

CASTLE HOT SPRINGS COLLECTION-MSS 56

Records: 1951-1982
Items: 1 Box, .5 cu. ft.

Historical Sketch

Originally discovered by Indians, Castle Hot Springs is a series of pools into which, every 24 hours, 500,000 gallons of water emerging from crevices in the rock is deposited. The water temperatures range from 95 to 120 degrees fahrenheit. In the 1890's, a 168 acre resort was built which catered to the rich and famous. A fire in 1977 extensively damaged the main building. Shortly after the fire the resort, owned by Talley Industries of Mesa, Arizona, was donated to the Arizona State University Foundation. In 1982 a development group, known as the Castle Hot Springs Development Corporation, purchased the property, including 15 buildings from the Foundation. Their plan was to revive the springs as a health spa.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of one box of manuscript material which spans the period 1951-1982. Arrangement is in four series: (1) Appraisals and Surveys; (2) The Summit Project; (3) Arizona State University; and (4) Miscellaneous. Series one, Appraisals and Surveys, includes both geologic and geothermal studies. Series two, The Summit Project, includes materials related to the proposed establishment of an educational information retreat at Castle Hot Springs. The Summit would provide seminars for educators and business executives throughout the country. The final series, Miscellaneous, includes maps, postcards and brochures.

The Castle Hot Springs Collection was donated by Dr. Denis Kigin of Arizona State University in 1986.

Description

SERIES ONE

APPRAISALS AND SURVEYS

Folder	1	Engineer Testing Laboratories Geologic Study, 1975
Folder	2	Appraisal Reports, 1977
Folder	3	Geothermal Surveys, 1966, 1975

SERIES TWO

THE SUMMIT PROJECT

Folder	1	The Concept, 1975
Folder	2	Federal and State Statutes, 1966, 1974
Folder	3	Energy Systems, 1975
Folder	4	Flooding Potential, 1975
Folder	5	ASU Field Trip, 1975

SERIES THREE

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Folder 1 Correspondence, 1977- 1982
Folder 2 Geothermal Resource Evaluation, 1980
Folder 3 Miscellany: Water System Exclusion Application Form,
1980; Health Inspection Reports, 1981

SERIES FOUR

MI SCELLANEOUS

Folder 1 Maps: N.D., 1968, 1980
Folder 2 Inventory, 1975
Folder 3 Equipment Appraisal, 1977
Folder 4 Newsclippings: N.D., 1977
Folder 5 Brochures, 1930s - 1960s
Folder 6 Brochures, 1970s
Folder 7 Postcards - Scenic (cactus), N.D.
Folder 8 Postcards - Resort (2 views), N.D.

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