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Douglas, Walter, 1870-1946
Photograph collection, 1897-1898

DESCRIPTION

Photographs of mining activity and life in mining camps at Bisbee, Arizona, Nacozari, Mexico, and Pinal and Yavapai Counties.

1 box, .5 linear ft.

ACQUISITION

Mrs. Dennis Kitchell, his daughter, donated this material in December of 1968.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The finding aid was prepared by Kim Frontz, July 2000.

ARRANGEMENT

Two series: 1) Identified photographs are arranged by place, 2) Unidentified photographs are arranged by topic.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Walter Douglas was the son of Dr. James Douglas, the brother of James Stuart Douglas, and uncle of Lewis W. Douglas. The Douglas' were a prominent mining family affiliated with the Copper Queen Mine and later the Phelps Dodge Company. Walter was involved in the mining and railroad industries of Arizona throughout his life.

From 1895 to 1899, he worked for the Detroit Copper Company. In 1899, he became superintendent of the Copper Queen Consolidated Company at Bisbee, then served as general manager from 1902 to 1910, and then was general manager for Phelps Dodge. From 1917 to 1930, he was president of Phelps Dodge. He served as chairman of the board of the Southern Pacific of Mexico railroad company from 1930 to 1940. His son, Walter, Jr., operated Gilpin Airlines in Tucson.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Photographs of mining activity and life in Bisbee, Nacozari, and Pina and Yavapai Counties. There are exterior and interior images of mine buildings as well as machinery, mines, and miners. There are also images of frontier life including adobe buildings, tents, pack mules and wagons, and cave interiors. The Planet, Senator, and Newton Mines are represented. Apache Indians from the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation are shown gathering to receive rations in 1898. A series of photographs depicts crowds at the Southern Pacific Railroad depot in Tucson including passengers on a train and someone showing off an alligator.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

- f.1 Douglas family

- f.2 Bisbee town scenes – birds-eye-views
- f.3 Bisbee – Mining and mine buildings
- f.4 Bisbee – Misc.
- f.5 Nacozari – Town and scenic views
- f.6 Nacozari – Mining
- f.7 Nacozari – Misc.
- f.8 San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation
- f.9 “On the way to Globe”
- f.10 Morenci
- f.11 Tucson and San Xavier Mission

- f.12 Planet Mine
- f.13 Senator Mine
- f.14 Newton Mine
- f.15 Cave interior – unidentified

- f.16 Town views
- f.17 Buildings and adobe
- f.18 Mines
- f.19 Mine buildings
- f.20 Railroads
- f.21 Transportation – Wagons, trains and pack mules
- f.22 Scenic
- f.23 Miscellaneous