DESCRIPTION

Photograph album of Bisbee scenes including stores, churches, schools, homes, and other buildings, as well as burro trains, the street railway, the first railroad train, and stagecoaches. There are Bisbee street scenes, celebrations, a women’s Sunday School group, and a band concert. There are views of Main Street over the years including flooding in 1890 and 1896. There are photographs of the Herring, Williams, Brophy and Stillman families and one image of the Apache Kid. One image is present of C.S. Fly and others at honorary services for the late President Garfield, 1881. Another image shows James Carr’s ore wagons and 24-mule team, 1887. There are photographs of the Copper Queen smelter, the Glory Hole mine, and views of Brewery Gulch between 1880 and 1890. The album was compiled by Opie Lea in 1956 in order to preserve Bisbee’s history.

1 box, 1.5 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

History enthusiast; Opie’s mother, Florence Robinson Rundle arrived in Arizona in 1882 at the age of fourteen.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Opie Lea in June 1970.

ACCESS

Original restricted due to fragile condition; a facsimile album is available for patron use.

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PROCESSING

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