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Title

The Nyle Burnham Leatham Photographic Negative Collection

Dates

The major portion of the negatives are from 1955-1957; although there are some negatives before 1951 and others of the 1970 Labor Day Flood.

Extent

1,484 negatives of various sizes and 148 slides

Creator

Nyle B. Leatham

Administrative History

Nyle Leatham and his wife Carol first came to the Payson area in 1950. They were invited to live on the Lucky Dog Ranch in Round Valley and Nyle took a job at the Owen's Lumber Mill. Just after moving into the town of Payson, Nyle received his draft notice. He chose to join the Air Force for four years, which is where he learned aerial photography and worked as a photographer for the Air Force.

After his discharge, the Leatham's came back to Payson in 1955 with the idea of making a living with his photography. They stayed in Payson for two years and realized they would not have a steady income. He was offered a job with the *Arizona Republic* as a staff photographer and they moved back to Phoenix.

Cameras: Crown Graphix 4 x5; Rollielflex 120mm film; Nikon for 35mm work

Scope and Content

Leatham took any jobs available in the Payson area and as a consequence he documented life in Payson in the mid-1950's; school photos, photographs for businesses such as Owen's Lumber, Oxbow Inn, Hoehn's Station, etc., ranch work, roundups, Tonto Fish Hatchery, and the road work on the first paved highway into Payson.

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Finding aid written by Sandra Carson, October 2016.

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