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PC 143**Valley of the Moon**

Valley of the Moon photograph collection, 1945-1983 (bulk 1945-1953)

DESCRIPTION

Small collection of photographs of Valley of the Moon tour groups, caves and structures, children's theater performances and audiences, rabbits in costume, child performers, the Bunnyland Theater sets, girl scout assistants at the Pima County Fair in 1947, and George Legler, mostly taken between 1945 and 1953 with a few from the 1970s to 1980s.

1 box, .25 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

George Phar Legler purchased two and a half acres of land on Allen Road, Tucson, Arizona in 1923. He constructed a series of caves, tunnels, towers, rock villages, waterfalls, dragons and gnomes, and opened the Valley of the Moon in 1932 as a children's theme park. Legler gave magic shows and fairy tours; in the 1940s, he produced "Bunnyland", a theater program featuring rabbits dressed in costume. In the 1970s, the Valley of the Moon Restoration Society was created to restore the park.

RELATED MATERIAL

Valley of the Moon records, MS 0828

ACQUISITION

Donated in December 1988.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

Kim Frontz prepared this finding aid in October 2002.