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PC 230**Wetmore Family Photo Collection****DESCRIPTION**

The Wetmore collection consists of over thirty images showing water projects in the Tucson Arizona area and family photographs. One image identifies the Wetmore Water Development Company. Another series of photographs show the construction activities associated with a major stream dam. Many of the family photographs are mounted cabinet cards along with one tintype and one cyanotype but unfortunately most do not identify the individuals by name. Highlight for the collection is a series of three photographs showing a swimming pool constructed by Wetmore with young people enjoying themselves.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The Wetmore family homesteaded 160 acres in the area of Oracle and Wetmore Roads. Ralph A. Wetmore, a mining engineer, went into business locating and drilling water wells. He was the son of Edward L. Wetmore Sr. who came to the area in 1862. Ralph was born in 1885 and married Helen Breland in 1915. Ralph's brother, Ed, built a swimming pool in 1918, which led to the operation of an amusement park that included an open air movie theater and dance pavilion. Ralph Wetmore died May 1963. Helen died November 1995 at age 100.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Claire Wetmore in 2003.

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

RELATED NOTE

For additional information on Ralph Wetmore and the Wetmore swimming pool see the Ephemera File: Places-Arizona-Tucson-Swimming Pools.

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