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**MS 1022  
Tucson Corral of Westerners,  
circa 1960 -1996****DESCRIPTION**

This collection includes records of the Tucson Posse of The Westerners and The Westerns International, and audio tape recordings of a selection of program speakers. The Tucson Posse of The Westerners was founded in 1953 and the bulk of this collection consists of organizational and membership records from that date forward. The 86 audio tapes are of programs from October 1979 to September 1996. The collection also contains information about the organization of the Westerners Foundation, predecessor to The Westerns International. The collection also includes manuscripts, photographs and other related material of the Tucson Corral of the Westerners organization. It includes several manuscripts with topics varying from the Apaches to a history of the international boundary. There are also several photographs of prominent people in Arizona during the 1880s. This material was used for the Westerners monthly seminars or for their publication, The Smoke Signal. There is no specific time period for this collection, though the bulk of the topics fall from the 1860s to 1920s.

9 boxes, 5.25 linear feet.

**ACQUISITION**

This collection was donated to the Arizona Historical Society by members of The Westerners, Tucson Corral, and The Westerners International. An addition (formerly MS 1241) was donated by Jarvis Harriman on behalf of the Westerners in 2002.

**ACCESS**

Access to the collection is open.

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**PROCESSING**

This collection was processed in 1997 by Gwen Alexander, University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science student, under the supervision the archivist, Rose Byrne. In 2015, the addition formerly known as MS 1241 was integrated into this collection.

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

The Westerners was organized as an all-male fellowship by Leland D. Case and Elmo Scott Watson in Chicago in 1944 for those who had a love for lore and history of the Old West, an outgrowth of an earlier group known as Friends of the Middle Border. The Westerners Foundation was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization headquartered in Stockton, California in 1958. The organization soon grew to have “corrals” all over the world and to welcome women as members. The Tucson Corral of The Westerners was established April 15, 1953 as Corral #6. The

organization publishes The Smoke Signal three times a year and meets monthly for a dinner presentation on a subject relating to Western history.

In 1970, The Westerners Foundation moved its headquarters from California to Tucson; the name was later changed to The Westerners International. The organization had offices in the mezzanine of the Campbell Avenue Branch of The First National Bank until 1977. Buckskin Bulletin, the newsletter of The Westerners International, is published three times a year. In 1987 the headquarters was moved to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage, 1700 NW 17th St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In the interim they had several locations in Tucson, including Union Bank, Land title Building, and the Otis Chidester home at 1936 E. Blackledge

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of six boxes (4.5 lin. ft.) of manuscript material arranged in nine series: (I) Correspondence, 1960-98; (II) Membership Records, Obituaries, and Newspaper Clippings, 1970-1998; (III) Publications, 1961-1998; (IV) Corporate Records; (V) Photographs; (VI) Meeting Notices, Agendas, and Minutes, 1950-1998; (VII) The Westerners International; (VIII) Memory Book and Hermosillo Trip; and three boxes of tape recordings: (IX) Program recordings 1979-1996. There is a total of 30 folders filed alphabetically within each series and three boxes of audio tapes.

Included in the collection is correspondence, records, publications, photographs, and audio tape program recordings of the Tucson Chapter of The Westerners and correspondence, records, and publications of The Westerners International (formerly The Westerners Foundation).

One especially important document in the collection is a pamphlet titled The Westerners: Twenty-Five Years of Riding the Range by Leland D. Case, reprinted for Western Historical Quarterly, Vol I, No. 1, January 1970. The 1972 Memory Scrapbook compiled by Robert Kubista includes photos and records membership activities for the year.

Series I, Correspondence, contains incoming and outgoing correspondence related to the The Westerners Tucson Posse between 1960 and 1998.

Series II, Membership Records, consists of records pertaining to the membership between 1970 and 1998, including obituaries and newspaper clippings.

Series III, Publications, includes issues of Buckskin Bulletin, 1970-98, The Westerners International newsletter which is published three times a year, and issues of Corral Dust, 1961-77, published by the Tucson Posse three times a year. Also included within this series are miscellaneous publications and manuscripts.

Series IV, Corporate Records, Tucson Chapter, includes Articles of Incorporation and By-laws, corporate reports, financial records, and the corporate book.

Series V, Photographs, contains photographs of members, speakers, and officers.

Series VI, Meeting Agendas and Minutes, is a record of meeting dates and programs of the Tucson Posse.

Series VII, The Westerners International, includes organizational information and correspondence related to the move of the parent organization from Stockton, California to Tucson, Arizona in 1970.

Series VIII, Memory Book and Hermosillo Trip, contains a Memory Book of the year 1972 compiled by Robert Kubista and a record of a membership trip to Hermosillo, Mexico in 1983.

Series IX, Audio Tape Program Recordings, includes recordings of meeting programs from October 1979 to September 1996.

Series X, Manuscripts, Photographs, and Research Material - includes: manuscripts and drafts that were used for the Westerners monthly seminars or the Smoke Signal publication.

**Box #1**

**Series I Correspondence 1960 - 68**

F.1	Correspondence	1960-98
F.2	Correspondence	1970-79
F.3	Correspondence	1980-89
F.4	Correspondence	1990-98

**Series II Membership Records 1970-98**

F.5	Membership Records	1979
F.6	Membership Records	1980-89
F.7	Obituaries	
F.8	Newspaper Clippings	

**Box #2**

**Series III Publications**

F.9	Buckskin Bulletin	1970-98
F.10	Corral Dust	
F.11	Miscellaneous Publications	
F.12	Manuscripts	

**Box #3 (Includes both Westerners International and Tucson Corral records)**

**Series IV Corporate Records, Tucson Chapter**

F.13	Tax exempt status records	
F.14	Articles of Incorporation and By-laws	
F.15	Corporate Reports	
F.16	Miscellaneous Financial Records	
F.17	Records of Donations	
F.18	Corporate Book	

**Box #4**

**Series V Photographs**

F.19	Photographs of speakers, officers, and members	
F.19a	Photographs of guest speakers	

**Series VI**

F.20	Miscellaneous Memory Book	1972
F.21	Hermosillo, Mexico Trip	1983

### **Series VII The Westerners International**

- F.22 Meeting Minutes and Agendas Meeting Minutes and Agendas 1950-69
- F.23 Meeting Minutes and Agendas 1970-79
- F.24 Meeting Minutes and Agendas 1980-89
- F.25 Meeting Minutes and Agendas 1990-98
- F.26 Meeting Notices

### **Box #5**

#### **Series VIII The Westerners International**

- F.27 Organizational Records; By-laws circa 1970
- F.28 Meeting Minutes and Agendas 1972-1982
- F.29 Reports and General Information
- F.30 Miscellaneous Correspondence
- F.31 Corral Information

### **Box #6, 7, 8**

#### **Series IX Audio Tape Program Recordings**

- Box 6 Audio Tape Program Recordings 1979-83
- Box 7 Audio Tape Program Recordings 1983-93
- Box 8 Audio Tape Program Recordings 1994-96

### **Box # 9**

#### **Series X Manuscripts, Photos, and Research Material**

- F. 1 John Gregory Bourke: A Soldier-Scientist on the Frontier
- F. 2 The Camerons: From Donegal to San Raphael
- F. 3 Faithful Account of the Life and Death of Dr. John Charles Handy
- F. 4 Josephine B. Hughes: Mother of Arizona Series 2: Places Arizona
- F. 5 Clifton-Morenci: Social Justice in Arizona Territory 1904-1905
- F. 6 Carl T. Hayden Hospital: An Image in the Public Mind
- F. 7 A History of the International Boundary Survey
- F. 8 Little Outfit Ranch
- F. 9 Zucker Photographs Series 3: Subject Booklets
- F. 10 California and Fort Union Booklets Indians
- F. 11 Apache Depredations in Arizona 1886-1922
- F. 12 Apache News in Southern Arizona
- F. 13 The Hohokam of the Colonial Period
- F. 14 Traditional Clothes Military
- F. 15 Battle of Snake Mountain 1870
- F. 16 Fort Apache of the First World War 1918
- F. 17 Report on Fort Yuma, California
- F. 18 Heliograph in Arizona 1886
- F. 19 Military Telegraph in Arizona Territory
- F. 20 Military Posts on the Verde River
- F. 21 The Fort Cannonball
- F. 22 Southern Pacific Railroad
- F. 23 Great Wham Robbery of 1889
- F. 24 Scouts of the Catalina Council

- F. 25 Portraits (Photographs)
- F. 26 People (Photographs)
- F. 27 Groups (Photographs)
- F. 28 Places (Photographs)
- F. 29 Shoes (Photographs)

### Inventory of Audio Tape Recordings

- 1 October 1979 *Touring the Missions of Central Baja*  
Don Bufkin
- 7 January 1980 *Benjamin H. Grierson, the Unlikely Soldier*  
Bruce Dinges
- 4 February 1980 *Jacquin Murrieta: a Son of Sonora*  
James Officer
- 3 March 1980 *Arizona Mines, Minerals and Myths*  
William Panczner
- 7 April 1980 *Tucson from the Presidio to Megapolis: A Map Study of Tucson Growth* Don Bufkin
- 5 May 1980 *Arizona's Sharlot Hall*  
Dr. Margaret Maxwell
- 8 September 1980 *Mystery Mission of the Barranca del Cobre, Chihuahua*  
Dr. Bernard Fontana
- 6 October 1980 *The Hope Snake Dancers (with slides)*  
David Laird
- 3 November 1980 *The Mexican War in U. S. and Mexican Literature*  
Dr. Cecil Robinson
- 1 December 1980 *Recollections of an Indian Trader*  
Dr. John Tanner
- 1 January 1981 *Roads to Ruins: A Century of Archeological Preservation*  
Don Morris
- 2 February 1981 *Photography and the Wheeler Expeditions of 1871 to 1874*  
Terence R. Pitts
- 2 March 1981 *Arroyas and Climate: A Hundred Years of Change in the Southeast*  
Dr. Richard Rieves
- 6 April 1981 *A Historical Journey through the Missions of Baja*  
Robert Quinn

- 14 September 1981 *An Evening with Travis Edmonson, Western Folksinger*  
Travis Edmonson
- 5 October 1981 *High, Wide and Handsome: The Opening of Northern*  
Marshall Trimble
- 2 November 1981 *Arizona Legends*  
Dr. Byrd Granger
- 14 December 1981 *Water and Society in the Hispanic Southwest 1550-1850*  
Dr. Michael Meyer
- 1 January 1981 *Our Western Heritage: What We Preserve and How*  
Dr. Raymond Thompson
- 1 February 1982 *Black Soldiers of the Southwest*  
Dr. Felix Goodwin
- 1 March 1982 *The Development of the Mountain Man*  
Ralph Baker
- 5 April 1982 *47 Years' Overview of the Seri Indians*  
Otis Chidester (one duplicate)
- 29 April 1982 *The Real Tom Jeffords Santa Rita Hotel*  
Leland Sonnichsen
- 13 September 1982 *The Prince of Imposters: The Baron of Arizona*  
Peyton Reavis
- 4 October 1982 *The American West and The American West*  
Tom Pew
- November 1982 *Ghost Towns of the West: My Favorites*  
Phil Varney
- 3 January 1983 *Drawing the Border: Arthur Schott, Artist with Emory Boundary Survey*  
Dr. Bernard Fontana
- 7 February 1983 *Arizona's Independence Rock*  
Dennis J. Wells
- 7 March 1983 *History of Ranch Life in Southern Arizona and Sonora*  
Judy England
- 4 April 1983 *Folk Arts of Arizona*  
Jim Griffith

- 2 May 1983 *Robber Baron of Arizona*  
Charles Polzer
- 2 September 1983 *“Enju” – The Life and Struggles of an Apache Chief from the Little Running Water Eskiminzin*  
Sinclair Browning
- 3 October 1983 *International Boundary: U. S./Mexico, a Story 2000 Miles Long*  
Robert Ybarry
- 7 November 1983 *The Westering Man*  
Bil Gilbert
- 5 December 1983 *Western History Through the Eyes of the Artist*  
Paul Rossi
- 9 January 1984 *Western Mining, Old and New*  
Bob Lenon, P.E.
- 6 February 1984 *Casas Grandes, Chihuahua Ruins and Recent History*  
Boyd Finch
- 5 March 1984 *18th Century Spanish Mapping of the Southwest*  
Michael Weber
- 2 April 1984 *Recent Historical Dig Sheds Additional Light on Tucson’s Trolley Past*  
Richard Guthrie and W. Eugene Caywood
- 7 May 1984 *Colonial Art and Architecture and Furnishings of Northern Mexico and Southwest Border*  
Gloria Giffords
- 10 September 1984 *Hermit of the Superstitions*  
Peyton Reaves
- 1 October 1984 *Stella A. Hughes – Workin’ Ranch Woman*  
Hash Knife
- 5 November 1984 *Mexican American “Chicano” Literature*  
Prof. Cecil Robinson
- 5 December 1984 *Glen Canyon as it was before Lake Powell*  
Tad Nichols
- 7 January 1985 *Mojave Valley: Crossroads of the Colorado River and the 35th Parallel*  
Billy Claypool

- 4 February 1985 *In Search of Historic Ft. Bowie: New Excavations and Discoveries (with slides)*  
Dr. Marith K. Schultz
- 4 March 1985 *Preserving the Botanical Heritage of the Native Crops of Southwest (with slides)*  
Dr. Barney T. Burns
- 1 April 1985 *Nogales Pass – Through the Past (with slides)*  
Susan Spaker
- 9 September 1985 *The Tucson Mexican Heritage Project of the Arizona Historical Society*  
Dr. Thomas E. Sheridan
- 7 October 1985 *Pre-history in the Tucson Basin – Recent Findings and Research*  
Sharon F. Urban
- 2 December 1985 *Exploring the Colorado River Delta (with slides)*  
Steve Nelson
- 6 January 1986 *George Washington Geronimo*  
L. Sonnichsen
- 3 February 1986 *Mt. Graham – Battle for the Mountain (with slides)*  
Dr. Peter Marshall
- 3 March 1986 *Tucson's Tame Apaches*  
Jim Officer
- 7 April 1986 *The Great Sonoran Earthquake of 1887: The Quake that Devastated Tucson*  
Dr. John Sumner
- 3 October 1988 *Historical Aspects of Arizona Historical Society*  
Don Bufkin
- 6 February 1989 *The Money Pit*  
Emerson Clark
- 6 March 1989 *Tucson Narrow Gauge Railroad*  
Peyton Reavis
- September 1989 *Fox Theater*  
Diane Boxer
- March 1991 *Life in the Apache Camp*  
Lori Davisson
- November 1991 *Arizona and Hoop Skirts: My Experience as a Civil War Re-enactor*  
Julie Campbell



December 1991	<i>Manhunter: The Arizona Career of Robert M. Paul</i> Bob Palmquist
May 1992	<i>Retracing the General Crook Trail: A Bicentennial Project</i> Eldon G. Bowman
March 1993	<i>The Bascomb Affair</i> Chris Mills
September 1993	Unable to translate this tape
October 1993	Unable to translate this tape
January 1994	<i>Ups and Downs of Captain George A. Arms</i> Editor of AZ Historical Assn.
February 1994	<i>The Little Big Horn</i> Don Wyberg
March 1994	<i>Arizonans in the Spanish American War in 1898</i> Charles Herner
May 1994	<i>History of the Arizona National Guard</i> Chaplain Tom Troxel
September 1994	<i>Sanctified by Myth: The Battle of Picacho Pass</i> Boyd Finch
October 1994	<i>Mexican-American Memories</i> Patricia Martin
November 1994	This tape is blank
February 1995	<i>Tucson Parade and Rodeo</i> Paul Grimes
March 1995	<i>The Nagey Pack Train</i> (An unidentified narrator gave the talk in the absence of Pete Nagey who was originally scheduled)
April 1995	<i>George Hand: Favorite Saloon Keeper</i> Neal Carmony
May 1995	<i>History of the Udall Family in Arizona</i> Alma Udall
September 1995	<i>History of Arizona</i> Thomas Sheridan

October 1995	<i>Great Uncle George Engleman</i> Jimmy Engleman
November 1995	<i>Neat Places and Neat People: Robert Forbles and Dick and Emma Riggs</i> Outdoor writer and photographer for the Arizona Star
December 1995	<i>Exploration of the Lake Powell Area</i> Ivar Glendeming
January 1996	<i>Southern Arizona Rescue Association</i> Tom Harlan
February 1996	<i>The Arizona State Museum Origin and History (with slides)</i> Jan Bell
April 1996	<i>Kentucky Camp</i> Jim McDonald
May 1996	<i>Scouting in Arizona</i> Otis Chidester
September 1996	<i>The Legend of Tom Horn</i> Dean Krakle