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PC 168**Hickok family/Ganado Mission
Photographs and sketches, 1916-1917****DESCRIPTION**

Color sketches and black and white photographs of scenes and people at Ganado Mission on the Navajo Reservation in northeastern Arizona, ca. 1916-1917.

1 box, .25 linear ft.

ACQUISITION

Ms. Beverly Hickok, daughter of Clifton Ewing and Adelaide Valentine Hickok donated this material to the Arizona Historical Society, in 1986.

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING

Mary Flynn, archives volunteer, processed the collection under the direction of Deborah Shelton, August, 1998.

ARRANGEMENT

The collection is arranged in four folders: Ganado Mission Color Sketches; photographs on original album pages; photographs of mission scenes and Hickok family; and photographs of Navajo people at mission.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Clifton Ewing Hickok was the project engineer on a Bureau of Indian Affairs irrigation project from 1916 through 1917. He and his wife, Adelaide Valentine Hickok, lived at Ganado Mission on the Navajo Reservation during that time and while there, took numerous photographs of the native people, building and scenery. In addition, Mrs. Hickok made a number of color sketches of the same subjects. Mr. Hickok died in 1954. Mrs. Hickok was in a nursing home at the time her daughter donated this material in 1986.

The Ganado Mission was established in 1901 by the Presbyterian Church on the banks of the Pueblo Colorado Wash about a mile northeast of the Hubbell Trading Post on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona. It served as a mission, boarding school and hospital for the people on the reservation. The church was built in 1906, and the Westminster School House was built in 1915 during a time of facility and staff expansion. Until Thanksgiving Day in 1916, the only means of transportation was by horse and wagon. On that day, a Model T Ford arrived. Dr. James D. Kennedy was the doctor at the mission from about 1910 through 1919. Miss Mary J. Nickelsen was the school superintendent.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection includes color sketches and black and white photographs of mission scenes, Hickok family and Navajo people at the mission. About half of the photos are still attached to black album pages, the rest are inserted in mylar plastic sleeves.

There are a number of photographs of the Mission buildings and the first automobile in the collection. There are also photographs of Dr. James D. Kennedy and Mary J. Nickelsen as well as others who are not identified. Some other images include groups of visitors to the mission, Navajo men, women and children, snow scenes with children warmly dressed, a baby on a cradle board, family groups, a bread oven (horno), interiors and exteriors of hogans, a missionary preaching to a weaver, and some of the local rock formations.

The publication "Forty Years on the Desert: A History of Ganado Mission 1901-1941", compiled by Cora B. Salsbury, Press of Physicians' Record Co., Chicago, served as a source for much of the above notes.