

**TITLE:** Sidney P. Osborn Photograph Collection

**DATE RANGE:** 1940s

**CALL NUMBER:** FP FPC #5

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.5 linear feet (3 boxes)

**PROVENANCE:** Unknown

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