

WADE HEAD COLLECTION-MSS 118

Inclusive Dates: 1942-1944

Size: 5 boxes, 2 linear feet

W. Wade Head was born circa 1908 in Eldorado, Arkansas. He was an area director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for many years. During World War II, he served as director of the Colorado River War Relocation Center (also known as Poston) from 1942 to 1944. Head died at the age of 89 on January 25, 1997.

The collection consists of correspondence, reports, notes, speeches, and essays relating to the administration of War Relocation Authority (WRA) camps in general and Poston specifically, the daily activities and transactions in these communities, the federal investigation into un-American activities, and the departure of Head from the role of director in 1943. Box 4 consists entirely of dedications to Director Wade Head on his resignation. Internees from almost 70 block units of the center signed their names, contributed artwork, and expressed their gratitude for Head's role as a leader of the community.

Also included are 109 photographs, five paintings of Poston and the vicinity, eleven books or serials relating to the WRA, and one color film (see AHF Audio-Visual Inventory) of the construction of the center and the arrival of its first residents.

Box	Folder#	Folder Title	Dates
1	1	Correspondence Regarding Camp Administrative Organization	1942-1943
1	2	Correspondence Regarding Camp Administrative Organization, 1942-1943	1942-1943
1	3	Wade Head Correspondence, May-June 1942	1942
1	4	Memorandum of Understanding Between the Director of the War Relocation Authority and the Secretary of the Interior, Signed by Both Parties 4/14/42	1942
1	5	Construction Project, Etc., 1942-1943	1943
1	6	Wade Head, Project Director, Memorandum & Letter, June 1942 - June 1943	1942-1943
1	7	Townsend 1942	1942

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1	8	Affidavits & Statements, Townsend Testimony 1943	1943
1	9	Affidavits, Testimonies, Statements, Memorandum, 1942-1943	1942-1943
1	10	Townsend, Letters & Statements, 1943	1943
1	11	Letter, Statements, Memo, etc. 1942-1943	1942-1943
1	12	Investigation of un-American Activities, May 30, 1943	1943
1	13	Dies Committee Report, 1943	1943
1	14	Personal Letters Concerning WRA - Also New Years Greeting to Camp One, 1/1/43	1942-1944
2	1	Education and Teacher (Incomplete File)	ND
2	2	Work Program for the Operations Division, Nov. 1943	ND
2	3	“An American Battle Field: A Factual Report of Conditions at the Japanese Relocation Camps at Poston, Arizona” by Harold Townsend	1942
2	4	Correspondence - Akahoshi Case	1943
2	5	Closing Letters - Wade Head 1943	1943
2	6	Wade E. Head - Closing Letters, Jan., Feb., & May 1944	1944
2	7	Third Quarter Budget Estimate, Fiscal Year 1944	1943-1944
2	8	Advance Budget Estimates, Fiscal Year 1945	1944
2	9	Personal Letters Re: WRA From Evacuees, 1945	1944-1945

Box	Folder#	Folder Title	Dates
2	10	Indian Service WRA Agreement, January 1, 1944	1944
2	11	Romaji Maki NI (In Japanese Phonetics)	ND
2	12	Colorado River War Relocation Project (In Japanese Phonetics)	ND
2	13	Kanji Book 1 (Japanese Language Lessons)	ND
3	1	Chiri (Geography of Japan)	ND
3	2	“Refuge on the Colorado, “ Desert Magazine, September 1942; “The Truth about our Jap Camps , “Liberty, August 1943	1942-1943
3	3	Misc. Official Documents Regarding the WRA and Poston, 1942-1943	1942-1943
3	4	The Organization and Growth of the Poston Health Service by Elizabeth Vickers, P.N., Senior Chief Nurse	1944
3	5	Community Government - Report by T.H. Haas, 12/31/43	1943
3	6	For Dillon S. Myer, Director, War Relocation Authority, Washington, DC: This Report Sets Forth the Development Program Proposed for the Colorado River War Relocation Center For the Balance of 1944 Fiscal Year	1943
3	7	Visit to Japanese Internees or Detainees in Center, Colorado River Relocation Center, December 21, 1943	1943
3	8	War Relocation Authority Community Government Handbook, November 20, 1943	1943
3	9	Monthly Report on Colorado River War Relocation Center for Evacuated Japanese No. 1, Poston, Arizona, November 10, 1942	1942

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3	10	Monthly Reports on the Colorado River War Relocation Project, Poston, Arizona, November 1942 - June 1943	1942-1943
3	11	Wade Head's Essays/Speeches on How to Run the Center	ND
3	12	Base Map: Parker War Relocation Area, Arizona, 6/18/42	1942
4	1	Dedication (Removed from Wooden Poston Box, AHF3D97-004. Note: This scrapbook is a tribute from the internees to Director Wade Head on his resignation of the directorship. It includes original artwork & signatures.)	1943
4	2	Block 2	1943
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4	37	Block 60	1943
4	38	General Hospital	1943
4	39	Block 207	1943
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4	60	Block 317	1943
4	61	Block 318	1943
4	62	Block 322-323	1943
4	63	Block 325-326	1943
4	64	Block 327-330	1943
5	OV	1) Colorado River War Relocation Project, Poston, Arizona, Organization Chart, August 11, 1943	1943
		2) Poston Relocation Camp Film-Projection film	1942
		3) Poston Relocation Camp Film-Archival Betamax copy	1942
		*For use copy of film, please see archivist for CD copy	

Artifacts

5 watercolor paintings of Poston Relocation camp by internee and artist Kakunen Tsuruoka.

Bibliography of Books and Serials from the Wade Head Collection

Located in the AHF Books Library (Please See Library Catalog for Call Nos.)

Administrative Highlights of the WRA Program. United States Dept. of the Interior. War Relocation Authority.

Community Government in War Relocation Centers. United States Dept. of the Interior. War Relocation Authority.

El Chaparral. 1943. 2 copies.

Embree, John F. "Community Analysis—An Example of Anthropology in Government." *American Anthropologist.* Vol. 46, No. 3, July—September 1944.

The Evacuated People: A Quantitative Description. United States Dept. of the Interior. War Relocation Authority.

The First Year: Story of the Red Cross in Poston. The American Red Cross. 1943.

Impounded People: Japanese Americans in the Relocation Centers. United States Dept. of the Interior. War Relocation Authority.

Leighton, Alexander H. *The Governing of Men: General Principles and Recommendations Based on Experience at a Japanese Relocation Camp.* Princeton: Princeton UP, 1945.

The Relocation Program. United States Dept. of the Interior. War Relocation Authority.

Wartime Exile: The Exclusion of the Japanese Americans from the West Coast. United States Dept. of the Interior. War Relocation Authority.

WRA: A Story of Human Conservation. United States Dept. of the Interior. War Relocation Authority.

Wade Head Photograph Collection inventory

February 4, 1998

Note: Folder Headings Appear in Bold

Call #	Description	#Copies	Neg.#
FP HEA4-6	Buildings		
FP HEA- 1	US Post Office and Relocation Office, Poston, AZ	3	N-5214
FP HEA-2	Medical Clinic, Outpatient Dept. Entrance, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-3	Theater, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-4	Barracks, Poston, AZ	1	SL-291
FP HEA-5	Aerial View of Poston Relocation Center, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-6	Arrival and Departure Station,Poston, AZ	1	N-5250
FP HEA-7-17	Photo Series: Building the Poston High School		
FP HEA-7	“The Foundations of Learning,” Building The Poston High School, Poston, AZ, November 1944-Photograph 1 in the Series	1	---
FP HEA-8	Photograph 2 in the Series	1	---
FP HIEA-9	Photograph 3 in the Series	1	---
FP HEA-10	Photograph 4 in the Series	1	---
FPHEA-11	Photograph 5 in the Series	1	---
FP HEA-12	Photograph 6 in the Series	1	---
FP HEA-13	Photograph 7 in the Series	1	---
FP HEA-14	Photograph 8 in the Series	1	---

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FP HEA-7-17	Photo Series: Building the Poston High School		
FP HEA-15	Photograph 9 in the Series	1	---
FP HEA-16	Photograph 10 in the Series	1	---
FP HEA-17	Photograph 11 in the Series	1	---
FP HEA-18-27	Misc. & Water Tower		
FP HEA-18	Pedestrians, Poston, AZ	1	N-5247
FP HEA-19	School, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-20	Water Tower, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-21	Water Tower, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-22	Water Tower, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-23	Water Tower, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-24	Water Tower, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-25	Water Tower, Poston, AZ	2	---
FP HEA-26	Water Tower, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-27	Water Tower, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-28--33	See Len Park		
FP HEA-28	See Len Park Under Construction Poston, AZ	1	N-5206
FP HE A-29	See Len Park, View from Above of Bridge And Miniature Japanese Houses, Poston, AZ	1	N-5203 SL-288
FP HEA-30	See Len Park, Bridge over Pond, Poston, AZ	1	N-5244
FP HEA-31	See Len Park, View of Miniature Japanese Houses in Garden, Poston, AZ	1	N-5204 SL-300

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FP HEA-28--33	See Len Park		
FP HEA-32	See Len Park, Sign and Bridge, Poston, AZ	1	N-5243
FP HEA-32B	Park at Poston Named for Lee Nelson, Always (See Len)-Administrators	1	—
FP HE A-33	See Len Park, View of Bridge over Pond, Poston, AZ	1	N-5245
FP HEA-33B View 1	First People to Cross Bridge at See Len Park,.Poston, AZ	1	N-5241
FP HEA-33B View 2	First People to Cross Bridge at See Len Park, Poston, AZ	1	N-5208
FP HEA-34-43	Poston Fields and Buildings		
FP HEA-34	Poston Fields, Barracks in Background, Poston, AZ	1	N-5251
FP HEA-34B	Men Working in Poston Fields, Poston, AZ	1	N-5205 SL-289
FP HEA-35	Poston Fields, Poston, AZ	1	N-5252
FP HEA-36	Poston Fields, Poston, AZ	1	N-5253
FP HE A-37	Bus Station, Camp II, Poston, AZ	1	N-5229
FP HEA-38	Swimming Pool, Camp II, Poston, AZ	1	N-5246
FP HEA-39	Cottonwood Bowl, Camp II, Poston, AZ	1	N-5210
FP HEA-40	Administration Buildings, Poston, AZ	1	N-5216
FP HE A-41	Nursery and Tower, Camp II, Poston, AZ	1	N-5240
FP HEA-42	Tractor and Barracks, Poston, AZ	1	N-5239
FP HEA-43	American Flag Flying, Poston, AZ	1	N-5207

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FP HEA -44-59	School Musical		
FP HEA-44	School Musical, Poston, AZ: Arkansas Traveler	1	N-5211
FP HEA-45	School Musical, Poston, AZ: Arkansas Traveler	1	N-5212
FP HEA-46	School Musical, Poston, AZ: Chicago	1	N-5218
FP HEA-47	School Musical, Poston, AZ: Chicago Night Club	1	N-5221
FP HEA-48	School Musical, Poston, AZ: Miami, Florida	1	N-5226
FP HEA-49	School Musical, Poston, AZ: Miami, Florida	1	N-5223
FP HEA-50	School Musical, Poston, AZ: New York City, Night 1 Club Scene	1	N-5219
FP HEA-51	School Musical, Poston, AZ: New York City, Night 1 Club Scene	1	N-5213
FP HEA-52	School Musical, Poston, AZ: New Mexico, Indian	1	N-5225
FP HEA-53	School Musical, Poston, AZ: New Mexico	1	N-5224
FP HEA-54	School Musical, Poston, AZ: Scene from Billy Boy, 1 Massachusetts	1	N-5222
FP HEA-55	School Musical, Poston, AZ: Down Mexico Way, Southwestern	1	N-5234
FP HEA-56	School Musical, Poston, AZ: Texas	1	N-5227
FP HEA-57	School Musical, Poston, AZ: Virginia	1	N-5217
FP HEA-58	School Musical, Poston, AZ: Virginia	1	N-5233
FP HEA-59	School Musical, Poston, AZ: Finale-O Beautiful for 1 Spacious Skies	1	N-5228

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FP HEA-60-68	Student Portraits; Aerials of Poston		
FP HEA-60	Nikki (now Mrs. Harry Bridges), Qyaka, Gladys, Toots, and Others	1	---
FP HEA-61	Nikki, Oyaka, Gladys, and Others	1	---
FP HEA-62	Oyaka	1	---
FP HEA-63	Oyaka	1	---
FP HEA-64	Gladys	1	---
FP HEA-65	Aerial of Poston Relocation Center	1	---
FP HEA-66	Parker, Arizona-Aerial with Airplane Wing in Foreground	1	---
FP HEA-67	Aerial of Poston Relocation Center	1	---
FP HEA-68	Aerial of Poston Relocation Center	1	---
FP HEA-69-75	Administrators and Leaders		
FP HEA-69	Collier Turning Spade as Japanese-American Schoolchildren Look On, Poston, AZ	3	N-5220
FP HEA-70	Architect Popkin at Poston-Ground-Breaking Watched by Japanese-American Children	2	N-5230
FP HEA-71	Unknown Surveyor, Collier, Popkin	2	N-5232
FP HEA-72	Poker Group at Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-73	Administrators and Leaders, Poston, AZ	1	N-5321
FP HEA-74	Men of Poston, Poston, AZ, January 20, 1944 I. Kubota, S.Y. Kushiya, Y. Kawasaki, Duncan Mills, W. Wade Head, Moris Burge, K.J. Takashima, J. Terakewa, K. Takizama, M. Okamoto, S. Okabe, R Omshi, M Otam, H Nakaji, T Masuda, S Sasaki, G. Horibe	1	---
FP HEA-75	Wade Head, Collier, and Popkin, Poston, AZ	1	N-5209

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FP HEA-76-85	School		
FP HEA-76	Poston Elementary School, Unit I, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-77	Poston Elementary School, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-78	School Construction, Inside View., Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-79	School with Students, Poston, AZ	1	N-5254
FP HEA-80	School, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-81	School with Automobile and Japanese-American Young Woman, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-82	School, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-83	School, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-84	School, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-85	School, Poston, AZ	1	N-5256
FP HEA-86-95	Buildings		
FP HEA-86	Administration Buildings (?), Poston, AZ	1	N-5236
FP HEA-87	Poston Police Department, Poston, AZ	1	N-5248
FP HEA-88	Fire Department, Block 30, Poston, AZ	1	N-5237
FP HEA-89	Dining Room, Poston, AZ	1	N-5235
FP HEA-90	Barber Shop, Police Dept., Other Buildings, Poston, AZ	1	N-5249
FP HEA-91	Miniature Garden, Block 19, Poston, AZ	1	N-5242
FP HEA-92	Wide View of Barracks, Administration Buildings, and Parking Area, Poston, AZ	1	N-5238
FP HEA-93	Wide View of Administration Buildings from Road, Poston, AZ	1	N-5255

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FP HEA-86-95	Buildings		
FP HEA-94	Barracks with View of Elementary School in Background, Poston, AZ	1	N-5215
FP HEA-95	Loading Area (?) with Trucks, Poston, AZ	1	N-5257
FP HEA-96-105	Construction at Poston		
FP HEA-96	School Construction, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-97	Construction, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-98	Construction (Blurred), Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-99	Construction Showing Temporary Thatch Roof, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-100	School Construction, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-101	Construction Workers and Supervision, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-102	Construction Workers, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-103	Construction Picnic, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-104	Construction Worker and Observer, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-105	Unit III, Corner Stone Laying-Tee Mizuki, Fusa Tsumagari, Gladys Otsuka, Noriko Kaminaka	1	---
FP HEA-106-109	School Architectural Features		
FP HEA-106	School Roof, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-107	School Roof and Front of Building, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-108	School Roofing, Poston, AZ	1	---
FP HEA-109	School, Poston, AZ	1	---