

TITLE: Sidney P. Osborn Photograph Collection

DATE RANGE: 1940s

CALL NUMBER: FP FPC #5

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.5 linear feet (3 boxes)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Sidney Preston Osborn was born May 17, 1884 in Phoenix, Arizona. He graduated from Phoenix Union High School in 1903 and attended Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., where he developed an interest in politics. From 1903 to 1905 he was a delegate to the U.S. Congress, and in 1910 was a member of the Arizona Constitutional Convention. Osborn also served as Arizona's Secretary of State from 1912 to 1919 and Arizona's Collector of Internal Revenue from 1933 to 1934. He made three unsuccessful bids for the governor's office before finally succeeding on November 5, 1940.

Osborn is the only governor of Arizona to serve four consecutive 2-year terms (Governors of Arizona now serve 4-year terms, with a limit of 2 terms). During his terms as governor the state of Arizona recovered from the Great Depression, saw a large growth in population, and an economic boom of World War II. Osborn often relied on radio broadcasts to win popular support for his political measures, but frequently was at odds with the state legislature due to his no-nonsense governing style. During his fourth term, Osborn suffered from Lou Gehrig's disease and died while in office on May 25, 1948.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: The provenance and donor of these photographs is unknown. All photographs are originals. Many of the photographs are damaged and in poor condition. The photographs are arranged by subject and then date.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	Osborn Photographs: Arizona State Fair	1946
	2	Osborn Photographs: Boards and Memberships (various)	1941-1946
	3	Osborn Photographs: Buildings (various)	ND

	4	Osborn Photographs: Bushong, L.D.	1870s, 1941
	5	Osborn Photographs: Crippled Children's Home	1945
	6	Osborn Photographs: Federal Enforcing Conference	1943
	7	Osborn Photographs: Fiesta de La Flores	ND
	8	Osborn Photographs: Governors' Conferences	1943- 1945
	9	Osborn Photographs: Luke Field (includes dedication ceremony)	1941- 1945
	10	Osborn Photographs: Military Base Visits (various)	ND
	11	Osborn Photographs: Military Personal (various)	1942- 1946
2	1	Osborn Photographs: Military School	ND
	2	Osborn Photographs: Motion Pictures	ND
	3	Osborn Photographs: Navy Graduation, Tucson	1944
	4	Osborn Photographs: Office Visitors	ND
	5	Osborn Photographs: Parades and Rodeos (various)	1940- 1945
	6	Osborn Photographs: Personal Portraits 1 of 2	ND
	7	Osborn Photographs: Personal Portraits 2 of 2	ND
	8	Osborn Photographs: Phoenix Chamber of Commerce	1946
3	1	Osborn Photographs: Public Appearances (various)	1941- 1945
	2	Osborn Photographs: Radio Show Appearances	ND
	3	Osborn Photographs: Reno Airbase	1945
	4	Osborn Photographs: Secretary of the Interior	1946
	5	Osborn Photographs: Visiting Mexican Officials	ND
	6	Osborn Photographs: War Bond Rallies	1944, 1945
	7	Osborn Photographs: Williams Field	1944