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Helen Murphey
Photograph album, 1985

DESCRIPTION

Photograph album of 30 photographs including images associated with Helen Murphey's 90th birthday party, but mostly images of Helen, her home, and her antiques and collections, some of which were later donated to the Arizona Historical Society. Photographs are professionally done and in color.

1 Box, .5 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Helen Geyer Murphey was born August 11, 1894 in Natick, MS. At age 17 she moved to Ohio to become a school teacher and later became the first female employed in the U.S. Bureau of Mines offices in Washington D.C. Mrs. Murphey came, with her mother, to Tucson in 1918 for the dry climate. She enrolled at the University of Arizona where she met John Murphey, a Tucson mining engineer, and they were married in 1919. The couple became involved with many real estate and commercial developments in the city including the Catalina Foothills. The Murphey's donated land for numerous churches, schools, and community organizations including an Episcopal church, the Murphey School, the Junior League of Tucson, and the Museum of Art buildings. Other commercial projects she contributed to included furnishing the El Conquistador Hotel, Tucson's first shopping center at Broadway Village, and La Paloma Hotel. Mrs. Murphey was a member of the Museum of Art board and member of the Arizona Historical Society. She died July 8, 1990 at the age of 95.

ACQUISITION

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