

**TITLE:** Gusse Thomas Smith Photograph Collection

**DATE RANGE:** 1920s-1930s

**CALL NUMBER:** FP FPC #21

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** .5 linear feet (1 box)

**PROVENANCE:** Donated by Gusse Thomas Smith

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**RESTRICTIONS:** This collection has no restrictions.

**CREDIT LINE:** Gusse Thomas Smith Photograph Collection, FP FPC #21, Arizona Historical Foundation

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

Born in Missouri in 1881, Gusse Thomas Smith and her family came to Arizona in 1917. Smith served as Publicity Director for the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce from 1924 to 1929, and as Social Director of the Arizona Biltmore Hotel from 1929 to 1945. In both capacities, she wrote a number of promotional brochures and travel articles about Arizona. Smith also wrote short stories and articles which were submitted to national magazines for publication, and was a contributor to *Arizona Highways*. Fascinated by the birds in the desert surrounding the hotel, she studied local flora and fauna. In 1941, Smith published *Birds of the Southwestern Desert*, based on a popular lecture series she conducted while at the Arizona Biltmore.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:**

This collection consists of over 90 photographs. They range from fair to good condition. The collection is organized by subject, then chronologically within. Almost all photographs relate to the Arizona Biltmore Hotel. Some photographs appear to have been removed from an album, they are affixed to black paper and double sided.

For more information see manuscript collection Gusse Thomas Smith, MS FM MSS 5.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	<b>Photographs:</b> Apache Trail	1920s-1930s
1	2	<b>Photographs:</b> Arizona Biltmore Hotel	1920s-1930s
1	3	<b>Photographs:</b> Arizona Biltmore, Golfers and Golf Course	1929-1930s
1	4	<b>Photographs:</b> Arizona Biltmore, Guests and Visitors	1929-1930s
1	5	<b>Photographs:</b> Arizona Biltmore, Horseback Riding	1929-1930s
1	6	<b>Photographs:</b> Arizona Biltmore, Summer Lodge	1930s

<b>1</b>	7	<b>Photographs:</b> Arizona Biltmore, Wonderbus Tours	1929-1930s
<b>1</b>	8	<b>Photographs:</b> Casa Grande Ruins Chiricahua National Monument	1930s
<b>1</b>	9	<b>Photographs:</b> Hassayampa Mountain Club	1930s
<b>1</b>	10	<b>Photographs:</b> San Xavier del Bac Mission	1920s-1930s
<b>1</b>	11	<b>Photographs:</b> Smith, Gusse Thomas (and possibly husband Albert Smith)	1920s-1930s
<b>1</b>	12	<b>Photographs:</b> Walpi Village	1930s