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**PC 240  
Sykes Family Collection  
1864 - 1988****DESCRIPTION**

The Sykes Family Collection contains images highlighting two generations of family history in Arizona from 1896 to 1988. Thirteen boxes of photographs feature family members, expeditions, and professional & personal activities of both Godfrey and Glenton Sykes. Photographs show various locations of the state including Flagstaff, Tucson, the Colorado River, and other communities. Locations outside Arizona show San Diego, California, Mexico, New York harbor, and the Egyptian desert.

16 Boxes, 9 linear ft.

**ACQUISITION**

Donated by Anna M. Sykes through Georgiana Boyer in 1986 with a later addition by Edith S. Lowell and Georgiana Boyer in 1999. Jocelyn Sykes Cushman made an additional donation featuring Sykes family members and activities.

**ACCESS**

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**RELATED MATERIAL**

An additional collection on the Sykes Family (MS 778) is also located at the Arizona Historical Society and features a final draft for his book *Westerly Trend*. In addition there are numerous articles by Glenton Sykes in *Journal of Arizona History* and other periodicals. The MacDougal Collection (MS 452) contains materials associated with the working relationship of Godfrey Sykes and Dr. D. T. MacDougal at the Desert Botanical Laboratory.

**PROCESSING**

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in August 2005. A special note of gratitude is due to Diane E. Boyer and other Sykes' family members who provided the notations on the backs of the images and the initial organization of the collection.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Sykes Family Collection contains images highlighting two generations of family history in Arizona. Present in the collection are thirteen boxes of photographs featuring family members, expeditions to Mexico, professional activities, and work related images for Godfrey Sykes and Glenton Sykes along with family members. Image locations depict Flagstaff, Tucson, the Colorado River area, and numerous trips to smaller communities in Arizona. A few photographs show New York harbor, the California shoreline, and the San Diego area where Godfrey Sykes maintained a home for a period. Images range primarily from the late 1890s to 1980s and consist of Albumen silver prints, silver gelatin, magic lantern slides, and a few color images. Professional portrait images are also present for some family members.

Two manuscripts by Godfrey Sykes featuring his work on the Santa Cruz and Colorado Rivers are present in the collection. One folder contains newspaper clippings from local papers on Sykes family members and activities. For organizational purposes the collection has been developed into two series featuring manuscripts and printed materials, and photographs. One large panorama image of personnel at Little Walnut Camp of the Forest Service in New Mexico has been removed from the collection and placed in the panorama section of the Historical Society.

Series 1 consists of manuscripts and printed materials featuring Sykes' family members and activities. Folder #2 contains newspaper clippings from 1928 to 1988 on family events & individuals. Two manuscripts by Godfrey Sykes feature his research on the Santa Cruz and Colorado Rivers, their drainage, and ecology while he was a member of the Desert Botanical Laboratory in Tucson, AZ. A publication by the Forest Service features a history of the various regional research centers. Glenton Sykes was associated with the Southern Rocky Mountain Region for a period with part of its headquarters located in Tucson and is mentioned in the report.

Series 2 houses the main feature of the collection with thirteen boxes of photographs depicting Sykes family members, activities, and work related projects. Photographs highlight both Godfrey Sykes, Glenton Sykes and their family members. This series has been further divided into six subseries for ease in organization and research.

Subseries A highlights images of Sykes family members including Godfrey Sykes & family, Glenton Sykes & family, and addition images of various other people both identified and unidentified. Images associated with Godfrey Sykes consist of portraits, images of his two wives Emma(Walmisley) and Leila(Walmisley), his two sons Glenton & Gilbert, and his brother Stanley. Emma Sykes died in 1906 and Godfrey married her sister Leila shortly after. Godfrey is depicted with various automobiles, riding horses, and with Leila at their homes in Tucson and San Diego, California. Photographs featuring Glenton Sykes feature portraits, his wife Anna (MacClusky), and their children. Activities depicted show Glenton at the University of Arizona in 1923 and 1924, various trips to Mexico from 1956-1984, his work with the city of Tucson as a city engineer, and Anna's family members exploring Sabino Canyon. Three folders contain images of Stanley Sykes, his family, and personal activities around Flagstaff, AZ. The last section of this subseries deals with images of people outside the immediate Sykes' family both identified and unidentified. Folder #63 contains images of Dr. D. T. MacDougal and his family who worked with Godfrey Sykes at the Desert Botanical Laboratory in Tucson, AZ.

Subseries B consists of photographs associated with Tucson, AZ. Images include early bird's-eye-views of Tucson, the first airplane flight in Tucson by Chas. K. Hamilton in 1910, construction scenes at the University of Arizona in the 1920s, and the building of the Carnegie Desert Laboratory in 1912. Various homes of both Godfrey and Glenton Sykes family in Tucson is represented with special emphasis on their home on Silverbell Road, which featured the city's first private swimming pool, designed and built by Godfrey. An excellent series of ten folders show the progressive construction of the 6<sup>th</sup> Street underpass in 1930 from beginning to completion. This project was planned and supervised by Glenton Sykes as part of his work with the Tucson City Engineering Office. Additional images show features in the surrounding areas of Tucson including Whipple Observatory, the Santa Catalina Mountains, Mt. Lemmon, and flooding on the Santa Cruz River in 1914/1915.

Subseries C has images related to locations and activities outside the Tucson area but in Arizona. Godfrey Sykes' first home in Flagstaff, AZ and scenes of early Flagstaff are present including the Sykes brother's workshop, the Turkey Tank cow ranch, Oak Creek Canyon, and Lowell Observatory. Additional images feature scenes from some of the numerous trips down the Colorado River conducted by both Godfrey and Glenton Sykes in 1904, 1925, 1930, 1934, 1956, and 1975. Other photographs show the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon where Glenton Sykes worked in 1924 at the river gauging station. Photographs of other communities in Arizona depict street scenes, old cars, monuments, and archeological ruins including locations at Tombstone, Casa Grande, and Yuma, AZ. Images show Arizona rivers and bridges, mountains, desert scenes, dams, and Keam's Canyon store near the Hopi Reservation in 1894.

Subseries D features trips to areas in Mexico participated in by both Godfrey and/or Glenton Sykes between 1907 and 1966. Some of these trips were in conjunction with exploration trips organized by the Desert Botanical Laboratory (1907 and 1923) while other seem to have been personal interest trips. Locations visited include Pinacate, Puerto Libertad, and Cholla Bay, Mexico. Some trips included the delta area of the Colorado River and provided much of the research observations for Godfrey Sykes and his publications.

Subseries E contains images of trips outside Arizona and Mexico and primarily features Baja California and activities associated with the Imperial Irrigation District. Glenton Sykes worked for the District in the late 1920s at Alamo Canal and images depict the Rockwell Gate and canals providing water for the Imperial Valley of California. Highlighting this portion are images showing activities in attempting to close a breach in the levee of the Colorado River, which involved Glenton Sykes in 1926. Railroad cars dump carloads of rock in attempts to repair the levee. Additional images of California coastal shoreline areas are present and photographs of homes and hotel at Coronado California. Two folders contain images of San Diego California where the Sykes maintained a family home. Two folders depict another field expedition organized by Dr. MacDougal and the Desert Laboratory to Montana in 1901 – 1902 to obtain plant samples. Additional scenes show New York harbor in 1925, Kansas where Godfrey and his brother Stanley worked on a cattle ranch in the 1880s, and another trip associated with the Desert Botanical Laboratory to Egypt in 1912 to observe desert conditions and ecology.

Subseries F consists of photographs arranged under general topical subjects, two small photo albums, oversized photos, and magic lantern slides. General category views include missions both in New Mexico, Arizona, and California, and Mexico with some currently used and other only in ruins. Boats and ships folders feature harbor scenes of San Diego, California and passenger ships on the open seas. Images of cacti include Saguaros, Organ

Pipe, Cardon cactus of Mexico, night blooming cactus, and Boojum trees. Animal photographs show cats, horses, burros, and cattle both in Arizona and Mexico. Three folders consist of old automobiles many of which were owned/operated by the Sykes from 1922 to 1959 with many utilized on expeditions and trips. Two small photo albums contain images in or around Tucson, AZ. One album contains the name of Jimmie Button on the cover. Images depict sights in southern Arizona including San Xavier Mission, Sabino Canyon, Casa Grande ruins, Mt. Lemmon, and a Phoenix street scene. A few images also show a trip to the Grand Canyon with Indian dancers, a group on mules on Bright Angel Trail, and the Colorado River. The oversized box contains images mostly found in other folders of the collection and consist primarily of views of Alamo Canal and the Imperial Irrigation District and may have been used as a display. One small box houses lantern slides (stored in basement of archives) of the Colorado River, cars of Godfrey Sykes, maps of the Colorado Delta area, railroad cars dumping rock on a Colorado River levee, Gila Monsters, a Boojum Tree, and view of a Desert Experimental Station.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Godfrey Sykes came to the United States in 1879 for the climate and after reading such western novels as *The Headless Horseman* by Captain Mayne Reid. As he related in his autobiography *Westerly Trend* he set as his goal to become a cowboy on the great Texas plains as with the storybook characters he had read about. When he first arrived in the New World from England he was a trained engineer, with some letters of introduction to families in the Pennsylvania area, and a little traveling money. After a series of odd jobs doing whatever he could find he eventually made his way to Abilene, Texas and became a cowhand driving cattle on the Chisholm Trail to Dodge City. After several years in which he advanced to become manager for the absentee owner of the HCC Ranch and inducing his brother Stanley to join him from England the two brothers decided on a change. In 1886 they set out on horseback first to Albuquerque, New Mexico and ultimately establishing their own ranch near Flagstaff, Arizona they called Turkey Tanks and took the turkey track print as their cow brand. They added to their cattle numbers by appropriating any unbranded cattle they could locate in the area. In addition they opened a small workshop in Flagstaff itself and fixed or mended most anything paying customers could provide. The workshop attracted a number of like minded individuals with frontier inventive skills and scientific interests and the informal group became known as “the Busy Bees.”

While they worked in the Flagstaff area both brothers, but especially Godfrey, maintained a strong desire for adventure and to see other parts of the world. He took off on a two year exploring trip to Japan and Australia. On board various ships during the trips he heard many stories and descriptions of the Colorado River delta area and these established an interest that lasted the rest of his life. Back in Arizona in 1894 he made plans to travel down the Colorado River. Sykes built his own boat, had it shipped to Needles, CA, and then proceeded to navigate to Yuma, AZ and then on to the river delta. Returning to Flagstaff the Sykes brothers worked for Percival Lowell in 1896 building a forty-foot revolving dome for the new Lowell Observatory. His two sons, Glenton and Gilbert were born at Flagstaff. The Sykes brothers made another trip down the Colorado in 1898 and this time they took their two families along. Emma’s failing health due to a heart condition led Sykes to relocate his family to California but unfortunately the climate change was unsuccessful and Emma died in 1906.

In 1906 Sykes came to Tucson to be associated with Dr. Daniel T. MacDougal at the Carnegie Desert Botanical Laboratory. MacDougal and Sykes had encountered each other

earlier (1891) in Flagstaff when the New York Botanical Garden botanist stumbled into Sykes' Turkey Tank ranch after having his horses stolen. The two men maintained correspondence, a lasting friendship, and in 1906 MacDougal proposed that Sykes come to the Desert Botanical Laboratory and work with him on desert and Colorado River ecology. Remarrying to Leila Walmisley (Emma's sister) the Sykes family made Tucson its home. Sykes worked with the Desert Laboratory for many years and participated in numerous expeditions in the Southwest as well as to Egypt in 1912 to study desert sand dunes and ecology until his death in 1948. Many of these trips involved his sons Gilbert and Glenton.

Glenton G. Sykes was born in Flagstaff, AZ in 1896 and came with his father by wagon to Tucson from California in 1906. He attended Davis Elementary School and in 1911 went with his brother and stepmother to England and was attending Finsbury Technical College in London when World War I began. During the war Glenton served two years with the British army in the Royal Corps of Engineers. Returning to Tucson Glenton attended the University of Arizona and graduated in 1923 with a degree in civil engineering. His first job was working at the bottom of the Grand Canyon at the newly opened river gauging station for the U.S. Geological Survey. In 1924 his experience with flow measurement got him a job with the Imperial Irrigation District at Andrade, California monitoring the Alamo Canal and water provided for the Imperial Valley agricultural areas. Also in 1924 Glenton married Anna McCluskey. Anna graduated from the University of Arizona in 1921 and worked as a teacher at the Tucson High School. Glenton and Anna remained with the Imperial Irrigation District for three years. From 1926 to 1930 Glenton worked as a structural engineer for the city of Tucson and was responsible for work on the 6<sup>th</sup> Street underpass built in 1930. After this work with Tucson Glenton was employed with the U.S. Forest Service in New Mexico, California, and Arizona.

With the start of World War II Glenton returned to Tucson and supervised construction of a large airplane hanger at what is now Tucson International Airport. From 1944 to 1962 Glenton worked for the Tucson City Engineer Dept. He prepared plans for water drainage for the city as well as work on street construction projects and repairs on the city's sewage treatment facility. Glenton remained City Engineer for Tucson until his retirement in 1962 and he died in 1985 at the age of 89.

## Box and Folder Listing

### Box 1

#### Series 1: Manuscripts/Printed Materials

- Folder 1 Finding Guide
- f.2 Sykes Family Clippings/Notes 1928-1988
- f.3 Misc. Notes and Papers by Godfrey Sykes
- f.4 Manuscript: "Study of the Delta, Estuary and the Lower Portion of the Channel of the Colorado River, 1933-1935" by Godfrey Sykes
- f.5 Manuscript: "The Santa Cruz: A Study of a Desert Drainage System" By Godfrey Sykes
- f.6 Guest Book for Unknown Event
- f.7 Publication: "A History of Forest Service Research in Central and Southern Rocky Mountain Regions, 1908-1975" 1976

#### Series 2: Photographs

##### Subseries A: Sykes Family Members

- f.8 English Relatives  
Image of Death Mask of Relative  
English Street Scene  
Carte-de-Visites Relatives in RARE
- f.9-11 Portraits of Godfrey Sykes 1863-1940
- f.12 Godfrey Sykes Activities  
Building Boat on Colorado  
Beside Old Bicycle in England  
Measuring Saguaro Cactus
- f.13 Godfrey Sykes at Home  
Seated by Fireside  
Seated in Yard in California  
Seated on Steps of Home on Silverbell Road, Tucson
- f.14 Godfrey Sykes and Automobiles  
Standing beside and Driving
- f.15 Godfrey Sykes and Horses  
Images of Cow Pony in Kansas  
Riding on Mt. Lemmon

### Box 2

- f.16 Godfrey Sykes and Brother Stanley Sykes
- f.17 Emma Sykes with Family Members  
Emma with Glenton and Gilbert  
Picnic Scene  
Emma with Boy on Bike
- f.18 Leila P. Sykes  
Beach Scene  
Leila Seated at Home

- f.19 Leila Sykes and Godfrey Sykes
  - Seated inside Home
  - Seated on House Porch
- f.20 Leila Sykes and Family
  - Images with Glenton and Gilbert
  - Leila, Godfrey, Glenton, and Gilbert
  - Leila, with Glenton in Uniform for World War I
- f.21 Leila Sykes at Home
  - Working with Flowers
  - Seated inside Silverbell Home
  - Beside Swimming Pool at Silverbell Home
- f.22 Godfrey Sykes and Sons Gilbert and Glenton
  - Seated on Front Porch of Home
  - With Old Car
  - Camping on Mt. Lemmon
  - Beside Car and Wagon
- f.23 Godfrey Sykes and Family Members
  - Godfrey and Anna Sykes Seated on Porch
  - Godfrey, Glenton, Anna, and Gilbert Sykes
- f.24 Godfrey Sykes and Additional Individuals
  - Picnic Scenes
  - Godfrey's Grandfather's Party with Birth of Edith Sykes
  - Group (identified) at Carnegie Desert Laboratory in Tucson
- f.25 Stanley Sykes
  - With Horse
  - Portraits
  - Working with Tools
- f.26 Stanley Sykes and Family Members
  - With Wife Bell Sykes
  - With Wife Bell Sykes and Leila Sykes Seated on Porch Steps at Silverbell Home in Tucson
  - Picnic Scenes
  - Bell Sykes with String of Fish
- f.27 Stanley Sykes and Additional Individuals
  - Images of Stanley Sykes at Flagstaff, AZ
  - Image of Painting by Stanley Sykes
  - Dr. V.M. Slipher and Stanley Sykes
- f.28 Gilbert Sykes and Family
  - With Old Cars (& Ed Knagge, Jim Westfall at Summerhaven, Mt. Lemmon)
  - Riding Horses
  - Gilbert in Dress at Flagstaff, AZ
  - Portraits
- f.29-30 Glenton Sykes 1986-1920
  - Dressed in Long Coat and Dress as Child
  - Portraits
  - In Uniform
- f.31 Glenton Sykes at University of Arizona 1921-1923
  - At Graduation
  - Graduation Portrait
  - With American Association of Engineers Group Photo 1921

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|---------|---|-----------|
| f.32-33 | Glenton Sykes                                   | 1920-1929 |
|         | Swimming in Ocean                               |           |
|         | With Cars                                       |           |
|         | Seated on Porch                                 |           |
|         | In Cave (Colossal Cave)                         |           |
|         | Beside Wagon                                    |           |
|         | Portrait  |           |
| f.34    | Glenton Sykes and others Hiking Near Tucson, AZ | 1920-1923 |
| f.35    | Glenton Sykes at Mt. Lemmon                     | 1920-1922 |
|         | Glenton on Horseback                            |           |
|         | Work with Forest Service                        |           |
|         | Glenton Working on Log Cabin                    |           |
| f.36    | Glenton Sykes Hiking on Mt. Wrightson           | 1923      |
| f.37-40 | Glenton Sykes                                   | 1930-1978 |
|         | Glenton at Sixth Ave. Subway Site               |           |
|         | Car repair in progress                          |           |
|         | With Sail Boat                                  |           |
|         | At Ocean Beach                                  |           |
|         | Standing in Yards                               |           |
|         | Portraits                                       |           |

### Box 3

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| f.41    | Glenton Sykes at Kitt Peak                            |                |
| f.42    | Glenton Sykes in Mexico (General)                     | 1956-1975      |
|         | Seated on Boat  |                |
|         | In Front of Cantina                                   |                |
|         | With Boojum Trees                                     |                |
| f.43    | Glenton Sykes at Cholla Bay Mexico                    | 1965           |
|         | In Boat   |                |
|         | With Other Men in Party                               |                |
|         | With Fish   |                |
| f.44    | Glenton Sykes at Puerto Lobos, Mexico                 | 1954           |
|         | Seated on Beach                                       |                |
|         | With Large Whale Bone                                 |                |
| f.45    | Glenton Sykes at Pinacates, Mexico                    | 1964/1984      |
|         | Group Photo   |                |
|         | Glenton with Large Crater                             |                |
| f.46-48 | Glenton Sykes and Brother Gilbert                     | 1901-1928/1978 |
|         | As Young Boys   |                |
|         | In Sailing Boat                                       |                |
|         | Playing by Home at Flagstaff, AZ                      |                |
|         | Group of Children, swimming                           |                |
|         | Glenton Sykes on Saguaro Cactus with Brother in Buggy |                |
|         | In Old Cars   |                |
| f.49-51 | Anna (McClusky) Sykes                                 | 1899-1967      |
|         | Standing In Front of Home                             |                |
|         | In Old Car  |                |
|         | Graduation Cap and Gown                               |                |
|         | Graduation Portrait                                   |                |
|         | In Boat and Out Hiking                                |                |



- As Teacher at Casa Grande, AZ with School Groups, 1921
- f.52-53 Anna (McClusky) Sykes and McClusky Family Members  
 At Sabino Canyon  
 In Old Car  
 Seated on Rocks – picture rocks  
 Portraits
- f.54 Glenton and Anna Sykes  
 Glenton Shooting Apple Off Anna's Head  
 Hiking on Mt. Lemmon  
 Seated on Steps of Home  
 With Old Car on Honeymoon  
 Wedding Photo
- f.55-58 Glenton and Anna Sykes with Family Members 1927-1949  
 Glenton and Anne with Edith Sykes archery  
 Godfrey Sykes with Edith  
 Glenton and Edith in Swimming Pool  
 Portraits of Edith and Georgiana  
 Children, toys, swing, floating in bucket in pool 1920s
- f.59 Glenton Sykes As Tucson City Engineer 1945-1951  
 Glenton Inspecting Concrete Cutting Machine Stone Ave.  
 Glenton Inspects Sewage Plant Equipment  
 Roadway Construction  
 Glenton & Henry Pearson in rowboat on flooded Santa Cruz 1951
- f.60 Glenton Sykes Retirement Party 1962  
 Drafting Office and Department Workers
- f.61 Glenton Sykes with Identified Individuals or Events  
 In London England  
 With Group of Men on Roadway (Jay Van Orden, Andy Masich  
 Bob Lenon, Don Bufkin on research trip to locate Stanwyck Station)
- f.62 Glenton Sykes and Unidentified Men  
 Group of Men Beside Cactus  
 Dining Out  
 With Large Group in Park

#### **Box 4**

- f.63 Misc. People - Dr. D. T. MacDougal Family  
 MacDougal's in Old Auto  
 Alice MacDougal with Glenton and Anna on Mt. Lemmon
- f.64 Misc. People – Thomas V. Keam  
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- f.65-68 Misc. People – Identified Individuals  
 Ella and Mary Forbes at Home  
 Prof. W.D. Blake  
 Dr. William A. Cannon  
 Alcade and Family Members  
 John Sinclair  
 Dorothy MacNicholas (selling war bonds)  
 Bill Youngblood  
 Raymond Beard  
 Sydney Houts and Dorothy MacNicholas

Les Martz  
 Bill Cox and Glenton Sykes' Boat  
 Jim Young (Border Patrol officer)  
 Epes Randolph  
 Walter Douglas  
 Forbes home (435 E. Speedway)  
 f.69-71 Misc. People – Unidentified Individuals  
 Group of Young People Singing  
 Four men on Hilltop  
 Small Child Standing in Grass  
 Three Young Women Standing in Snow  
 Lady Standing On Porch  
 Man With Shotgun  
 Woman Seated in Old Car  
 Young Woman with Big Fish

Subseries B: Tucson Arizona

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	Old Auto In Front of Home	
	Snow Covered Hills Around House	
	Driveway with Cactus	
f.79	Terrain Around Godfrey Sykes Home on Silverbell Road	
	Wash Area with Bridge	
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f.80	Interior of Godfrey Sykes Home on Silverbell Road	
f.81	Building Swimming Pool at Sykes' Home	1927/1929
	Construction Scenes	

**Box 5**

f.82	Glenton and Anna Sykes' Homes	
	Home on 1622 E. 4 <sup>th</sup> Street in Tucson	
	Home on 1112 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street in Tucson	
f.83	Burton E. Livingston Home in Tucson	
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f.85-87	Construction on Arizona Desert School	1928
	Depiction of Construction at Various Stages	
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f.89	Personnel at Carnegie Desert Botanical Laboratory	1906/1914/1915
	Group Photos in Front of Building	
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f.90	Well Drilling at Carnegie Desert Laboratory	1919
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f.93	First Aviation Flight in Tucson by Chas. K. Hamilton Airplane on Ground Preparing for Flight (Elysian Grove) Airplane in Flight	1910
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f.105	Streams and Pools in Santa Catalina Mountains Quiet Pools with Large Rocks Around Small Waterfall	1920-1927
f.106	Views of Summerhaven and Bear Wallow on Mt. Lemmon Sawmill on Mt. Lemmon Log Cabins and Buildings	1920-1927
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- f.109 Whipple Observatory Near Tucson, AZ 1976  
 Aerial View of Facility  
 Facility Under Construction  
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**Box 6**

- f.110-119 Construction of 6<sup>th</sup> Street Underpass in Tucson, AZ 1930  
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 f.125 Flooding on Santa Cruz River 1914  
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 Lining Culverts with Coverings  
 Water Running in Stream  
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 Workers Pouring Concrete on Project  
 Picture of Roadway  
 Man Standing Beside Tree  
 Ft. Lowell Ruins  
 Parade Float (“Our Allies”)  
 Road to Kitt Peak Observatory  
 Tucson’s Largest Tree

Subseries C: Images in Arizona (Outside Tucson)

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| f.133 | Early Flagstaff, AZ Community Images                     | 1900        |
|       | Small Homes  |             |
|       | Construction on Homes                                    |             |
|       | Street Scene in Flagstaff                                |             |
| f.134 | Godfrey Sykes Home in Flagstaff                          | 1896/1900ca |
|       | Exterior and Interior Views                              |             |
| f.135 | Scenes Around Flagstaff                                  |             |
|       | Navajo Rodeo Participants                                |             |
|       | Dog Jumping Gate   |             |
|       | Dummy Hung by Bank Building (political statement)        |             |
| f.136 | Sykes Brothers' Bicycle Shop in Flagstaff                | 1898        |
|       | Interior View of Workshop                                |             |
|       | Four Men (Identified) Members of "Busy Bees"             |             |
|       | Exterior View of Building                                |             |
| f.137 | Sykes Brothers' Turkey Creek Cow Ranch Near Flagstaff    | 1891        |
|       | Men on Horses  |             |
|       | Ranch House  |             |
| f.138 | Oak Creek Canyon Near Flagstaff                          | 1898        |
|       | Cabin in Valley  |             |
|       | Rocky Hillsides  |             |
|       | People Reside Stream                                     |             |
| f.139 | Sunset Crater Near Flagstaff                             |             |
| f.140 | San Francisco Peaks Near Flagstaff                       | 1900ca.     |
|       | Distant Views  |             |
|       | 3 Mounted Views  |             |
| f.141 | Persival L. Lowell Estate and Tomb                       |             |
|       | Lowell's Home on Mars Hill                               |             |
|       | Construction of Dome for Tomb                            |             |
|       | Winter Scene on Mars Hill                                |             |
| f.142 | Lowell Observatory at Tacubaya, Mexico (construction)    | 1896        |
|       | Mounted Images of Movement and Erection of Telescope     |             |
| f.143 | Lowell Observatory at Flagstaff                          |             |
|       | Exterior View  |             |
|       | Diagram of Ground Facilities                             |             |
| f.144 | Godfrey & Stanley Sykes Families' Trip on Colorado River |             |
|       | 1898   |             |
|       | Boat Used (The Viking) At Shoreline                      |             |
|       | Tent Camp  |             |
|       | Tidal Bore on Colorado River                             |             |
| f.145 | Views of Delta Area of Colorado River                    | 1904/1905   |
|       | Stark Hillsides  |             |
|       | Dried Mud Flats  |             |
|       | River Debris Fields                                      |             |
|       | River Flood Plain Area                                   |             |
|       | Cactus and Vegetation                                    |             |

**Box 8**

f.146	Views of Delta Area of Colorado River Riverbank Vegetation Cactus River Images	1904/1905
f.147	View of Delta Area of Colorado River Riverbank Scenes Sparse Vegetation Tidal Bore on Colorado	1904/1905/1915
f.148	Boats on Colorado River Steamboats at Yuma Railroad Bridge at Yuma Boats Tied up at Riverbank "The Retta" Boat of the Colorado in Tidal Bore	1902-1910
f.149	Views of Trip Down Colorado River Riverbank Vegetation Old Riverbed Location Glenton and Godfrey Sykes in Rowboat Old Car in Sand and Arrowweed Bushes	1925
f.150	Lt. Ives Boat "Explorer" Located by Godfrey Sykes on Colorado River Old Frame of Boat Internal Construction Images	1930
f.151	Aerial Views of Colorado River and Delta Views of Old River Locations	1930/1933
f.152	Earthquake Damage Near Colorado River Cracks in Earth Damaged Structures	1934
f.153-154	Images of Maps of Colorado River and Delta	
f.155	Aerial Views of Colorado River Delta High Altitude Images	1956/1975
f.156	Glenton Sykes Trip to Port Isabel on Colorado River Four Men of Party Resting in Sand Old Anchor and Pipe Glenton Seated on Wood Framing	1975
f.157	Grand Canyon (Transporting Cable) Waterfall Rocky Hillsides	1899ca
f.158	Grand Canyon (General Views) Views From Rim Waterfall Kolb Brother's Images of Riders on Trail	1915/1923/1924
f.159	Grand Canyon – Indian Gardens, Phantom Ranch, and Bright Angel Trail Plant Bridge Crossing Colorado River Colorado River "Shorty" Yarberry – Horse Wrangler at Phantom Ranch	1923/1924
f.160	Grand Canyon – Glenton Sykes' Boat and Work with U.S.G.S. Tent Beside Stream River Flow Measuring Station Boat Glenton Sykes Built and Used	1923/1924
f.161	Grand Canyon – Colorado River Scenes	1923/1924

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| f.162 | Tombstone, AZ<br>Boot Hill Cemetery<br>Schieffelin Monument   | 1920ca./1965 |
| f.163 | Yuma, AZ<br>Plank Road West of Town<br>River View of Town<br>Street Scene with Old Cars   | 1898/1925    |
| f.164 | Casa Grande Ruins<br>Visitors at Site<br>Wooden Structure Over Ruins  | 1921         |
| f.165 | Keam's Canyon Store<br>Building Next to Hillside<br>Stanley and Godfrey Sykes on Horses<br>Emma Sykes Seated on Porch   | 1894         |
| f.166 | Arizona Dams<br>Roosevelt<br>Coolidge<br>Gillespie<br>Parker<br>Hoover  |              |
| f.167 | Trip on Camino del Diablo (Devil's Highway)<br>Rock Formations and Vegetation<br>Old Well<br>Tinajas Altas (High Tanks) in Tinajas Atlas Mountains                                  | 1925         |
| f.168 | Trip on Camino del Diablo (Devil's Highway)<br>Placing Rocks on Grave<br>Glenton Sykes by Water Pool<br>Date Marked by Stones (graves)<br>Rocky Hillsides<br>Border patrol officers | 1938/1963    |
| f.169 | Arizona Rivers and Bridges<br>Navajo Bridge<br>Road Wash Bridge<br>Falls at Little Colorado River<br>Most Bridges with No I.D.  | 1959/        |

**Box 9**

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| f.170     | Arizona Mountains<br>Monument Valley<br>Baboquivari Peak<br>Picacho Peak<br>Many Scenes Not Identified  |  |
| f.171-172 | Misc. Arizona Desert and Mountain Scenes<br>Most Images with No I.D.  |  |
| f.173     | Misc. Arizona Images – Identified<br>Rainbow Bridge<br>Bisbee, AZ Brewery Gulch<br>Old Dominion Mine at Globe, AZ<br>Montezuma's Castle<br>Bridge Near Florence, AZ |  |

- Oatman massacre site
- f.174-177 Misc. Arizona Images – Unidentified
  - Various Buildings and Homes
  - Road Through Pine Trees
  - Rocky Hillsides
  - Adobe Buildings and Sheds
  - Small Check Dam for Water Control
  - Street Scenes with Autos
  - Destruction of Building and Smoke Stack
  - Tohono O’odham toka players after game
  
- Subseries D: Trips to Mexico
  
- f.178-179 Eclipse Expedition to Mexico 1923
  - Group Setting Up Equipment (A.E. Douglass)
  - Tent Camp Site
  - Old Vehicles
  - Eclipse Plaque Left by Group
- f.180 Expedition to Pinacate Mexico by Carnegie Desert Laboratory 1907
  - See also AHS Photo Files “Out of State-Mexico-Pinacate”
  - Cactus and Vegetation
  - Streambed and Saguaro
  - Big Horned Sheep Skulls and Horns
  - Group in Camp Scene
  - Hacienda Santo Domingo Near Sonoyta Mexico
- f.181 Expedition to Pinacate Mexico by Carnegie Desert Laboratory 1923
  - Cactus and Vegetation
  - Adobe Buildings
  - Men Beside Water Pool
- f.182 Trip to Pinacate Mexico and Aerial Views 1958
  - Aerial Views of Crater
  - Glendon Sykes Seated by Water Pool
- f.183 Trip to Pinacate Mexico 1959
  - Camp Site Scene
  - Men on Sandy Hillside
  - Stark Hillsides
  - Men and Women on Ridgeline
  - Fishing Boats in Harbor Scene
  - Crater Scene
- f.184 Trip to Puerto Libertad, Mexico 1922/1924
  - Men Along Coastline
  - Birds Along Shoreline
  - Large Fish
- f.185 Trip to Puerto Libertad, Mexico 1925/1926
  - Old Cars and Trucks in Desert
  - Men with Mules
  - Water Still
  - Ocean Scene
- f.186 Trip to Puerto Libertad, Mexico 1937



- Cactus and Vegetation
- Ocean Shoreline Scenes
- Eclipse Expedition Plaque
- Camp Scene
- f.187 Trip to Puerto Libertad, Mexico 1957
  - Old Trucks and Cars
  - Cactus and Vegetation
  - Group Images Beside Vehicles
- f.188 Trip to Puerto Libertad, Mexico 1965 and N.D.
  - Old Mission Structure
  - Ocean Shoreline Scene
  - Cactus and Vegetation
  - Camp Scenes with Men Relaxing
  - Village Street Scene
  - Mexican Farmer Home
  - Beached Fishing Boat
  - Old Well

**Box 10**

- f.189 Trip to Cholla Bay, Rocky Point, and Puerto Perosco, Mexico 1948-1967
  - Ocean Beach Scenes
  - Camp Site Scene
  - Sail Boats
- f.190 Mexican Border Towns
  - Calexico, Mexico Street Scene
  - Cananea, Mexico Mining Scene
  - Border Crossing Point inspection station
- f.191-193 Trips to Mexico (No Locations) 1955/1956
  - Camp Site Scene
  - Ocean Beach Scene
  - Mexican Community Street Scenes
  - Cactus and Vegetation
- f.194-195 Trips to Mexico (Some Locations and Dates)
  - Glenton Sykes with Other Men In Front of Large Cactus 1959/1966
  - Train Boxcars Used for Mexican Homes
  - Mexican Village Street Scenes
  - Mexican Women Looking in Window
  - Four Men Looking at Boojum Tree
- f.196 Mexican Tequilla Still 1925
  - Machinery Used in Making Drink
- f.197 Images of Maps of Mexican Rainfall Recordings 1933

Subseries E: Other States Outside Arizona

- f.198 California Imperial Irrigation District (Rockwood Gate and West Bank of Colorado River) 1924-1926
  - Pile of Debris from River
  - Rockwell Gate and Drift Boom
- f.199 California Imperial Irrigation District (Alamo Canal) 1924-1930
  - Water in Canal

- Water Control Structures
- f.200 California Imperial Irrigation District (Alamo Canal and Machinery/Operations) 1924-1926  
 Glenton Sykes in Canal Measuring Car Over Water
- f.201-202 California Imperial Irrigation District (Break in Colorado River Levee) 1926  
 Dumping Rock from Railroad Car  
 Washed Out Railroad Track  
 Railroad Cars Loaded with Rock  
 Glenton Sykes Standing on Rock Levee

**Box 11**

- f.208 Baja California 1904  
 San Felipe Point  
 Boat Tied Up to Riverbank  
 Camp Site Along River  
 Dr. Daniel T. MacDougal in Boat  
 Two Men Taking Photographs of River  
 Cactus and Vegetation  
 Mountain Images
- f.209 Coronado, California 1908  
 Homes Along Beachfront  
 Ocean Views  
 Hotel del Coronado
- f.210 San Francisco, California  
 Ship in Harbor  
 Seals Along Beach  
 Boys Planing Along Ocean Beach
- f.211-212 San Diego, California 1940  
 Bridge Over Revine  
 Old Studebaker at San Diego Home  
 Church or Mission Building  
 Street Scenes  
 House Moving  
 House Fire
- f.213 Yosemite National Park in California
- f.214 California Misc. Images  
 Strange Shaped Trees Along Coast  
 Children Playing Along Ocean Shore  
 Ocean Shore Scenes  
 Pier Into Ocean
- f.215-216 Dr. D.T. Mac Dougal Field Trip to Montana 1901-1902  
 Mountain Scenery  
 Group on Hill Crest  
 Camp Equipment and Wagon  
 Group Photo  
 Mountain Lakes  
 Photo Album with Trip Images
- f.217 New Mexico 1940/1966  
 Cemetery Scene  
 Adobe Building

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|       | Mission Structure               |           |
| f.218 | Kansas                          | 1882-1885 |
|       | Main Street Garden City, Kansas |           |
|       | Inside View of Ranch House      |           |
|       | Cowboy with Gun                 |           |
| f.219 | New York                        | 1925/1930 |
|       | Harbor Scenes                   |           |
|       | New York Skyline                |           |
|       | Tug Boats in Harbor             |           |
| f.220 | Colorado                        |           |
|       | Garden of the Gods Stereoview   |           |
| f.221 | Trip to Egypt and Libyan Desert | 1912      |
|       | Men on Camels                   |           |
|       | Train on Tracks                 |           |
|       | Desert Scenery                  |           |

Subseries F: General Category Images

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| f.222     | Missions   | 1920/1930      |
|           | Tumacacori Mission in Arizona                        |                |
|           | San Miguel Church in Santa Fe, New Mexico            |                |
|           | San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo in Carmel, California |                |
|           | Distant View of San Xavier de Bac at Tucson, Arizona |                |
| f.223-224 | Missions in Mexico                                   | 1920/1950-1966 |
|           | Nuestra Senora de la Concepcion del Caborca          |                |
|           | Cocospera Mission                                    |                |
|           | San Diego del Pitiquito                              |                |
|           | San Pedro y San Pablo de Tubutama                    |                |
| f.225-230 | Boats and Ships                                      | 1904-1950      |
|           | Boats on Colorado River                              |                |
|           | Small Boats at Diverse Locations                     |                |
|           | Ships at Sea   |                |
|           | Ships in San Diego California Harbor                 |                |
|           | Ships in Harbor Scenes                               |                |
|           | Diverse Harbor Scenes                                |                |

**Box 12**

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| f.231-241 | Cactus and Vegetation                                    | 1922-1965 |
|           | Boojum Trees in Mexico                                   |           |
|           | Saguaro Cactus in Arizona                                |           |
|           | Organ Pipe Cactus  |           |
|           | Cardon Cactus of Mexico                                  |           |
|           | Osprey Nest in Cardon Cactus in Mexico                   |           |
|           | Cactus – Misc  |           |
|           | Cactus Experiments at Carnegie Desert Laboratory         |           |
|           | Cactus – “Growing Tip” Prints                            |           |
|           | Night Blooming Cactus                                    |           |
|           | Misc. Flowers and Vegetation                             |           |
| f.242     | Images Used in Godfrey Sykes’ Book <i>Westerly Trend</i> |           |

- f.243-245 Forestry Activities 1935  
     Dam Building on Parker Creek  
     Conservation Work with Forest Service  
     Desert Ecology Activities
- f.246 Indians and Mexicans  
     Seri Indians  
     Libertad Mexico  
     Archeology Work  
     Navajo Indians  
     Cocopah Indians
- f.247 Animals  
     Cats on Table  
     Horses and Burros  
     Boy and Dog  
     Gila Monster  
     Cattle

**Box 13**

- f.248 Transportation (General)  
     Horse and Buggy  
     Airplane  
     Pack Animals  
     Air Ship "Shenadoah" 1924
- f.249-251 Automobiles (incl. cars on plank road) 1922-1959
- f.252-253 Images of Historical Maps  
     World Maps  
     California and Southwest Maps
- f.254 Misc. Photos Unidentified (incl. Tad Nichols, Don Bufkin,  
     Flagstaff saw mil)

**Box 14**

- Album #1 (Black and White Images Possibly Belonging to Jimmie Button)  
     Colorado River and Grand Canyon  
     Indian Dancers at Grand Canyon  
     Casa Grande Ruins  
     Saguaro Cactus  
     Tumacacori Mission Ruins  
     San Xavier Mission  
     Sabino Canyon  
     Phoenix Street Scene  
     Roosevelt Dam  
     Patagonia Lake  
     Ft. Lowell 1930s
- Album #2 (twenty-eight Images Removed from Album)  
     Group on Horses  
     At Mt. Lemmon  
     Sabino Canyon  
     Navajo Indians at Grand Canyon  
     Group on Mules on Bright Angel Trail

## **Box 15**

### Oversized Items:

- Grand Canyon
- Personnel at Desert Laboratory
- Sketch for Opera House by Godfrey Sykes
- Images of Falls on Little Colorado River
- Images of Break in Levee on Colorado River

## **Box 16**

### Magic Lantern Slides (Stored on First Floor with other Lantern Slides)

- Colorado River
- Godfrey Sykes' Car
- Boats on Colorado River
- Map of Delta of Colorado River
- Falls on Little Colorado River
- Three Autos on 1925 Expedition
- Dumping Rock on Levee of Colorado River
- San Felipe Point at Baja California
- Boojum Tree in Mexico
- Osprey Nest in Cardon Cactus
- Gila Monster
- Fort Yuma
- Volcano Lake on Hardy River
- Colorado River Delta and Salton Sea
- Desert Experimental Station

## **Outside Items of Collection**

### **1 Box of Eighteen Mounted Images (Cabinet Cards and Cartes-de-Visite)**

(Stored in RARE Cage with photo copies in collection)

### **One Oversized Panorama Image (Personnel at Little Walnut Camp, Silver City, New Mexico with Forest Service # 101857)** (Stored with Panoramas First Floor)

### **One Panorama Nitrate Negative of Residential Area (No Print Available)**

(Stored in Freezer)

(Additional unprinted negatives, mostly of family in England, can be viewed by request to the archivist.)