
ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

949 East Second Street
Tucson, AZ 85719

Library & Archives
(520) 617-1157

ahsref@azhs.gov

MS 1127
WILSON, MARY BANCROFT GUERIN
ca. 1895-1978
Papers 1844/1907-1971

DESCRIPTION

Correspondence, personal and family history, and photos associated with Mary Bancroft Guerin (Wilson). Printed materials include correspondence with her daughter Anne Brooks, school reports, and genealogy work of the Guerin history. Photos comprise family pictures and depictions of two homes in Tucson. A photo album consists of professional pictures of the Guerin's home, El Encanto, done in 1948 with exterior and internal room arrangement photos.

4 Boxes, 3 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Mary Bancroft Guerin can trace the history of her family back to relatives living at the time of Charlemagne in France. She attended Sandusky Public School and graduated from Smith College in 1918. She married Eldred Dewey Wilson and came to Tucson in 1926. Mr. Wilson was the president of the El Encanto Estates in the city.

ACQUISITION

Gift from Elizabeth Borozan in 1991.

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

COPYRIGHT

Requests for permission to publish material from this collection should be addressed to the Arizona Historical Society, Tucson, Archives Department.

PROCESSING

The collection was processed by William D. Tackenberg in February 1999.

ARRANGEMENT

Arranged into 4 Series: Family History, Printed Material, and Correspondence, 1844/1907-1972. Photos. Genealogy Books. Photo Album of the Guerin Residence, 1948.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Collection reflects personal correspondence and photos associated with Mary Bancroft Guerin Wilson of Tucson. Primary correspondence entails communication with her daughter, Mrs. Anne Brooks in the early 1970s. Photos consist of family portraits and photographs of two homes in Tucson. Two books on family genealogy are also included.

Correspondence and other printed materials reflect the Wilson and Guerin family history. Mary Wilson could trace the Guerin family history back to 9th century France. Communication with her daughter (Anne Brooks) in the early 1970s reflects family concerns and travel. A copy of the Wilson marriage certificate for 1926 as well as insurance policy, school report cards, and Smith College commencement announcement for 1918 for Mary Guerin are included. Some news clippings and correspondence highlight family history as early as 1844.

Photos in the collection consist of Guerin family pictures and their home El Encanto in Tucson. Almost all photos have no identification of title or date. Many photos feature unidentified men and women, possibly family or friends of Mary Wilson. Three folders have photos of the El Encanto home with interior and exterior images. A large photo album prepared by C. Louis Brenner consists of 19 professionally done photos of the Guerin residence done in 1948. Photos include both exterior and internal room photos. One folder depicts a home construction project.

Two books and numerous papers reflect family genealogy activities. The books extensively document the Greenleaf and Bixby families. A family tree scroll highlights the Guerin family relationship to William Howard Taft.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

BOX 1

Series I: Family History, Printed Material, and Correspondence, 1844/1907-1972

Folder #1: Family History

f.2	Correspondence of Family and Friends	1844/1913-1972
f.3	Correspondence Mary Wilson and Anne Brooks	1971-1972
f.4	Certificates, Insurance Policy, and Certificates	1907-1971
f.5	News Clippings	1895-1898
f.6	Travel Diary-European Vacation-Alice T. Greenleaf	1889
f.7	Postcards of Europe	1908

Series II: Photos

f.8	Identified Individuals
f.9	Unidentified Individuals
f.10	Unidentified Women
f.11	Unidentified Men
f.12	Cynthia and Annie Wilson

Box 2

f.13	Mary Bancroft Guerin (Wilson) With Family and Friends
f.14	Mary Bancroft Guerin (Wilson)
f.15	Mary Bancroft Guerin (Wilson) Vacation and Travel
f.16	Mary Bancroft Guerin (Wilson) Arizona Camping Trip
f.17	Annie Wilson
f.18-19	Cynthia Wilson
f.20	Gertrude Wilson
f.21	Camping, Automobiles, Tucson Streets
f.22	Dogs and Cats
f.23	Homes and Inns
f.24-26	Tucson Home (El Encanto)
f.27	Home Construction Project
f.28	Miscellaneous – Costumes, Outdoor Scenes, Landscapes

Box 3:

Series III: Genealogy Books

Genealogy of the Greenleaf Family Compiled by James Edward Greenleaf

A Genealogy of the Descendants of Joseph Bixby Compiled by Willard Goldthwaite Bixby

Box 4:

Series IV: Photo Album

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Guerin – Tucson Arizona 1948

Photography by C. Louis Brenner

Two Outside Items:

One Guerin Family Tree Chart

Certificate of Marriage Between William E. Guerin and Alice T. Greenleaf