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PC 227
Thomas McCrossin Photo Collection
1920-1930

DESCRIPTION

This photo album consists of images taken by Thomas McCrossin of central and northern Arizona during the 1920s and 1930s. Some of the photographs have been hand colored and enlarged. Images show areas around the Prescott and Sedona areas including Oak Creek Canyon, Dry Canyon, rocky wash areas, ancient ruins, and desert scenery. A few images show a log cabin on Oak Creek. In addition McCrossin traveled to various locations in Arizona and photos depict tent camping and car travel to Grand Canyon, the Superstition Mountains, Apache Trail, Canyon de Chelly, Prescott rodeos, and Smoki snake dance re-enactors. The album has received some water and heat damage and many pages were loose. A decision was made to disbound the album and all pages have been numbered, separated by acid-free paper, photos numbered, and placed into four boxes.

4 Boxes, 2 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Thomas McCrossin came from Bloomington, Illinois in 1924 and became a patient at the Prescott, AZ Veterans' Hospital in the 1930s. Upon release he stayed in the Prescott area and maintained a cabin on the Oak Creek Canyon area near Sedona, AZ. Along with friends he made many visits to diverse parts of Arizona during the 1920s and 1930s. He died in the early 1950s.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Jean McCrossin in 2004.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in January 2005.

Box 1

- Dry Creek Canyon
- Oak Creek
- Montezuma's Castle
- Montezuma Well
- Fossil Creek Springs
- Balancing rock - Prescott, the Dells
- p. 17, Tom Mix making a movie in the Dells
- Camping and fishing with automobile at Black River, Springerville, Flagstaff, Mormon Lake
- Indian ruins
- Smoki snake dance re-enactment

Box 2

- Grand Canyon view
- Rodeo - Prescott frontier days
- Douglas Fairbanks, actor
- Prescott street parade - Smoki actors
- Horned toads
- Petrified Forest
- Rattlesnakes
- Apache Indians basket weaving and dwelling
- Tonto Basin
- Black River, White Mountains camping
- Mormon Lake
- Canyon de Chelly
- White River
- November 3, 1928 plane crash site (transcontinental flight Yankee Doodle) in Bradshaw Mountains
- Petrified Bridge
- Pictographs
- "Dewey Bar", Camp Verde Stage - auto stage stop

Box 3

- 8x10 Colored scenic viewd, northern Arizona, unidentified

Box 4

- 8 x 10 or larger, colored images
- Campers at cookstove, tents
- Verde River camping
- Hunters and pile of dead rabbits
- Apache basket weaver (p. 159)