

Accession # 1991.1.9 and 1995.20

Rim Country Museums
Marguerite Noble Library
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Payson, AZ 85541
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Title

The Payson Womans Club Collection

Dates

1931-1982 (bulk 1931-1941)

Extent

1 box : 2.5 linear inches (0.2083 linear feet)

Creators

Members of the Payson Womans Club

Administrative History

The first civic organization in Payson was the Payson Womans Club, founded in 1920. Their first goal was to bring in or designate an official clock in Payson for use by mail delivery and other businesses, as none of the clocks in the town at that time agreed with each other. Lena Chilson was elected as the first president of the Payson Womans Club in 1921. The Club's long-term goal was to bring a library to Payson; this was realized in 1987, when the town's first public library was established in the Payson Womans Club building on Main Street.

In 1939 Jay F. Vann willed his Arctic Extension mining claims to the Payson Womans Club. The majority of this collection pertains to the ownership of these claims. The remainder of the collection pertains to the history of the Payson Womans Club and its activities in Payson.

A note on spelling: Although other sources refer to the "Payson Woman's Club" or "Payson Women's Club," the club's own documentation usually lists the name as the Payson Womans Club; this naming style has been kept for this collection.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of materials related to the history of the Payson Womans Club, its operation of the Payson Pioneer Cemetery and Payson Public Library, and its ownership of the Arctic Extension mining claims. Materials include bank books, correspondence, mining claims, receipts, promissory notes, permits, legal documents, manuscripts, photographs, and scrapbooks.

System of Arrangement

Collection is arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Arctic Extension mining claims (Accession #1991.1.9)

Series 2: History of the Payson Womans Club (Accession #1995.20)

The original order for Series 1 has been lost; items were reordered in 2009 by staff members to correspond with the cataloging order as listed on accession documents (see processing notes). There is no apparent order for Series 2; this arrangement has been maintained.

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

Unpublished and published manuscripts are protected by copyright. Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the repository and the copyright holder.

Languages and Scripts of the Materials

All materials are in English.

Finding Aids

Collection index available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition/Provenance

All materials were donated to the Northern Gila County Historical Society, Inc. by Margaret Murphy, a longtime Payson resident and member of the Payson Womans Club. Accession # 1991.1.9 was donated in January 1991, and accession # 1995.20 was donated in May 1995.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Related Archival Material

Additional materials relating to the Payson Womans Club, Lena Chilson Hampton, and other members of the club are housed in the archives of the Rim Country Museum.

Publication Note

Information about the history of the Payson Womans Club can be found in:

Northern Gila County Historical Society. 1984. *Rim Country History*. Northern Gila County Historical Society.

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. Please use the following example:

Doris Sturgis to Senator Barry Goldwater, Box 1, Folder 1, the Doris Sturges Harger Papers, Marguerite Noble Library, Northern Gila County Historical Society, Inc.

Processing Information

The materials regarding the Arctic Extension mining claims were originally filed with the Lena Chilson Hampton collection, accession # 1992.4. In 2009 staff members determined that the materials had been received and accessioned separately from the Lena Chilson Hampton collection; the materials were therefore removed from that collection and combined with accession # 1995.20 in this collection. During this move the materials were also reorganized based on the order they were listed in on the 1991 accession documents. The collection index was revised in February 2016 to match the current order.

Description Control

Finding aid written by Sandra Carson, July 2009.

Revised by Christine Solymossy using *DACS2*, February 2016.

Access Points (Access Terms)

Arctic Extension Mines (Ariz.)
Beard, Nellie M.
Chester's Springs Fish Hatchery
Chilson, Lille E.
Chilson Hampton, Mary Lena (née Chipman)
Hashknife Pony Express (Ariz.)
Hilligas, Clara M.
Holder, Frank E.
Holder, Laura
Holder, Naomi
Lovelady, Walter L.
Mining Claims--Arizona
Payson Womans Club
Randall, Julia V. (1891-1990)
Vann, Jay F.
Owens, Ethel S.
Payson (Ariz.)
Payson Pioneer Cemetery
Payson Region (Ariz.)--History
Pieper, Elmer W.
Pieper Fish Hatchery (Ariz.)
Randall, Rose E.
Ribelin, Catherine R.
United States. Department of Agriculture Forest Service
United States. Forest Service