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**MS 1360
Trailride Groups and
Burke Payne Collection
1956-1969**

DESCRIPTION

This small collection consists mostly of group rosters from Desert Caballeros in Wickenburg, Verde Vaqueros in Scottsdale, and White Mountain Range Riders in Springerville. There is one photo album of a 1955 trail ride of the Desert Caballeros. Also included are leather badges and a leather wallet inscribed for Burke Payne, and the "Nel Cooper Stories," narratives of the trail rides, published by the Desert Caballeros in 1966.

3 Boxes, 2 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

These groups of horse riders were made up mostly of businessmen who planned an annual trail riding event for members and their guests. The treks often covered upwards of 100 miles of desert. The Desert Caballeros initial ride was in 1947, the Verde Vaqueros started in 1958, and the White Mountain Range Riders rode for the first time in 1953.

Burke Payne was a Realtor and investor located in Phoenix. He was also a member of each riding group at one time until his death in 1969.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Harry Montgomery from the estate of Burke Payne in January 1970

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Nancy Siner in April 2009.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Desert Caballeros, Wickenburg - Roster books, 1956; 1960-1969

Verde Vaqueros, Scottsdale - Roster books, 1967-1969

Box 2

White Mountain Range Riders, Springerville - Roster books, 1965-1966; 1969

Leather wallet, "Burke Payne" etched on the front

Desert Caballeros, Wickenburg - Leather badges, 1960; 1966; 1969

Verde Vaqueros, Scottsdale - Leather badges, 1966-1969

White Mountain Range Riders, Springerville - Leather badges, 1963

"Ned Cooper Stories, 1958-1966" published by Desert Caballeros, 1966

Box 3

Photo album - "Desert Caballeros, Out Wickenburg Way Arizona," 1955

f.1 Loose photos from photo album