

TANNER COMPANIES COLLECTION-MSS 45

Records: 1920s-1980s

No: of Items: 1 Box, 1 cu. ft.

Founded in 1923 by Rollin C. Tanner, a northern Arizona farmer, this prominent construction firm had humble beginnings. The company was organized to build highways across the fledgling state of Arizona in anticipation of the increased popularity of the automobile. Through the efforts of Tanner and his sons, the enterprise prospered and diversified. By the 1980s numerous corporate divisions were established that included construction services and materials businesses in Arizona, southern Nevada, Southern California, and Mexico. In Arizona, Tanner Companies have been involved in such major construction projects as the “stack” interchange for the joining of the I-10 and I-17 in Phoenix, the Superstition Freeway, the Camp Verde Bridge, and the Payson-Roosevelt Lake Road. In July 1987, Tanner Southwest, Inc., the holding company for the various Tanner enterprises, merged with APAC-Arizona, Inc., a subsidiary of Ashland Oil Company.

The Tanner Companies Collection consists primarily of research materials compiled by Arizona historian J. Morris Richards. In addition to research notes and typed manuscripts relating to the company’s history, the collection includes advertising materials, meeting minutes, newsclippings, and company portfolios. The collection was donated during 1989-1991 by J. Morris Richards of Tempe, Arizona.

INVENTORY

- Folder 1 Advertising Materials, 1980s
- Folder 2 Company History Research Files, 1980s (1)
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Folder 9 Minutes, 1980s
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Folder 11 Tanner Companies Foundation, 1980s
Folder 12 "The Tanner Companies" - Manuscript (Editing Draft)- 1981
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Volume 1 "The Tanner Companies" - Retyped Manuscript Part 1 c. 1980
Volume 2 "The Tanner Companies" - Retyped Manuscript Part 2 c. 1980

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