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DESCRIPTION

The Victor Rose Stoner Papers contains correspondence, lecture notes and research materials, photographs, newspaper clippings and miscellaneous papers produced and collected by Victor Stoner. A large amount of the research material relates to Fray Marcos de Niza and the Spanish Southwest which Reverend Stoner was extremely interested in.

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ACQUISITION

This collection was donated by Victor Rose Stoner's niece, Margaret Stoner McLean April, 1983.

TRANSFER

Some photographs from the collection were transferred to the Stoner, Victor Rose(Father) Portrait Collection.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Victor Rose Stoner was born in Victoria, Texas February 6, 1893 to Overton and Zilpa Rose Stoner, also natives of Texas. He attended school in Victoria and graduated in 1911. Victor Stoner was admitted to the University of Dallas, where he majored in Philosophy and Education. He graduated from the University of Dallas in 1914. He then attended the Northern Arizona Normal School at Flagstaff and was awarded a life diploma upon graduation. From 1917 to 1921 he was a teacher and principal in schools in Miami, Arizona. At the University of Arizona he was a Fellow in English in 1921-22 and received an M.A. in archaeology there in 1937. His thesis was titled "The Spanish Missions of the Santa Cruz Valley."

In 1923 Victor Stoner studied at St. Mary's Seminary at La Porte, Texas. On October 11, 1925, he became the first priest in the diocese of Tucson to be ordained by the Most Reverend Daniel J. Gercke. He was first appointed to All Saints' Parish in Tucson,

and during the years that followed served in many capacities, principally in parishes and schools in Arizona. He served as chancellor of the diocese of Tucson and Catholic chaplain of the United States Veterans Hospital No. 51. From 1930-31, Victor Stoner served in the United States Army as chaplain, with a rank of First Lieutenant. In 1931 he became editor of the Arizona Catholic Herald, after being recalled from Army chaplain service by Bishop Gercke. On September 5, 1937 Father Stoner celebrated the first and only Mass since 1680 at the altar of the ruined Church of San Bernardino de Aguatabi in the Hopi country of Northern Arizona. The church was built by the Franciscans in 1630, and was excavated in the 1930s by the Peabody Museum of Harvard University. From 1951 until his death he was the pastor of St. Dennis' Church of his family's ranch at Victoria, and at the same time was Professor of History at Loretto College in San Antonio.

Victor Stoner was well known as a careful historian and severe, though usually just, critic of others. He was an acknowledged authority on the Spanish missions of the Pimeria Alta. He was a member of the Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society, the Morgan McDermott Post No. 7, American Legion. He was co-founder of *The Kiva* and its first editor. He passed away on August 20, 1957.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Victor Rose Stoner Papers consists of six boxes and is arranged into five series: (1) Biographical Materials; (2) Correspondence; (3) Lecture Notes and Research Materials; (4) Miscellaneous; (5) Photographs.

Victor Rose Stoner studied the history of the Spanish Southwest throughout his life. This collection contains a variety of information about this period of Arizona's history. He collected information on such things as baptismal records from the 1700s, the missions of the southwest, the Hopi, and Fray Marcos de Niza who accompanied Coronado on the quest for the 'Seven Cities of Cibola.'

Series One, Biographical Materials, consists of a copy of the Kiva with an article commemorating his death, and a manuscript written by Victor Rose Stoner and Father Nicholas Perschel, O.F.M. about San Xavier del Bac.

Series Two, Correspondence, contains correspondence with family members and Senator Carl Hayden, letters to and from a publisher he was writing a book for, and correspondence collected by Victor Stoner between Father Anselm Weber and Reverend H. Granjon, D.D., 1905-1909.

Series Three contains research material and lectures written and collected by Victor Rose Stoner, and relating to his interest in the Spanish Southwest.

Series Four, Miscellaneous, is a collection of newspaper clippings by and about Victor Rose Stoner, and papers relating to his work with the Church.

Series Five is a variety of photographs collected by Victor Rose Stoner, mainly of missions, sites and Native American Dances in Arizona.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

BOX 1

Series 1: Biographical Materials

- Folder 1 Copy of The Kiva containing an article commemorating Victor Rose Stoner
- F.2 Manuscript "San Xavier del Bac, an Intimate Guide to the Old Mission" by Victor Rose Stoner and Fr. Nicholas Perschel, O.F.M.

Series 2: Correspondence

- F.3 Correspondence 1923-1957
- F.4 Personal Correspondence 1907-1963
- F.5 Correspondence with Senator Carl Hayden 1938-1943
- F.6 Correspondence collected by Victor Rose Stoner, between Father Anselm Weber and Reverend H. Granjon, D.D. 1905-1909

BOX 2

Series 3: Lecture and Research Materials

- F.7 Lecture notes and notes for speeches
- F.8 Lecture notes
- F.9 Lecture notes
- F.10 Bibliography of Archaeology and the History of the Southwest with notes by Victor Rose Stoner.
- F.11 "The Spanish Southwest" a syllabus by Victor Rose Stoner
- F.12 Miscellaneous notes and calendar with notes by Victor Rose Stoner
- F.13 Research materials - "The Last Will and Testament of Fray Pedro Arriquibar: Chaplain at El Presidio de San Agustin del Tucson, 1820", and "Father Figueroa's Manuscript About Yuma"
- F.14 Research Material - "Juan Jaramillo with Coronado through Arizona", "Travels of Kino and Captain Diego Carrasco, 1698", "Travels of Castaneda to Cibola", "'Teatro Mexicano' by Fray Agustin de Vetancurt, 1697-1698
- F.15 Research Material - "1748 Decree of the Viceroy of New Spain for the

Resettlement of the Moqui Indians”

F.16 Research Material on Tumacacori, Father Kino, and Building Materials for Arizona Missions

BOX 3

Research Materials for Baptismal Records:

3x5 cards with baptismal records dated 1741-1753, and 1754-1763

Key for Baptismal Dates in the Diocese of Tucson

Notebooks containing baptismal records for:

“De Calabazas Bautismos, Books I-III, Franciscan Tumacacori”, with notes by V.R. Stoner

“Tubaca y Otros, Volumes I-III, Jesuit Period, Guevavi Register”

BOX 4

Contains Research Materials, Lecture Notes, and a Syllabus in rolls

“Catalogo de los Sugetos de la Compania de Jesus Que Formaban la Provincia de Mexico el Dia del Arresto, 25 Junio de 1767”

“La Classificado en Roma el Dia, 27 de Junio, 1785”

“Outline for a Syllabus of the History of Arizona”

“Kino Chronology(According to H.E. Bolton)”

“Spanish Presidio of the Southwest”, address given at a meeting of the Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society, University of Arizona April 20, 1942”

“Hopi - Letters relating story of attempt to build chapel on Hopi reservation”(Granjon-Philibin, Granjon-Weber)

“Bishop Granjon-Father Anselm Correspondence”

“The Discovery of Arizona”

“Fray Martin de Arvide” ca. 1634

“The Hopi People in Written History”

BOX 5

F.17 Photostat of the Vienna Fray Marcos de Niza Manuscript

F.18 Photostat of a Fray Marcos de Niza Manuscript

F.19 Bound Publications on Fray Marcos de Niza with notes by Victor Rose Stoner

- F.20 Calendar Outline of Fray Marcos de Niza's trip, extracted from Percy M. Baldwin's "Discovery of the Seven Cities of Cibola"
- F.21 Play by Victor Rose Stoner, "The Spectacular Quest of Marcos de Niza"

Series 4: Miscellaneous

- F.22 Newspaper Clippings by and about Victor Rose Stoner
- F.23 Newspaper Clippings collected by Victor Rose Stoner
- F.24 Miscellaneous Printed Material Relating to the Church
- F.25 Miscellaneous Material Collected by Victor Rose Stoner

BOX 6

Series 5: Photographs

- F.26 Miscellaneous
- F.27 Awtobi, Arizona
- F.28 Churches and Ceremonies
- F.29 Portions of Fray Marcos de Niza Manuscript
- F.30 Hawikuh, New Mexico
- F.31 Hopi Mesa
- F.32 Inscription Rock, New Mexico, Inscription House, Arizona
- F.33 Moki Indian Snake Dance
- F.34 San Xavier Mission
- F.35 Tumacacori Mission
- F.36 Yaqui Indian Dances