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Bencze, Louis G. Collection
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DESCRIPTION

This small collection consists of images of some prominent ranch houses in the southern Arizona area. The photographs were taken by Louis G. Bencze for use by Janet A. Stewart in her book, *Arizona Ranch Houses: Southern Territorial Styles, 1867-1900*. The collection features images of all seven ranches highlighted in the book including Pete Kitchen, Sierra Bonita, Empire, Faraway, Tanque Verde, San Bernardino, and San Rafael. Additional images depict the Fitch house, Rail X, La Osa, Babocamari, Canelo, and Bellota ranches. All images focus on the differing architectural styles and almost all printed images have negatives.

1 Box, .5 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Through the Bencze/Stewart images the researcher can observe the changing styles from the Spanish-Mexican strip house, the L-shaped ranch home, to the hacienda styled ranches of Sierra Bonita, Faraway, and San Bernardino ranches.

ACQUISITION

Received from the secretary of the *Journal of Arizona History* in 1985.

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in March 2005.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Folder 1: Fitch House

- F.2 Pete Kitchen's Ranch
- F.3 Tanque Verde Ranch
- F.4 Sierra Bonito Ranch
- F.5 Empire Ranch
- F.6 Faraway Ranch
- F.7 San Bernardino Ranch
- F.8 San Rafael Ranch
- F.9 Rail X Ranch
- F.10 La Osa Ranch
- F.11 Babocamari Ranch
- F.12 Canelo Ranch
- F.13 Hooker Ranch (In Negatives Only)
- F.14 Bellota Ranch
- F.15 Misc. Ranch Images