DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of a series of scrapbooks containing mementos from the professional career and community activities of Robert W. Heyer, Sr. between the years of 1946 and 1980. The scrapbooks include highlights of activities, reports, and programs of the Southern Arizona Bank from 1946 until the time of its merger with First National Bank of Arizona. These materials include scattered newsletters, annual reports, meeting minutes, memos, the Arizona Banker’s By-laws, directories, a history of the bank, and issues of the publication “Western Banker”. Heyer was also employed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas with representative materials including a directory, organizational chart, annual report, newsletters, and other financial information. Of particular interest to researchers are materials regarding the construction, dedication, and history of the Tucson International Airport including newspaper clippings, bond issues, photographs of the dedication, annual reports, audit reports, and a history of the organization. Also of interest is some history of the reconstruction of Old Tucson through financing from the Banker’s Convention.

Materials featuring Heyer’s involvement in community organizations and activities include St. Joseph’s Hospital with scattered information on the construction of a new wing for the hospital, bond issues, newsletters, yearbooks, annual reports, meeting minutes, and other fundraising activities. Heyer worked with the Diocese of Tucson. Materials present include brief financial information and the rededication of St. Augustine Cathedral. Additional pamphlets provide selected information on other community organizations including a fifty year history of the Rotary Club, a Pledge Manual for Delta Sigma Pi, information on the State of Israel Bonds Dinner, meeting minutes and other material from St. Cyril’s Parish Council, information on the dedication of the facilities at Anshei Israel, information on the Fort Huachuca Museum, and a history of St. Luke’s in the Desert.

12 boxes, 18 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Robert W. Heyer began his banking career in Tucson in 1946 with the Southern Arizona Bank after his graduation from the Hanover School of Banking in New York. He became Vice President of the bank in 1958 and President in 1963. He later served as the director for the El Paso branch of the Federal Reserve and as an advisor for Great Western Bank.

Heyer was dedicated to community service, and served on a variety of boards for different organizations, including a year as president for the Tucson Airport Authority. In addition he was involved with St. Joseph’s Hospital, St. Luke’s in the Desert, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Clinic, the Tucson Diocese of the Catholic Church, St. Cyril’s Parish Council, the Tucson Chamber of Commerce, the University of Arizona Executive Development Advisory Board for the College of Business, the Tucson Rotary Club, and the Old Pueblo Club.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Robert Heyer, Jr. in 2007.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Allison Tinkler in December 2007.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

BOX 1

Scrapbook #1: May 1946-October 1960
Scrapbook Highlights:
Promotions and Well Wishes
Southern Arizona Bank Annual Reports

BOX 2

Scrapbook #2: August 1960
Scrapbook Highlights:
Bankers Association Meeting with Information and Photos
Folder 1: Loose Items from Scrapbook: Correspondence
Folder 2: Loose Items from Scrapbook: Meeting Speeches, Western Banker
Financial Statement

Scrapbook #3: October 1960- January 1963
Scrapbook Highlights:
Arizona Banker’s Association By-laws
“Western Banker” Issues
Southern Arizona Bank Annual Report
Airport Bonds Issued
Heyer’s Promotion to Executive Board of Directors and Well Wishes
Check Processing Computer Center Open House
Heyer’s Promotion to Bank President and Well Wishes

BOX 3

Scrapbook #4: January 1963- November 1963
Scrapbook Highlights:
Tucson Airport Authority Agenda
Heyer’s Promotion to Bank President and Well Wishes
Heyer’s Election to Tucson Airport Authority and Well Wishes
Issue “The Pacific Banker and Business”
Newspaper Articles on Tucson Airport Authority

Scrapbook #5: November 1963 - November 1964
Scrapbook Highlights:
  - Dedication of Tucson Airport Terminal
  - Opening of Southern Arizona Bank Branch at Airport
  - Southern Arizona Bank Annual Report
  - Federal Reserve Bank Newsletter
  - Western Bankcorporation Annual Report
  - Heyer’s Appointment to Federal Reserve Bank and Well Wishes

BOX 4

Scrapbook #6: July 1964 - February 1966
Scrapbook Highlights:
  - Tucson Airport Annual Report
  - Southern Arizona Bank Annual Report
  - Federal Reserve Annual Report
  - Western Bankcorporation Annual Report
  - Federal Reserve Organizational Chart
  - Southern Arizona Bank Memos
  - Sun Symbols Brochure
  - “Western Banker” Issues
  - Speech Summation Annual Report Southern Arizona Bank

Scrapbook #7: June 1966 - December 1968
Scrapbook Highlights:
  - Story of Tucson Airport Authority
  - Southern Arizona Bank Annual Report
  - Federal Reserve Report to the Board of Directors
  - Western Bankcorporation Annual Report
  - “Western Banker” Issues
  - Heyer’s Retirement Notices and Well Wishes
  - Pledge Manual Delta Sigma Pi
  - Diocese of Tucson Financial Statements
  - St. Augustine’s Cathedral Dedication

BOX 5

Scrapbook #8: January 1969 - September 1969
Scrapbook Highlights:
  - Tucson Airport Authority Audit Report
  - Work Youth Program
  - Federal Reserve Bank Meeting Agenda
  - Southern Arizona Annual Report
  - Reserve Bank Directory
  - St. Joseph’s Yearbook
State of Israel Bonds Dinner
“Western Banker” Issues
St. Cyril’s Parish Council

BOX 6

Scrapbook #9: October 1969- December 1970
Scrapbook Highlights:
Old Tucson Financing via Bankers Convention
“Western Banker” Issues
Dedication New Facilities Anshei Israel
Federal Reserve Bank Official Numbers
Federal Reserve Bank Official Directory
St. Joseph’s Hospital Annual Report
St. Joseph’s Newsletters
Southern Arizona Bank Annual Report
City Council Meeting Agenda
Heyer’s Resignation from St. Cyril’s Board

BOX 7

Scrapbook #10: January 1971- August 1972
Scrapbook Highlights:
Southern Arizona Bank Annual Report
Rotary Club 50th anniversary brochure
Heyer’s Election to Board at St. Joseph’s
“House of Life” Fundraiser St. Joseph’s
St. Joseph’s Yearbook, Outreach
St. Joseph’s New Wing Launch
St. Joseph’s Bond Issue
University of Arizona Medical Center

BOX 8

Scrapbook #11: October 1972- December 1974
Scrapbook Highlights:
St. Joseph’s Board Meeting Minutes
Fort Huachuca Museum
History of Southern Arizona Bank
Southern Arizona Bank Annual and Quarterly Report
Executive Development Advisory Board, U. of A. College of Business
St. Joseph’s Outreach, Newsletters, Celebration of Life
Tucson Airport Authority brochure
St. Luke’s in the Desert History
Southern Arizona Bank Shareholders Meeting

BOX 9

Scrapbook #12: December 1974- November 1977
Scrapbook Highlights:
Heyer’s Resume
Southern Arizona Bank Directory
Appointment to Great Western notices and Well Wishes
Southern Arizona Annual Report
Issue of “Curator” Museum of Natural History
Merger: Southern Arizona and First National Bank
St Mary’s Newsletters (Building Expansion Plans)
Grand Opening Great Western Bank
Great Western Statements of Condition
Water Committee Report

BOX 10

Scrapbook #13: December 1977-June 1979
Scrapbook Highlights:
    Great Western Bank Statement of Condition
    Executive Development Advisory
    Diocese of Tucson Information and Financial Statement
    Tucson Airport Authority Bond

Scrapbook #14: January 1980-November 1980
Scrapbook Highlights:
    Correspondence containing well wishes
    Photos of Southern Arizona Bank
    Obituary

BOX 11

Photo Album: December 1963
    Photo Album: Airport Dedication Photos

BOX 12

Misc. Items
    Photo of Southern Arizona Bank
    Tucson Maps
    Guide to Banking Service
    “The Other Side of the Mountain”: Guide to the Highways and Byways of the Grand Canyon State
    “A Collection of Western Art”
    Letters of Appreciation and Certificates