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**PC 175**  
**Henderson, Esther Lee Cherry, 1911-**  
**Photographs, 1954-1958**

**DESCRIPTION**

Photographs of Arizona, Tucson slum housing, California, Canada, Colorado, Mexico, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Photographs of Henderson family road trip. Includes desert scenes, buildings, Indian ruins, people and animals.

1 box, .5 linear ft.

**ACQUISITION**

Believed to have been donated by the *Tucson Citizen* in 1991.

**RELATED MATERIAL**

The Special Collections Library at University of California-Santa Cruz has an extensive collection of Esther Henderson photographs.

**ACCESS**

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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Requests for permission to publish material from this collection should be addressed to the Arizona Historical Society - Tucson, Archives Department. The Society does not own copyright on Esther Henderson's photographs.

**PROCESSING**

The collection was processed by Lindsay Blatt, work study student, under the direction of Riva Dean, April 1999.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Born July 24, 1911, Esther Henderson, professional photographer, came to Arizona in 1935 after completing a course in professional photography at the New York Institute of Photography. She set up her own photo studio in Tucson. She married Charles "Chuck" Abbott in 1940 and they worked together as a photographic team. With their two sons, they traveled all over the West and photographed for various travel publications. *Way Out West with Esther Henderson* was a photographic feature in the Saturday edition of the *Tucson Citizen*

newspaper. They moved to Santa Cruz, California in 1963, where Charles Abbott died in 1973.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Photographs taken by Esther Henderson or her husband, Chuck Abbott, for the *Tucson Daily Citizen* column "Way out West with Esther Henderson" in the 1950s. The photographs are primarily scenic photographs of Arizona, Wyoming, Utah, California, and other Western states. Included with most photographs is the newspaper clipping that accompanied the photograph. The scenic views include mountains, streams and roads.

Of special interest are photographs taken of slum housing in Tucson in the 1950s, showing some downtown areas before Urban Renewal. The collection includes photographs of Henderson and her children taken on road trips.

## **Box and Folder List**

### **Box 1**

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- f.2 Tucson slums, 1954
- f.3 Tucson area, 1956-1958
- f.4 Arizona desert scenes, 1954-58
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- f.9 Montezuma's Castle, 1958
- f.10 California, 1956-58
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- f.16 Oregon, 1956-58
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- f.21 Road trip, 1954-56
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