

J. MORRIS RICHARDS COLLECTION-MSS 39

Records:1910s- 1980s

No. of Items: 5 Boxes, 4 cu. ft.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Newspaperman, educator, politician, and historian, J. Morris Richards was born in Joseph City, Arizona in 1906. While earning his B.A. in Education from Northern Arizona State Teachers College in 1929, he became Flagstaff news correspondent for the Winslow Daily Mail. Upon graduation, he continued his association with the newspaper and moved to Winslow to become a local news reporter. By the 1940s he became editor and publisher of the Winslow Daily News. His brother, V.P. Richards, during this same period was editor/publisher of neighboring Holbrook's paper, the Holbrook Daily News.

Morris Richards' accomplishments include serving as director of publicity and advertising for the Arizona State Fair and active involvement with the Young Democrats of Arizona during the 1930s. In the late 1950s, he held a seat in the Arizona State Senate. For a brief period during the late 1970s, he was special assistant to Arizona Governor Wesley Bolin. Over the years Mr. Richards has been commissioned to compile histories on various subjects including the Arizona State Legislature, Western Savings and Loan Association, and Tanner Companies.

The collection contains manuscript versions of these works and others as well as correspondence, reports, newsclippings, and miscellany that reflect Richards' research and activities. Materials within this collection were donated during 1989, 1990 and 1991 by J. Morris Richards who currently resides in Tempe, Arizona.

INVENTORY

Box 1

- Folder 1 "A History of Western Savings and Loan Association" -Manuscript, 1976.
- Folder 2 "A History of Western Savings and Loan Association" -Manuscript, 1976.
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- Folder 4 "A History of Western Savings and Loan Association" -Manuscript, 1976.
- Folder 5 "A History of Western Savings and Loan Association" -Manuscript, 1976.
- Folder 6 "A History of Western Savings and Loan Association" -Manuscript, 1976.
- Folder 7 "Birth of Arizona," Research Notes, 1932.
- Folder 8 "Arizona Becomes a State," Manuscript, N.D.
- Folder 9 "Biographies of Arizona Historians" - Notes - c. 1980.
- Folder 10 Colorado River Pamphlets, 1929.
- Folder 11 Correspondence - Columbus Giragi and J. Morris Richards-1934-1935.
- Folder 12 Correspondence - Columbus Giragi and J. Morris Richards-1936-1957.

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- Folder 13 Education Biography Files - R.H.H. Blome.
Folder 14 Education Biography Files- Charles O. Case.
Folder 15 Education Biography Files- H. E. Hendrix.
Folder 16 Education Biography Files- John D. Loper.
Folder 17 Education Biography Files- Arthur J. Matthews.
Folder 18 Hunt (George W. P.) Files.
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Folder 20 Hunt (George W. P.) Files.
Folder 21 Hunt (George W. P.) Files.
Folder 22 Hunt (George W. P.) Files.
Folder 23 Hunt (George W. P.) Files.
Folder 24 Hunt (George W. P.) Files.
Folder 25 Miscellaneous Reports:
Volume 1 - 1953 Mosaic of the Colorado River.
Volume 2 - Arizona State Senate Reporter's Transcript-Feb. 1944.
Volume 3 - Little Colorado River Report - 1920-1923.
Volume 4 - Bureau of Reclamation - Snowflake Project, Arizona, 1947.
Volume 5 - Facts and Figures - Arizona Semi-Centennial, 1952.
Volume 6 - Mineral Resources - Navajo-Hopi Indian Reservations (Vol. I) - 1955.
Volume 7 - Mineral Resources - Navajo-Hopi Indian Reservations (Vol. II) - 1955.
Volume 8 - Report of Special Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribe- 1960.
Volume 9 - Water in the Santa Cruz Valley - c.1956.
- Folder 26 Newsclippings, c. 1915- 1930s.
Folder 27 Newsclippings re: Arizona's Thirteenth Legislature- 1936-1937.

Box 2

- Folder 28 Publications - J. Morris Richards - 1940s- 1950s.
Folder 29 Publication - Wesley Bolin, 1983.
Folder 30 Publication - Wesley Bolin. (variant version), n.d.
Folder 31 "Working Papers - 1st Legislature" - 1912-1913.
Folder 32 "Working Papers - 1st Legislature" - 1912-1913.
Folder 33 Miscellany, 1930s.-1960s.

Box 3 Manuscripts

- Volume 1 "Biographies of Arizona Historians" - 1980.
Volume 2 "Governor Wesley Bolin - He Loved Arizona" - c. 1979.
Volume 3 "History of the Arizona State Legislature - Vol.1," 1979.

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- Volume 4 "History of the Arizona State Legislature - Vol.1,"1979.
- Volume 5 "History of the Arizona State Legislature - Vol.2," 1980.
- Volume 6 "History of the Arizona State Legislature – Vol.3,"1980.
- Volume 7 "History of the Arizona State Legislature - Vol.4,"1980.
- Volume 8 "History of the Arizona State Legislature - Vol.4,"1980.
- Volume 9 "History of the Arizona State Legislature - Vol.6," 1981.

Box 4 Manuscripts

- Volume 1 "History of the Arizona State Legislature - Vol.6," 1981.
- Volume 2 "History of the Arizona State Legislature - Vol.7," 1982.
- Volume 3 "History of the Arizona State Legislature - Vol. 10," 1982.

- Folder 1 "History of the Arizona State Legislature" - Research Notes.

- Volumes 4,5,6. "History of Western Savings and Loan Association" -1976.
- Volume 7 "That Damn Parole Board" c. 1930s.

Case Files

- Folder 4 Arizona Interstate/State Highways Files (1) 1955-1958.
- Folder 5 Arizona Interstate/State Highways Files (2) 1957-1958.
- Folder 6 Arizona Interstate/State Highways Files (3) 1957-1958.
- Folder 7 Arizona Interstate/State Highways Files (4) 1957-1959.
- Folder 8 NAM Business, Industry & Education Conference - 1952-1953.

Box 5 Biographical Files

- Folder 1 Anderson, Ana
- Folder 2 Bagg, Stanley A.
- Folder 3 Banta, Alfred Franklin
- Folder 4 Breen, Fred S.
- Folder 5 Gum, John P.
- Folder 6 Cross, Edward
- Folder 7 Dorrington, John W.
- Folder 8 Giragi, Cannel
- Folder 9 Hackney, Aaron
- Folder 10 Jaynes, Alan
- Folder 11 Kelly, George
- Folder 12 Marion, John H.
- Folder 13 Mathews, William

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Folder 14 Minatto, James
Folder 15 Moeur, Benjamin
Folder 16 Pulliam, Eugene
Folder 17 Richards, V.P.
Folder 18 Smalley, George
Folder 19 Smith, Anson
Folder 20 Smith, Clayton
Folder 21 Smith, Robert C. "Bob"
Folder 22 Spear, J.W. "Uncle Billy"
Folder 23 Udall, Don 1. (1)
Folder 24 Udall, Don 1. (2)
Folder 25 Udall, Don 1. (3)
Folder 26 Weedon, Thomas
Folder 27 Winsor, Mulford
Folder 28 Wrightson, William

Misc. Arizona Topical Files

Folder 29 Arizona Indian Education, 1938-1939.
Folder 30 Arizona Journalism, 1859-1911.
Folder 31 Arizona Newspapers, c.1940s-1980s.
Folder 32 Arizona Radio and Television, 1920s- 1970s.

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Volume 1 Scrapbook of Newsclippings, 1959.

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