

# The Ira Murphy Oral History Interviews Collection

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**Accession Number** 2015.39

**Dates**

c.1975-1980

**Extent**

11 interview/16 cassette tapes--digital

**Creator(s)**

Ira Murphy

**Administrative/Biographical History**

Ira Murphy was a retired educator when he was approached by the Payson Public Library to write a history of Payson. Mr. Murphy said he would do the research, but not write the book. After having devoting all of his time over for five month to the project researching and interviewing he was talked into writing the book, which was *The Brief History of Payson*, the first book written on Payson.

**Scope and Content**

This collection consists of 16 cassette tapes of interviews with 10 individuals. All interviews were digitized in 2016.

**Conditions Governing Access**

Collection is open for research.

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**Languages and Scripts of the Materials**

All materials are in English.

**Finding Aids**

Collection index available.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition/Provenance**

Ed Delph loaned his collection of papers to the Northern Gila County Historical Society, Inc. in 1999, from which these copies were made by Stan Brown.

**Accruals**

No further accruals are expected.

**Existence and Location of Originals**

The original cassette are property of the Northern Gila County Historical Society, Inc.

**Preferred Citation**

Bibliographic citations must cite the title of the collection, the box number (or other location) and the Northern Gila County Historical Society, Inc.

**Description Control**

Finding aid written by Sandra Carson, June 2016.

**Access Points** (this is a listing of the major topics covered. A complete index to the transcripts is available)

Beluzzi Family  
Boardman, Theresa  
Chilson Family  
Chilson, Charlie  
Chilson, Lena  
Dances  
Doctors  
Ellison, Slim  
Freighting  
Haught Family  
Haught, Columbus "Boy"  
Haught, Margaret  
Hilligas Family  
Hotels  
Lockwood, Sarah "Babe" McDonald  
Main Street  
Martin, Ida Bell "Sis"  
Mines  
Pieper, Ernest  
Post Offices  
Ranches  
Randall, Julia  
Roads  
Saloons  
Sawmills  
Schools  
Stores  
Teachers  
Tonto Apaches