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STIFFLER, ETHEL G.
1925 - 1955**DESCRIPTION**

This collection contains correspondence, photographs, postcards, slides, and photo albums of Ethel G. Stiffler. Correspondence includes Ethel's letters to family about her school and personal activities between 1925 and 1942. Photographs depict scenes around Tucson including Fort Lowell, the University of Arizona, San Xavier del Bac, desert, and border scenes. Postcards show locations around Arizona featuring buildings in Tucson, Flagstaff, and Texas as well as rodeo scenes, the Colorado River, desert and animals. Two photo albums in the collection contain images of Tucson and surrounding areas taken in 1925-1927.

6 boxes, 3 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Ethel Grace Stiffler was born, September 8, 1899 and grew up in Parkton, Maryland. She lived with her father Jacob Clemm Stiffler, owner of a small general store and the town postmaster. Her mother was Bertha Cross Stiffler, a seamstress, and one sister. Stiffler earned her undergraduate degree from Goucher College in Baltimore in 1922 and soon after earned her M.S. degree in Botany at the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1925 Ethel moved to Tucson, Arizona to join the University of Arizona faculty for a two year teaching job in Botany. In 1927 she moved back East for additional graduate work and teaching jobs but returned to Tucson in 1933. That same year she married Edwin F. Carpenter, a colleague from the University of Arizona and they had two children, Roger born in 1935 and Emily born in 1939. The family briefly moved back East during World War II but after Carpenter was discharged in 1946 the family moved back to Tucson. Stiffler lived in Tucson until her death on February 9, 1995.

RELATED MATERIAL

The donor used excerpts and various photographs in editing and compiling two books: "Letters from Tucson, 1925-1927" and "Letters from Tucson, 1933-1942." Both volumes are available at the Arizona Historical Society Library, Tucson.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Roger E. Carpenter in July 2009.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

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BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Series I: Personal Correspondence, 1925-1942

Box 1

Folders 1-13 Personal Correspondence 1925-1933

Box 2

f. 14-25 Personal Correspondence 1933-1937

Box 3

f. 26-38 Personal Correspondence 1937-1941

Box 4

f. 39-41 Personal Correspondence 1942

Series II: Photographic Materials, 1920s-1955

Box 4

f. 42 Loose Photographs undated, 1925-1940
f. 43 Loose Photographs from Album I 1925-1927
f. 44 Postcards circa 1920s-1955
f. 45 Slides 1939

Box 5

Photo Album I 1925-1927
University of Arizona
Rodeo
Hawk Nest
Desert Animals
Nogales
Mt. Lemmon
Colossal Cave Trip
Cochise Stronghold
Bear Canyon
Sabino Canyon
Ramsey Canyon
Mt. Baldy
Casa Grande Trip-Indian Pageant
Onyx Cave Trip
San Xavier Mission
Tumamcacori Mission
Roosevelt Dam
Steward Observatory Telescope
Portraits of Ethel G. Stiffler

Picture Rocks-Petroglyphs
Tucson Street Scenes
The Santa Cruz Flood
Tohono O'odham Reservation
Desert Scenes
Catalina Mountains
Hawk Nest
Tucson Mountains
Fort Lowell
Portraits of Friends of Stiffler-UA Faculty

Box 6

Photo Album II

1925-1927

The University of Arizona
San Xavier Mission
Desert Plants, Animals, and Landscapes
Portraits
Oracle
Cat's Back