

MS 1349
Anthony Saeli Collection
1932 – 1992

DESCRIPTION

The Anthony Saeli Collection consists of materials associated with his research in Arizona history, education and work on legal topics, and activities associated with employment with various city chamber of commerce projects. Present is a copy of Saeli's book *The Way It Was: Tales of Southern Arizona* along with manuscript drafts. Additional Arizona materials include copies for short stories to be published in the Green Valley paper and a draft manuscript on the history of Arizona. Numerous other folders contain background information on aspects and locations in Arizona's history including Tombstone, the Anza expedition reenactment in 1975, Arizona ghost towns, Bisbee, Fort Huachuca, and Rancho De La Osa. In Saeli's work with various city chamber of commerce organizations he produced "Portrait of a City" about Cumberland, Maryland and a city newsletter "The Cumberland Enterprise" which he edited both these activities are represented in the collection. As a lawyer and an interest in explaining the law he provided presentations to Rotary Clubs, community college classes and wrote articles/pamphlets many of these are included in the collection.

4 Boxes, 1.75 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Anthony Saeli was born Mar. 23, 1906 and grew up in Jamestown, New York. He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in 1927 and held a legal degree from St. John's University of Law. Saeli worked for 22 years in organizational management at the city and chamber of commerce levels. City locations and positions in which he served include Traverse City Chamber of Commerce, director of public relations of the Dayton, Ohio Chamber of Commerce, manager for the Cumberland, Maryland Chamber of Commerce, and vice president of the Alexandria, Virginia Chamber of Commerce. In addition he served as Mayor of Jamestown, New York, and as assistant city attorney and counsel for the mayor of Jamestown. After retirement Saeli and his wife Lori moved to Green Valley, Arizona. He served as president of the local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, taught classes at the local community college, and conducted research into Arizona history. He wrote a booklet titled "Reflections on the Law" in 1980 and a book *The Way It Was: Tales of Southern Arizona* in 1983. Anthony Saeli died in 1984.

ACQUISITION- Donated by Jeffrey A. Saeli in 2008.

ACCESS- There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING-The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in December 2008.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Series 1: Biographical Information and Correspondence, 1932 – 1991

Folder 1 Anthony Saeli Biographical Information

With Portrait Photo

- f.2 Saeli Medical and MISC Papers 1975/1980
f.3-6 Saeli Correspondence 1932/1937/1951/
1959 – 1983/1991

Series 2: Saeli's Research and Writings on Arizona History Topics, 1939 – 1992

- f.7 *The Way It Was: Tales of Southern Arizona* 1983
by Anthony Saeli
f.8 Sketches Used with *The Way It Was*
f.9-10 "The Way It Was" (Draft)
f.11-12 "The Way It Was" (Final Draft)

Box 2

- f.13-15 Saeli Draft Articles on Events/People of Arizona History
f.16 Manuscript: "History of Arizona" Draft
f.17 Saeli Printed Newspaper Articles 1939 – 1992
f.18 Saeli Draft Articles on Subjects Outside Arizona
f.19 History of Calabasas & Arivaca Arizona
f.19A Tombstone, AZ
f.20 *Tombstone Epitaph* April 1979
f.21 *Tombstone Epitaph* May 1, 1980
f.22 Anza Expedition Reenactment 1975
10 Color Photos of Group on Horses
f.23 Brochures of Historic Arizona
f.24 Arizona Ghost Towns
f.25 Ghost Town – Ruby, AZ
26 Photographs of Saeli Trip to Ruby, AZ 1982

Box 3

- f.26 Rancho De La Osa – Historical Notes
f.27 Phelps Dodge & Arizona Mining 1981
f.28 Manuscript for Slide Presentation on Arizona History 1979
f.29 Bisbee, AZ
f.30 Fort Huachuca, AZ
f.31 Saeli Research on Babbit, Goldwater, and Levy Families
f.32 *Arizona Traveler's Gazette* (Single Issue) 1978 – 1979

Series 3: Saeli's Work with Government, 1940 – 1952

- f.33 Saeli Speech – Conference on Local Government
f.34 Radio Program – "Hands Across The Country"
f.35 Program - "Portrait of a City" by Anthony Saeli 1952
f.35a "Portrait of a City" reel-to-reel
f.36 *The Cumberland Enterprise* Edited by Anthony Saeli 1952

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| f.37 | Establishment of Airmail Service from Jamestown, N.Y. to Pittsburgh, PA with Anthony Saeli
Two Photos of City Mayors Signing Agreement with Saeli | 1940 |
| f.38 | Manuscript: "American Opportunity Program" from Dayton Chamber of Commerce | 1948 |

Series 4: Saeli Legal Research and Teaching, 1937 - 1980

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| f.39 | Saeli Speech – "How Law Began" | 1979 |
| f.40 | Saeli Speech – "What Is Law?" | 1979 |
| f.41 | Pamphlet – "Reflections on the Law" by Anthony Saeli | 1980 |
| f.42 | Saeli Legal Notes on Contracts | |
| f.43 | Saeli Education Class – "The Law and You" | 1971 |
| f.44 | Notes on Civil Liberties | |

Box 4

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| f.45 | Notes on Basic Concepts of Law | |
| f.46 | Notes on Law and Government | |
| f.47 | Notes on Meaning and Use of the Law | |
| f.48 | Saeli Presentation to Rotary Clubs – "The Trial of Christ From a Layer's Viewpoint" | 1980 |
| f.49 | Saeli Speech – "Grand Jury Administration" | 1978 |
| f.50 | Saeli and Friends of Pima-Green Valley Library | 1973 – 1980 |
| f.51 | Green Valley Library and Anthony Saeli | 1977 |
| f.52 | California Tourist Information | |
| f.53 | Saeli Notes on American Revolutionary War | |
| f.54 | New Jersey Governor Proclamation | 1937 |
| f.55 | Newspaper Strike in Rochester, New York | 1946 – 1947 |
| f.56 | Manuscript – "Mission to Bouef: Reenactment of George Washington's Dash Into the Wilderness to Warn the French To Stay Out of the Ohio" | 1953 |
| f.57 | Newsletter from "Broadcaster" by Anthony Saeli | 1959 – 1960 |
| f.58 | President's Report from Our Sodality Organization | 1983 |

Series 5: Lori Saeli Materials

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| f.59 | Lori Saeli Funeral Remarks | |
| f.60 | Lori Saeli Texas Certificate | 1954 |