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Charles McConnell Album
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DESCRIPTION

This small photo album contains images of mining operations and buildings at Cananea, Mexico. Photographs show distant views of the smelter, concentrator, and the Cananea Club Building. Additional images highlight smelter operations, an ore train, the exterior view of the home of Don Ramon Rubio, and the community jail. Street scenes show a Cinco de Mayo Mexican parade, Main Street with shacks and tents, and the post office building. One additional image with the collection shows an old man exiting a lean-to building with a "Post Office" sign in front. This image may not be associated with the Cananea images.

1 Box, 1 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Charles McConnell was born about 1879 near Atlanta, Georgia. He moved west with the Southern Pacific Railroad working in Arizona where he supervised work crews of Indian and Mexican workers. He visited mining communities both in Arizona and Mexico including the large mining operations at Cananea, Mexico. While at Cananea he became friends with Don Ramon Rubio. Later McConnell moved to California and married Mary Belle Rogers in 1908. He later worked with the A. B. & A Railroad and during World War I he was employed with the Atlantic Steel Company. In 1936-1937 McConnell returned to Arizona. He died in 1940.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Edythe McConnell in 1990 to the Arizona Society Pioneer Museum in Flagstaff, AZ. The album was later transferred to AHS Tucson.

ACCESS

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