

Clifford Edward Photograph Collection
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Descriptive Summary

Collection Name

Cliff Edwards Collection

Collection Number

1996.5

Creator

Clifton Edwards

Biographical Note

Clifton Edwards was born on August 11, 1898 in Christoval, Texas. Edward's first trip to Payson was in 1909 searching for his father who had taken a job working on the Roosevelt Dam and then moved on to Payson and began working for Dr. Risser taking care of his cattle. From 1909 until 1923 Edwards worked all over Gila County and earned the nickname "Tuffie" for his exploits in the rodeos. In 1923 he learned to fly and eventually his nickname was changed to "Tailspin". Edwards flew into Payson in 1927, the first time an airplane had ever landed in Payson. Edwards was a flight instructor for the Army Air Corp during WWII. Edwards did not return to Gila County until the 1960's, when he took up cowboying again. Edwards lived one month, three days past 100, dying on September 14, 1998 in Casa Grande, Arizona. He is buried in the Payson Pioneer Cemetery, where he had owned a plot for 80 years.

Scope and Content Note

Photographs include images of Cliff Edwards both as cowboy and rodeo hand and as a pilot. Also included are photographs of lion hunting and ranch houses.

Access Terms

Airplanes	Main Street, Payson, Arizona
Animal traps	Mules
Cowboys	Pack animals
Deer hunting	Parachutists
Edwards, Clifton, 1898-1998	Payson School Buildings
Hunting	Peeples Valley, AZ.
Hunting dogs	Q Ranch
Jack Shoe Ranch	Ranches
Lion hunting	Zachary, Fred

Container List

Miscellaneous Box 1	1996.5
29 photographs	