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Winn, Frederic, 1880-1945
Papers, 1902-1942

DESCRIPTION

Correspondence, logbooks, notebooks, photographs, and research files from both his work with the U.S. Forest Service and from his research into a history of the National Forest system in Arizona. Highlights include correspondence with J. Frank Dobie, Aldo Leopold and Gifford Pinchot as well as photographs of Civilian Conservation Corps work crews and camps.

10 boxes, 6 linear ft.

ACQUISITION

Gift of Frederic Winn in 1952 and his wife, Ada Winn in 1955.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Kim Frontz, May 1998.

ARRANGEMENT

Arranged into five series: Correspondence and personal material, 1904-1942. Research files, 1903-1942. Field notes and daily logs, 1907-1942. Printed material, 1904-1942. Photographs, ca. 1902-1942.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Frederic Winn, a U.S. Forest Ranger, served as supervisor of the Coronado National Forest. He also researched and wrote articles about the history of the Forest Service in Arizona and New Mexico. Born in 1880 in Wisconsin, he joined the Forest Service in 1907 in New Mexico. He worked in various forests in New Mexico and Arizona before becoming supervisor of the Coronado National Forest in 1925, a position he held until 1942. From 1942 to his death in 1945, he worked on a history of the U.S. Forest Service in the Southwest. He married Ada Pierce, a former opera singer, in 1909. Winn was active in the

Tucson Natural History Society, the Arizona Game Protective Association, and other organizations; he was also a member of the Old Pueblo Club and the Masonic Order.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection reflects Winn's years of service with the U.S. Forest Service and his related interests in conservation and wildlife management. Although only a small amount of correspondence is present, his correspondents include leaders in these fields such as Gifford Pinchot, Aldo Leopold, and Henry S. Graves, head of the Forestry School at Yale. There is also an exchange of letters with J. Frank Dobie about folklore of the Southwest, in particular the story of the Lost Adams Diggings. Other correspondents were Ben Tinker, Will C. Barnes, John A. Rockfellow, and G.E.P. Smith. Frederic Winn wrote and compiled a collection of forest fables, which are also present. Daily logs of his Forest Service duties are included from 1907 to 1942.

His research for a projected history of the U.S. Forest Service in the southwest includes correspondence, photographs, and typescript histories, as well as official Forest Service manuals, handbooks, reports, maps, plans and newsletters. The materials are chiefly about the Coronado National Forest, but there is also information about the Coconino National Forest, Apache National Forest, Prescott National Forest and Gila National Forest. Materials about the Apache National Forest include a history of Lee Valley and Greer, Ariz., correspondence with Aldo Leopold, and the Forest Service 1916 newsletter "The Apache News". Copies of "The Gila Monster", a publication of the Gila National Forest Service, are present for 1919 to 1922. Correspondence relating to a project to mark graves on public lands is present, specifically relating to graves in Rucker, Pinery and Hunt Canyons. There are also correspondence and documents about the Lockout Copper Company unlawfully cutting timber from the Prescott National Forest.

Photographs are of people and projects in the National Forests including the U.S. Forest Service Rangers and Ranger Stations, the Civilian Conservation Corp workers, scenic views, camp sites, graves and monuments, road construction and timber. The emphasis is on buildings and work projects within the Apache, Coconino, and Coronado National Forests. There are photographs of the camps and work crews of the Civilian Conservation Corps and a photograph album of the Tanque Verde C.C.C. Camp showing road and dam construction in the Tanque Verde Valley near Tucson. One image shows a crew using a pantagraph in telephone construction. There are also two photographs of Franklin D. Roosevelt, one taken at an historic C.C.C. meeting in Virginia in August 1933. Photographs of the Coronado National Forest include construction of the dam at Lower Sabino Canyon and a Wild Cotton Eradication Project in the Santa Catalina Mountains. Sabino Canyon photographs also include images of children swimming and another of pack mules carrying loads along a trail. One photograph is present of the Bird Cage Theater in Tombstone, Arizona; of Jimmie Bastin, a Forest Service cook; and of a man bathing in a pail outside a cabin. There is also one 1903 photograph of C.H. Farnsworth, Deputy Sheriff and W.K. Foster, Arizona Ranger; photographs of pack animals and of automobiles, and animals in ranching and hunting settings including cattle, sheep, bears and bison.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

Series 1: Correspondence and personal material, 1904-1942

f.1	Biographical information	1904-1938
f.2	Misc. personal	1904-1942
f.3	Correspondence	1904-1925
f.4	Correspondence, WWI soldiers to Winn	1918-1919
f.5	Correspondence (incl. A. Leopold, A.B. Chapin)	1926-1930
f.6	Correspondence (inc. Ben Tinker, J. Rockfellow, G.E.P. Smith, Gifford Pinchot)	1930-1942
f.7	Correspondence – J. Frank Dobie	1937-1940

Series 2: Research files, 1903-1942

f.8	Forest Fable collection (written and collected by Fred Winn)	1923-1924
f.9	Forest Service history (correspondence)	1938-1942
f.10	Forest Service history (reports, etc.)	1928-1942
f.11	Forest Service history (Game & Fish protection)	1926-1928
f.12	Forest Service history (Fire protection)	1918-1927
f.13	Misc. notes on Forest Service	1923-1942
f.14	Apache N.F. (correspondence, notes)	1938-1942
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Box 2

f.16	Coconino N.F. (correspondence, reports, notes)	1910-1944
f.17	Coconino N.F. (annual report)	1910-1911
f.18	Coronado N.F. (correspondence, notes)	1903-1906
f.19	Coronado N.F. (correspondence, notes)	1914-1942
f.20	Coronado N.F. (reports, plans, inspections)	1927-1938
f.21	Coronado N.F. (accounting and property)	1927-1942
f.22	Coronado N.F. (printed material)	1925,1942
f.23	Coronado N.F. –Grave markers	1929-1934
f.24	Coronado N.F. – Fort Bowie (ms and corres.)	1935
f.25	Coronado N.F. – Fort Buchanan bottles	1937
f.26	Gila N.F. (N.M.) (Notes and publications, “The Gila Monster)	1919-1923
f.27	Prescott N.F. – Lookout Copper Co. Timber Trespass	1908-1909
f.28	Letterbook of W.R. Mattoon, U.S. Forest Service, Fort Bayard, N.M.	1905

Series 3: Field notes and daily logs, 1907-1942

f.29-30	Field notes (F. Winn) (tiny notebooks)	1927-1942
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Box 4

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| f.31 | 23 daily log books | 1907-1917 |
| f.32 | Partial transcripts of daily logs | 1909-1915 |

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| f.33 | 21 daily log books | 1917-1925 |
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Box 6**Series 4: Printed material, 1904-1942**

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| f.34 | Forest Service Field Programs (personnel assignments) | 1904-1920 |
| f.35 | Personnel Training Lessons | 1926 |
| f.36 | Forest Service Directories | 1921-1941 |
| f.37 | Forestry historical info | 1923-1941 |
| f.38 | Misc. forestry handbooks | 1910-1918 |
| f.39 | Pamphlets and brochures | 1907-1940 |
| f.40 | Tucson Natural History Society | 1928-1930 |
| f.41 | Wilderness Society | 1940-1942 |

Box 7

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| f.42 | Nature articles | ca. 1940s |
| f.43 | National issues articles | 1917-1934 |
| f.44 | Newspapers – Travel, maps | 1939 |
| f.45 | Newspapers – Arizona pioneers | 1914-1939 |
| f.46 | Newspapers – Indians -graves, killings, captives | 1928-1938 |
| f.47 | Newspapers – Highways, historical markers | 1933 |
| f.48 | Newspapers – Rucker Canyon | 1937-1938 |
| f.49 | Newspapers – Fire fighting | n.d. |
| f.50 | Newspapers – cartoons, poems | 1940s |

Series 5: Photographs, 1902-1942**People**

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| f.51 | Personal and family | 1898-1940 |
| f.52 | Forest Rangers | 1902-1930 |
| f.53 | Forest Ranger meetings and groups | 1920-1942 |
| f.54 | Forest Ranger camps and work crews | 1910-1939 |
| f.55 | U.S. Army campsites and groups | 1910-1920 |
| f.56 | Arizona Rangers (C.H.Farnsworth, W.K.Foster) | 1903 |
| f.57 | Criminals | 1910-1930 |
| f.58 | People (including F.D. Roosevelt) | 1920-1933 |
| f.59 | People (unidentified) | 1910-1940 |

Forests

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| f.60 | Apache National Forest | 1908-1927 |
| f.61 | Coconino N.F. (incl. Oak Creek Canyon) | 1917-1930 |
| f.62 | Photograph album pages (Coconino & Coronado) | 1916-1942 |

Box 8

f.63	Coronado N.F.	1930-1942
f.64	Coronado N.F. – Wonderland of Rocks	1920s
f.65	Coronado N.F. – Sabino Canyon	1920-1938
f.66	Coronado N.F. – Santa Catalina Mountains (Wild Cotton Eradication Project)	1930s
f.67	Gila National Forest	1913,1930
f.68	Kaibab National Forest	1930
f.69	Sitgreaves National Forest	1930
f.70	Tusayan National Forest	1930
f.71	Black Range – Panoramas	1911
f.72	Places – Identified	1930s
f.73	Unidentified scenic views	1905-1930
f.74	Ranger stations and buildings	1900-1939
f.75	Graves and monuments	1930-1940
f.76	Camp sites (incl. Tucson Mountain Park)	1930-1940

Activities

f.77	Roads and road construction	1930s
f.78	Civilian Conservation Corp camps & work crews	1930s
f.79	Civilian Conservation Corp album	1930s
f.80	Transportation – Automobiles	1915-1940
f.81	Transportation – Pack animals and wagons	1915-1925

Box 9

f.82	Timber	1915-1925
f.83	Ranching (horses, cattle, sheep)	1905-1920
f.84	Animals (hunting, etc.)	1910-1930
f.85	Animals (bison)	1910-1920

Box 10 Oversize material (Maps and Photographs)

7 oversize photographs: scenery, 1 Ranger group, one of Fred Winn at Gila National Forest Ranger Station –1938, one of Springerville area – 1910, and two of Ada Pierce Winn on horses.

Several maps with hand colored additions showing Forest Service boundaries and additions.