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Walter P. Hadsell
Photograph Collection, ca. 1917-1918

DESCRIPTION

Photographs of the town of Ajo, Arizona and the buildings of the New Cornelia Copper Company; nearly 270 original black-and-white prints taken by Hadsell. More than half of these are devoted to the subject of mining, specifically the property holdings and operations of the New Cornelia Copper Company. Numerous photographs of the main processing site include mainly exterior and a few interior shots of the power plant, tank house, leaching plant, etc. Photographs concerning actual mining property include images of ore trains, steam shovel mining, and several "before" and "after" shots of blast sites. There are a few images of a chemistry lab and scientists, and the company hospital. Photographs of employees' residences are also featured, as well as shots of a group of Tucsonans who came to visit the New Cornelia Copper Company.

The remainder of the photographs depict major locations in Ajo, namely the plaza and train station. Aside from a series of shots devoted to community 4th of July celebrations, the majority of the photographs do not include people. The Fourth of July celebration includes ladies with umbrellas among crowds at the Plaza, boxing matches, a sack race, a pie eating contest, and a shot put contest. Images are present of the 35th U. S. Infantry, Company H.

1 Box, .5 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Photographer; Hadsell graduated from the University of Arizona Mining Dept. in 1904 and at some later time, he worked as an operator in the Henry Buehman Photography Studio.

ACQUISITION

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ACCESS

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PROCESSING

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