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Soleng Tom
Photograph collection, ca. 1937-1945

DESCRIPTION

Photographs of businesses, mostly Chinese-owned grocery stores, in neighborhoods around Tucson's downtown area, ca. 1940s. The businesses include groceries, laundries, restaurants, the Chinese Evangelical Church, and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Most images show a single building but a few show a block or street view. The location identification on the photographs was taken from the 1940 City Directory unless otherwise noted. There are also two images of unidentified Chinese men's groups.

1 box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Businessman; Soleng Tom emigrated from China to Tucson in 1930. He operated various businesses including grocery stores, a drugstore, and a cotton farm. He served on the T.U.S.D. school board from 1964 to 1980 and was active in local Chinese organizations and other civic groups.

RELATED MATERIAL

Soleng Tom oral history interview, AV 0605-08

ACQUISITION

Copied in 1986 from album loaned by Soleng Tom during the Fremont House Oral History and Photo Collection Project.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Kim Frontz, September 2000.

ARRANGEMENT

Organized by type of building; the grocery images were further organized by street location.

Box and Folder List

Box 1

Groceries:

- f.1 3rd St./University
- f.2 S. 3rd Ave.-S. 4th Ave.
- f.3 6th Street
- f.4 S. 6th Ave.
- f.5 E. 7th St.
- f.6 S. 8th Ave.-S. 9th Ave.
- f.7 9th St.
- f.8 11th Ave.-12th Ave.
- f.9 Anita St.
- f.10 Congress
- f.11 N. Church St.
- f.12 S. Convent
- f.13 Davis St.
- f.14 E. Franklin St.
- f.15 N. Fremont Ave.
- f.16 Helen St.
- f.17 Main St.
- f.18 Meyer Ave.
- f.19 Park Ave.
- f.20 W. St. Mary's Rd.
- f.21 Speedway Blvd. (1010 E.)
- f.22 Stone Ave.
- f.23 Unidentified

- f.24 Laundries
- f.25 Restaurants
- f.26 Chinese Evangelical Church
- f.27 Misc. buildings
- f.28 Men's groups