

Guide to

MS 5

**Homebuilders Association of Central Arizona Records,
1953-1987**

Bulk Dates 1953-1963

5 linear feet, 4 inches

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HISTORICAL NOTE

The Arizona Homebuilders Association was founded in 1951 and still exists. The Association sponsored activities such as the Mrs. Arizona Homeowner contest, a beauty contest for married Arizona women, and the annual Parade of Homes in which many builders participated. In this venture, each participating builder built a home in a cul-de-sac and then all the homes were open to the public. The Homebuilders Association also negotiated contracts with various labor unions on behalf of their members. Some of the most noted members include John F. Long, Ellis Suggs, and Ralph Staggs. The Association now has nearly 200 members.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

The Homebuilders Association of Central Arizona Records are arranged in five series:

Series 1. Scrapbooks, 1953-1963. 4 linear feet, 8¼ boxes, 3 oversize boxes.

This series consists of correspondence, newsletters, newspaper articles, gubernatorial proclamations, membership rosters, memoranda, publicity publications regarding the administration and activities of the Homebuilders Association as well as its dealings with labor organizations and the histories and activities of Association members.

Series 2. Newspaper Clippings, 1962-1963, 1 inch, 4 folders.

The clippings in this series were not used in the 1962 or 1963 scrapbooks. They concern the activities of the Association and its members. Some clippings detail major events that impacted the homebuilding industry, such as the passage of laws against housing discrimination.

Series 3. Documents, 1961 and Undated. ¼ inch, 1 folder.

The undated radio announcements and 1961 magazine in this series describe National Home Week.

Series 4. Photographs, 1953-1987. 10 inches, 2 boxes.

The photographs in this series were taken from the scrapbooks in which they were originally placed. They show Association members, events in which the Homebuilders Association participated, and houses built by Association members.

Series 5. Sound Recordings, 1956. 3 inches, 1 box.

The vinyl record and cassette tape in this series play the song “Mrs. Arizona Homeowner” which was written for the contest held by the Association annually.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

These records document the activities and history of the Homebuilders Association of Central Arizona from 1953 until 1963. Most of the materials relate to the organization's activities and the activities of and awards won by its members. A significant portion of this collection concerns the Association's dealings with labor unions and striking workers. Also, these records contain information about the contestants in and winners of the Mrs. Arizona Homeowner contest sponsored by the Homebuilders Association. Though the Association still exists, the records end in 1963 and the photographs in 1987.

Series 1: **Scrapbooks**, 1953-1963. The records of the Homebuilders Association were found, for the most part, in these scrapbooks. Each scrapbook contained material from one or two years, and each book had a title based on its dates or content. The materials in this series are arranged chronologically by scrapbook, and within each book, folders are divided by page number. These documents treat the day-to-day operations of the Association, the activities of Association members, honors and awards won by the Association and its members, the Mrs. Arizona Homeowner Contest, labor relations and changes within the homebuilding industry.

Series 2: **Newspaper Clippings**, 1962-1963. Found in envelopes, these clippings were never placed in scrapbooks. Arranged chronologically and separated by month and year, they treat the Association's activities, the activities and awards won by Association members, and events and policies that impacted the homebuilding industry.

Series 3: **Documents**, 1961 and undated. Found loose and unattached to any scrapbook, the radio announcements and magazine that make up this series concern National Home Week.

Series 4: **Photographs**, 1953-1987. For preservation and conservation purposes, the majority of these photographs were removed from scrapbooks. They are arranged chronologically, in the order in which they would have appeared in the scrapbooks and separated into folders by scrapbook title and range of pages. The photographs in this series depict the activities of the Association and its members. Those photographs appearing in folders 106-114 were not found in scrapbooks but rather in envelopes.

Series 5: **Sound Recordings**, 1956. The vinyl record and the cassette tape in this series contain the song "Mrs. Arizona Homeowner," which was written for the Homebuilders Association-sponsored contest.

PROVENANCE

On January 2, 1996, Homebuilders Association President and Executive Director Connie Wilhelm-Garcia donated the Homebuilders Association of Central Arizona Records to the Arizona Historical Society, Central Arizona Division.

RESTRICTIONS

Copyright restrictions may apply to some material found in the collection, such as photographs taken by commercial and news photographers as well as newspaper articles.

LITERARY RIGHTS STATEMENT

Permission to publish material from the *Homebuilders Association of Central Arizona Records, 1953-1987* must be obtained from the Library and Archives Department at the Central Arizona Division of the Arizona Historical Society.

NOTES TO RESEARCHERS

In order to stabilize the materials and preserve the information contained in this collection, newspaper clippings and items on deteriorating acidic paper were photocopied onto acid-neutral paper and the originals were recycled. Also, staples were removed and replaced with paper clips to preserve the documents' context. These paper-clipped documents are now protected by strips of acid-neutral paper.

All items were removed from their scrapbook pages and placed in acid-neutral folders. The pages were numbered, so the items from each page follow a sheet that states the number and condition of the page on which they were found and, where possible, a drawing of each item's placement on the page. Photographs were then removed to be housed separately. Where a photograph appeared in the scrapbook, a "Document Removed" sheet was placed, showing the photograph's current location (box and folder) and identification number.

CONTAINER LIST**SERIES 1: SCRAPBOOKS, 1953-1963**

Box :	Folder	Scrapbook title (year or years), range of pages
1	: 1	1953-1954, pages 1-25
1	: 2	1953-1954, pages 26-36
1	: 3	1953-1954, pages 37-49
1	: 4	1953-1954, pages 50-56
1	: 5	1953-1954, pages 58-78
1	: 6	1953-1954, pages 79-116
1	: 7	1953-1954, pages 117-134
2	: 8	1955, pages 1-11
2	: 9	1955, pages 12-31
2	: 10	1955, pages 32-51
2	: 11	1955, pages 52-68
2	: 12	1955, pages 69-87
2	: 13	1955, pages 88-99
2	: 13A	1955, pages 100-118
2	: 14	Parade of Homes, pages 1-21
3	: 15	Parade of Homes, pages 22-45
3	: 16	Parade of Homes, pages 46-71
3	: 17	Parade of Homes, pages 72-86
3	: 18	1956, pages 1-24
3	: 19	1956, pages 25-47
3	: 20	1956, pages 48-67
3	: 21	1956, pages 68-77
3	: 22	1956, pages 78-93
3	: 23	1956-1957, pages 1-27
4	: 24	1956-1957, pages 28-54
4	: 25	1956-1957, pages 55-68
4	: 26	1957, pages 1-16
4	: 27	1957, pages 17-31
4	: 28	1957, pages 32-47
4	: 29	1957, pages 48-68
4	: 30	1957, pages 69-101
4	: 31	1957, pages 102-108
4	: 32	1958, pages 1-6
5	: 33	1958, pages 7-27
5	: 34	1958, pages 28-41
5	: 35	1958, pages 42-54
5	: 36	1958, pages 55-63
5	: 37	1958, pages 64-78
5	: 38	1958, pages 82-107
5	: 39	1958, pages 108-118
5	: 40	1959, pages 1-15

Box :	Folder	
5	: 41	1959, pages 16-36
6	: 42	1959, pages 37-51
6	: 43	1959, pages 52-67
6	: 44	1959, pages 68-83
6	: 45	1959, pages 84-95
6	: 46	1959, pages 96-111
6	: 47	1959, pages 112-120
6	: 48	1959, pages 121-142
6	: 49	1959, pages 143-151
6	: 50	1960, pages 1-10
6	: 51	1960, pages 11-17
7	: 52	1960, pages 18-29
7	: 53	1960, pages 30-42
7	: 54	1960, pages 43-50
7	: 55	1960, pages 51-61
7	: 56	1960, pages 62-72
7	: 57	1961, pages 1-7
7	: 58	1961, pages 8-13
7	: 59	1961, pages 14-23
7	: 60	1961, pages 24-26
7	: 61	1961, pages 27-29
8	: 62	1961, pages 30-45
8	: 63	1962, pages 1-5
8	: 64	1962, pages 6-10
8	: 65	1962, pages 11-16
8	: 66	1962, pages 17-32
8	: 67	1962, pages 33-47
8	: 68	1962, pages 48-68
8	: 69	1962, pages 69-74
8	: 70	1962, pages 75-93
9	: 71	1963, pages 1-6
9	: 72	1963, pages 7-20
9	: 73	Builders Escrow Company
12		Oversize Materials
14		Oversize Materials

SERIES 2: NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, 1962-1963

9	: 74	October-December, 1962
9	: 75	January and February, 1963
9	: 76	March-July, 1963
9	: 77	August and September, 1963

SERIES 3: DOCUMENTS, 1961

Box : Folder

9 : 78 National Home Week, 1961 and Undated

SERIES 4: PHOTOGRAPHS, 1953-1987

Box : Folder Scrapbook title (year or years), range of pages, catalog numbers

10 : 79 1953-1954, pages 4-13, 1997.167.01-.10
 10 : 80 1953-1954, pages 14-97, 1997.167.11-.19
 10 : 81 1953-1954, pages 98-100, 1997.167.20-.25
 10 : 82 1953-1954, pages 101-104, 1997.167.26, .219, .27-.33
 10 : 83 1955, pages 114-115, 1997.167.31-.35
 10 : 84 Parade of Homes, pages 1-48, 1997.167.36-.42
 10 : 85 Parade of Homes, pages 49-61, 1997.167.44-.53
 10 : 86 Parade of Homes, pages 63-66, 1997.167.54-.63
 10 : 87 Parade of Homes, pages 66-77, 1997.167.64-.73
 10 : 88 Parade of Homes, pages 78-86, 1997.167.74-.78
 10 : 89 1956, pages 25-36, 1997.167.79-.87
 10 : 90 1956, pages 37-40, 1997.167.88-.97
 10 : 91 1956, pages 66-70, 1997.167.98-.101
 10 : 92 1956-1957, pages 41-65, 1997.167.102-.105
 10 : 93 1957, pages 29-77, 1997.167.106-.115
 10 : 94 1957, pages 78-82, 1997.167.116-.124
 10 : 95 1957, pages 82 and 105, 1997.167.125-.132
 11 : 96 1958, pages 18-81, 1997.167.134-.142
 11 : 97 1958, pages 83-84, 1997.167.143-.146
 11 : 98 1958, pages 85-88, 1997.167.147-.154
 11 : 99 1958, pages 90-118, 1997.167.155-.159
 11 : 100 1959, page 149, 1997.167.160-.166
 11 : 101 1959, pages 150-151, 1997.167.167-.162
 11 : 102 1960, pages 8-72, 1997.167.173-.176
 11 : 103 1961, pages 44-45, 1997.167.177-.181
 11 : 104 1962, page 93, 1997.167.182-.183
 11 : 105 1963, page 20, 1997.167.184, 1997.167.222
 11 : 106 1980, 1997.167.191
 11 : 107 1983 and undated, unidentified, 1997.167.198-.203
 11 : 108 1984-1985, 1997.167.185-.189
 11 : 109 1987, 1997.167.192-.197
 11 : 110 Ralph Staggs, 1997.167.190
 11 : 111 Undated, Unidentified #1
 11 : 112 Undated, Unidentified #2, 1997.167.204-.207
 11 : 113 Unidentified, 1997.167.229-.238
 11 : 114 Unidentified, 1997.167.239-.248
 11 : 115 Unidentified, 1997.167.249-.258
 11 : 116 Unidentified, 1997.167.259-.268

Box Folder

- 11 : 117 Unidentified, 1999.167.269-.274
- 11 : 118 Negatives, 1997.167.198N-.203N
- 11 : 119 Labels for photographs (found separated from their photographs, unclear which photographs these belong with).

SERIES 5: SOUND RECORDINGS

Box

- 13 Vinyl LP of "Mrs. Arizona Homeowner"
Audio Cassette of "Mrs. Arizona Homeowner"