents- Dedication Party	1995
	19	Grunewald-Blitz Clinic Documents- Correspondence	1995
	20	Grunewald-Blitz Clinic Dedication Mailing and Dinner Lists	1995
	21	Tucson Community Profile- Women's Task Force Documents	undated
	22	Women at the Top Documents	1995

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
	23	Assistance League of Tucson Directories	1985/1990
	24	Who's Who International Directories and Newsletter	1984/1988
3	25	Jewelry Inventory Memo Book	undated
	26	Clippings about Grunewald and Adams Jewelry Company	undated
	27	Grunewald and Adams Jewelry Company Closure	1995
	28	Personal Correspondence- Closure of Jewelry Company	1995
	29	Medical Documents	1994
	30	Miscellaneous Papers	undated
	31	Photos- Abbey Grunewald and Friends at Pelican Lake	1937
	32	Photos- Abbey and Arthur Grunewald Jewelry Shows	undated
	33	Photos- Abbey Grunewald and Friends	undated
	34	Photos- Abbey Grunewald and Friends	1983/1996
	35	Photos- Abbey Grunewald and Friends	1983/1996
	36	Photo- Tucson's 11 Best Dressed Women	1958
	37	Photos- Miscellaneous	undated
	38	Photos- Miscellaneous	ca. 1950s
	39	Correspondence- Miscellaneous	ca. 1950s
	40	Woman's Club programs	undated
	41	Woman's Clubs organizational paperwork	undated
	42	Loose items from Scrapbook 2	ca. 1950s
4		Scrapbook 1- Clippings of Grunewald's Social Involvement	1952 -1957
5		Scrapbook 2- Arizona Federation of Junior Woman's Clubs	ca. 1950s