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Young, Dr. Mannierre E. – Gadsen Purchase Foundation Photo Album, 1916-1921

DESCRIPTION

The photo album is of the Tucson area and includes photographs, some postcards and some panoramic-sized photos. The album was put together for promotional purposes by Dr. Mannierre E. Young for the Gadsen Purchase Foundation of New York. Young devoted sizeable space to subjects such as the railroad stations, businesses, parks, residences, street views, schools, the U.S. Public Service Hospital, the Tucson Fire Department, the Arizona Aviation Company, and Rancho Aldona.

1 box, .5 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Dr. Mannierre E. Young was a pharmacist at the Owl Drug Co. in downtown Tucson in 1921. He belonged to the Arizona branch of the Gadsen Purchase Foundation and compiled this album of photos (and two letters) for the benefit of the Gadsen Purchase Foundation of New York.

ACQUISITION

Mr. Orville K. Hawver donated the album in May, 1987.

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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ARRANGEMENT

The album was kept in its original order.

PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Megan D. Mulligan, intern, under the supervision of Kim Frontz, September 1999.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The photos are of various parts of Tucson taken between 1916 and 1921. Young collected a variety of photos for this album that can be categorized into six main subjects; Railroads, Houses and Businesses, Schools, Fire Equipment, Planes, and Ranching.

There are numerous photos of railroad depots and offices of the Southern Pacific Railroad and the El Paso and Southwestern Railroad Company.

There is a section devoted to Tucson Homes, Businesses and "Street Views". The residences include those of President Obregon's wife (President of Mexico), William Jennings Bryan (Secretary of State), William Cody (Buffalo Bill), and various bishops, judges, senators, authors and railroad magnates. Some businesses included are the Ronstadt Company, Albert Steinfeld, Arizona National Bank, Tucson Citizen and the Arizona Daily Star, The Overland Agency, Tucson Ice and Cold Storage, The Babbit Brothers and various government buildings, among many others. Many of the businesses are industrial such as laundry, oil companies, asphalt paving companies, and more. There are scenes of the construction of the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital at Pasttime Park. The "street views" include Tucson streets flooding from rainfall.

There are pictures of Tucson schools, mostly of the University of Arizona, but also various high schools including Roskruge High School (later known as Tucson High). Of particular interest could include the photo of General Pershing arriving in Tucson to dedicate the University of Arizona fountain.

There is a rather large section devoted to the Tucson Fire Department, including photos of various station houses, fire trucks and fire equipment. There are also views demonstrating street paving, water, telephone and electric services.

Following this section is a collection of photos dedicated to various planes, taken mostly at the Arizona Aviation Company. This section includes buildings and pilots, as well as planes.

The last major section, which includes a letter addressed to the Gadsen Purchase Foundation of New York, is devoted to Rancho Aldona and its prize-winning hogs and rabbits. Alfred S. Donau owned Rancho Aldona and there is a picture of him included, as well as various livestock pens and other buildings.