

Accession # 2009.42

Rim Country Museums
Marguerite Noble Library
700 S Green Valley Pkwy
Payson, AZ 85541
(928) 474-3483

Title

The Anna Mae Deming Collection on Payson Weather and History

Dates

1948-2005

Extent

1 box : 1 linear foot textual and photographic material

Creator

Anna Mae Deming (née Ogilvie), 1916-2008

Biographical History

In 1909, a cooperative weather station was established at Payson, Arizona to provide information to the US government for Navy flights from San Diego to Salt Lake City Naval Hospital. Anna Mae Deming (1916-2008), a lifelong resident of Payson, became certified as an airway observer and went to work at the Payson weather station in 1948. When the weather station was closed in 1950 the equipment was moved to Deming's back yard at 710 West Main Street for continued operation. Deming kept records on her weather observations until her death in 2008, when the monitoring equipment was moved to the site of the Rim Country Museums, owned by the Northern Gila County Historical Society. The official records were turned over to the National Weather Service, who then donated these materials to the Northern Gila County Historical Society in 2009.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of materials related to Deming's work as a weather reporter, including official report data for years 1958, 1960, 1962-1990, and 2005. (It is believed that the records for 1950-1957, 1959, 1961, 1991-2004, 2006-2008 are still held by the National Weather Service.) There are also materials related to Deming's personal accomplishments and involvement in local community organizations. Textual material includes articles, newsletters, and clippings; booklets and pamphlets pertaining to weather records and recording; official weather records for the Payson area; official and personal correspondence; and manuscripts written by Deming for various articles, presentations, and newsletters regarding the weather, local events, and her participation in the Payson Womans Club and the Northern Gila County Historical Society.

Photographic materials include newspaper clippings and photographic prints featuring Deming, the Rim Country Museums, and the Payson Womans Club. Objects include a U.S. Weather Services Centennial Medal and a circular slide rule for calculating Dew Point and Relative Humidity conditions.

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Unpublished and published manuscripts are protected by copyright.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.

Custodial History

These papers were in the custody of the National Weather Service prior to donation.

Immediate Source of Acquisition/Provenance

These papers were given to the Northern Gila County Historical Society, Inc. by Larry C. Riggs, a representative of the National Weather Service.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Related Archival Material

Additional weather data is held in the collections of the National Weather Service.

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.

Description Control

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Access Points

Arizona Republic (Phoenix, Ariz.)

Arizona State University. Office of Climatology

Arizona Women's Hall of Fame

August Doin's (aka Payson Rodeo, aka "The World's Oldest Continuous Rodeo")

Axelsson, Helen

Backbone, The (Payson, Ariz.)

Baybrook, Eleanor

Boardman, Theresa
Brice, Lois
Delta Kappa Gamma Society
Deming, Anna Mae (née Ogilvie)
Dude Fire (Ariz.)
El Niño Current
Forest Echoes Newsletter
Hashknife Pony Express (Ariz.)
Holly Berry Fair (Payson, Ariz.)
Indian Hill Observatory (Payson, Ariz.)
Jones, Jim
Julia Randall Elementary School (Payson, Ariz.)
Kiwanis Club of Zane Grey Country
La Niña Current
Labor Day Flood, September 1970
Leaves of Autumn Bookstore
Library Friends of Payson
Luce, Audrie Muir
METAR format
Miller, Ed (Doctor)
Mogollon Advisor (Payson, Ariz.)
Monsoons
Morris, Terry
Murphy, Ira A.
Murphy, Margaret
Museum of the Forest
National Bank of Arizona
National Cooperative Observer newsletter
National Weather Service (U.S.)
NOAA / National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (U.S.)
Northern Gila County Historical Society
Payson (Ariz.)
Payson Pioneer Cemetery
Payson Public Library
Payson Region (Ariz.)--History.
Payson Regional Airport
Payson Roundup (Payson, Ariz.)
Payson Womans Club
Peace-Pyle, Jayne
Phoenix (Ariz.)
Plummer, Thora Leoma
Price, David
Pyle, Nathalie ("Nan") Smith Huntress
Randall, Julia Viola
Rim Country Museums

Rim Country Review (Payson, Ariz.)
Rumsey Park
Thebads, Jerry
Toplis and Harding, Inc.
University of Arizona
United States. Department of Commerce Weather Bureau
United States. Department of Transportation
United States. Weather Bureau.
Valley National Bank of Arizona
Views from the T.O.P newsletter
Warter, Myrtle (née Pyle)
Winter Storm Anna Mae, 1979