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Title

Harry Rorick collection

Dates

1942-1944

Extent

.5 cm textual

Biographical History

Harry Rorick and his wife, Elizabeth, became known for operating trading posts near Flagstaff in the 1920s through the 1940s. In 1929, the Roricks took over a trading post at Shonto, which they would continue to manage for the next ten years. The decision to go to Shonto was partly due to the close proximity to their friends, John and Louisa Wetherill, who managed a trading post at Betatakin. The two couples planned joint business ventures, though their economic competition would later lead to tensions. At the time of this collection's correspondence, Rorick was proprietor of the Betatakin Trading Post at Tonalea. Little is known what Rorick did after 1944. He died in 1962.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of four envelopes, postmarked, and addressed to Rorick at Betatakin Trading Post, as well as one letter from Verkamp's Indian Handicraft and Souvenirs at the Grand Canyon, requesting to purchase Navajo blankets and Indian silverware.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Description Control

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