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Diamos family
Theater photographs, ca. 1940-1950

DESCRIPTION

Photographs of theaters owned by the Diamos family and located in Bisbee, Douglas, Tucson, Phoenix, Nogales, and Tombstone, and Lowell, Arizona, mostly during the 1940s. There are images of interiors and exteriors. Several exterior views show movie advertising and one marquee advertises the theater's air conditioning. There are a few portraits of Nick Diamos as well as several postcards containing photographs of the Bisbee Deportation. These show the men, crowds, and railroad station.

2 boxes, 1.5 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The Diamos family owned and operated twenty-eight theaters in the Southwest from 1912 until the 1970s. Nick Diamos, with his brothers, David G., Frank, John and their uncle Xalis, formed the Lyric Amusement Company. George K. Diamos, a younger brother, later took over management of the business. He was followed by Nick's son, George Nick Diamos, who managed the business from the 1950s to the 1970s.

ACQUISITION

JoAnn Diamos donated this collection in June 1983.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

This finding aid was prepared by Kim Frontz, June 2000.

ARRANGEMENT

Arranged by theater

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

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- f.15 Groundbreaking for drive-in theater, Douglas Amusement Park
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- f.17 Drive-In theater photo-engraving negatives

Box 2

- Oversize and framed prints
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