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Tang, Esther, 1917-
Family photographs, ca. 1915-1950

DESCRIPTION

Fourteen photographs of the family of Esther Don Tang. There are photographs of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wah, her brothers and sisters and their families, and her children. One family portrait of the family of Esther's mother, Fuk Yut Ngan was taken in Fukien, China. There are two images of Esther's sister, Norma Jean Don, with other Chinese children and their piggy banks collecting money for China during the war with Japan. There are several photographs of family gatherings including Soleng Tom and Ed Tom, Esther's brothers-in-law.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Esther Don Tang's father, Don Wah, arrived in Tucson in the 1890s as a cook for railroad workers. He soon opened a bakery, and later owned several neighborhood markets in Tucson. In 1906, he returned to China and married Fuk Yut Ngan, daughter of an aristocratic family. They returned to Tucson and raised a family of ten children: Rose (T.H. Wu), Mae (Soleng Tom), Esther (David Tang), Philip Don, Louella Don, Hildred (Ralph Wong), Mildred (Edward Tom), Bessie (Edward Chan), Dorothy Don, and Norma Jean Don. Esther Tang graduated from Tucson High School in 1935, and the University of Arizona in 1942. She co-owned several markets with her husband, David Tang, and has three children David, Jr., Patty, and Diana. She has received numerous awards for her civic contributions including Woman of the Year in 1956, and the 1987 Jefferson Award for Community Service.

ACQUISITION

Esther Tang donated these images in October 2000. They were copied from a photograph album in her possession.

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