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BRUCE M. STANLEY PHOTOGRAPHS
1875-1956; BULK 1912-1950

DESCRIPTION

This collection of good amateur and professional photography depict the life, travels and friends of Bruce Macy Stanley (1872-1957). There are images of Mr. Stanley and his family; of co-workers and others around the SPRR railroad depot in downtown Tucson; of the SPRR telegraph office; and images of Mr. Stanley's ranch on Wetmore Road. There are also images of Mr. Stanley's hometown, Salina, Kansas, El Paso, Texas, and of Raton, New Mexico. The bulk of the images fall in the 1912 to 1950 date range.

1 box, .5 linear feet

ACQUISITION

This collection was donated to the Arizona Historical Society in 1957 through the Estate of Bruce M. Stanley.

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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TRANSFERS

When the collection was received in 1957 a number of the photos were removed and placed into other photo files, including *Places—Tucson—Homes* and *Places—Tucson—Hospitals*.

PROCESSING

This collection was processed by Mario M. Einaudi, Archivist, May, 1998.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Bruce Macy Stanley came to Tucson in 1902 to work in the SPRR Telegraph office. He had worked in other railroad telegraph offices, including the SP de Mexico (Nogales), and the Northern Pacific (St. Paul, Minn.). He worked at the SPRR telegraph office, becoming the manager in 1906, until 1937, when he retired. Mr. Stanley was born in Salina, Kansas on November 16, 1872. He grew up and was educated in that town as well. He married Marion Cummings in 1901 in Berkeley, California. Mrs. Stanley was an associate professor in philosophy at the University of Arizona from 1902 to 1913. She died in 1926. They had no children. Mr. Stanley was affiliated with many fraternal organizations and other clubs, including the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railroad Employees, and the Arizona Pioneer's Historical Society. Mr. Stanley died on June 17, 1957.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of twenty-one folders divided into the following series: Portraits of Bruce M. Stanley and Family; Portraits of Individuals; Railroad Telegraph Offices; Stanley's Home and Ranch; Out-Of-State; and Miscellaneous. The photographs range from 1875 to 1956, with the bulk taken between 1912 and 1950. The majority of these images are amateur photography, snapshots from vacations, of friends, of co-workers. Some of the more professional work is very good, including the four images of Raton, New Mexico, which were taken from the hills overlooking the town.

Mr. Stanley also identified the majority of the images. He names his co-workers and friends at the SPRR telegraph office and the people on the streets of Tucson. The images of the SPRR telegraph office are quite interesting as they show the interior of the office from 1910 to 1937. The images of Mr. Stanley's ranch on Wetmore Road are also interesting in that they cover a period of time from 1928 to 1946. There is also one image from the Kolb Brothers Studio. It is an image of a rescue—perhaps a training exercise—in the Grand Canyon.