DESCRIPTION

Photographs taken in Tucson around 1967. The subjects include aerials of Tucson’s downtown, tearing down the Hotel Tucsonia (for Urban Renewal) and construction of the Community Center and City Hall. Also includes aerials of other views around Tucson as well as a panorama of Tucson taken from “A” Mountain. One folder is of aerials taken above San Xavier Mission. Includes one folder of color prints of the same subjects. One folder of photographs of Bisbee is also included. In addition to the photographs, Paul Smith shot some 16 mm. Motion picture film of the same subjects, including shots of bulldozing downtown Tucson during Urban Renewal.

4 Boxes, 2 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

In the late 1950s, Paul Smith worked for an aerial photography company in California. From 1965 to 1973, he worked for the City of Tucson Planning Department. He took photographs for his work related interests as well as for a hobby.

ACQUISITION


ACCESS

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PROCESSING

Riva Dean processed this collection in February 2001.

ARRANGEMENT

By location
Box 1
Photographs

Box 2
Beta and VHS of Tucson urban renewal

Paul Smith – Video Log

Primarily shots of downtown Tucson, ca. 1967.

:55  Cardinal Rugambera? Africa?
2:50  Historic section: includes museum shots, historic photographs, diorama.
7:50  Historic Reenactment
9:21  View from A Mountain, El Tiridito
10:00 Otero House, Downtown Buildings
10:34 Wrecking
12:00 Bulldozers
12:50 Downtown, Congress Street
13:00 From top of building downtown, Urban Renewal
15:40 Downtown Streets
16:13 Interior of Otero House
19:00 Highway, Congress Street Bridge, Riverbed
24:00 View From A Mountain
24:45 Driving down freeway
27:36 Aerial shots includes foothills, over downtown
28:10 Aerial view of entire city
29:12 Aerial view of San Xavier, Foothills
30:29 Downtown
31:37 Urban Renewal, Southern Arizona Bank
33:18 Downtown after a storm
34:10 Riverbed, landfill
39:00 Driving on freeway around downtown
42:36 Downtown streets, urban renewal, bulldozers
43:06 Infilco
44:15 Archeological dig
44:56 From A Mountain
45:26 Santa Cruz River
45:38 Artifacts from a dig
46:00 Historic Map
46:34 Downtown, looking towards A Mountain, more bulldozers
47:10 Historic photos
47:30 More downtown, shows cathedral

Box 3 & 4
Two reels of Tucson urban renewal video footage