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The Museum of Northern Arizona
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Title

Evans School collection

Dates

1898-1924

Extent

102 loose photographic images, 3 scrapbooks (2104 photographic images), 0.5 cm textual material, 5 yearbooks

Administrative History

The Evans Ranch School for Boys was founded in 1902 by Harry David Evans, a Cambridge-educated Briton, as a college-preparatory academy for twenty boys aged 15-18. It was located on El Rancho Bonito in Mesa, Arizona and was intended to provide students from the eastern seaboard with a western, ranch-style setting.

Students lived at the Mesa location for most of the year, and around May 1st of each year, they were moved to a property near Flagstaff, Arizona for the summer months. This property was located a block north of where Schultz Creek joins the Rio de Flag, and it included cabins for a students and a summer home for Evans and wife Mabel, called Evancoyd. While at the summer location, students often took horseback trips to places of interest, including Grand Canyon, Wupatki and Walnut Canyon; they also attended numerous events such as round-ups, rodeos, Hopi Snake Dances and Fourth of July celebrations in Flagstaff.

In 1921, the Evans School was moved to Tucson, Arizona. Lionel F. Brady, who had been a master at the school since 1910, purchased the Mesa property and renamed it the Mesa Ranch School in 1922. He also purchased Evancoyd and continued to bring students to Flagstaff each summer. The Mesa Ranch School was destroyed by fire in 1943; the fate of the Tucson location of the Evans School is not clear from materials provided with the collection.

Scope and Content

The collection includes legal documents establishing ownership of the land on which the school was located. Also included are a large number of photographic images in scrapbooks, depicting a wide range of locations and activities around Arizona. These include the Mesa and Tucson school locations and surrounding areas, life on the school campuses, different routes taken by students to Flagstaff, and trips to locations in Northern Arizona. Many of the photographs depict Native Americans, primarily Hopi, as well as their ceremonies and dances. The collection also includes five yearbooks produced by the school.

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System of Arrangement

This collection is arranged in the following three series:

Series 1: Photographs and Scrapbooks

Series 2: Legal Documents

Series 3: Yearbooks

Conditions Governing Access

Viewing restrictions were placed on particular photographs in this collection due to the culturally sensitive nature of the subjects. These restrictions were placed by the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Contact the Museum of Northern Arizona archivist for information on obtaining permission for viewing these images.

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Languages and Scripts of the Materials

Materials entirely in English

Finding Aids

A detailed inventory listing is available upon request.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

M.T. Edwards donated the photographs and scrapbooks in 1962 (MS-15). A subsequent donation of scrapbooks and yearbooks was made by Mrs. David P. Small, niece of Mabel T. Evans, in 1967 (MS-120). Legal documents were donated by Marc Gaede in 1973 (MS-273).

Description Control

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Series 1: Photographs and Scrapbooks

Dates

1898-1915

Extent

102 loose photographic images, 11 scrapbooks (2104 photographic images)

Series 1: Photographs and Scrapbooks				
File/Item #	File/Item Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/Folder
MS-15-1-1	Miscellaneous unmounted photos	1898-1902	9 images	Box 4.1
MS-15-1-2	Miscellaneous unmounted photos	Circa 1898-1911	93 images	Box 4.3
MS-15-1-3	Trip to Hopi photo scrapbook	1905	1 scrapbook	Box 1.1

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			(43 images)	
MS-15-1-4	Evans Summer Tutoring Camp photo scrapbook	circa 1905-1915	1 scrapbook (153 images)	Box 1.2
MS-15-1-5	Evans School photo scrapbook	1908, 1909	1 scrapbook (537 images)	Box 2.1 – Box 2.2, Box 4.4
MS-15-1-6	Evans School photo scrapbook	1909, 1910	1 scrapbook (120 images)	Box 2.3
MS-15-1-7	Evans School photo scrapbook	1910, 1911	1 scrapbook (173 images)	Box 3.1
MS-15-1-8	Evans School photo scrapbook	1911	1 scrapbook (113 images)	Box 3.2
MS-15-1-9	Evans School photo scrapbook	1912	1 scrapbook (342 images)	Box 1.3
MS-15-1-10	Evans School photo scrapbook	1913, 1914	1 scrapbook (206 images)	Box 3.3
MS-15-1-11	Evans School photo scrapbook	1917, 1918	1 scrapbook (89 images)	Box 2.4
MS-15-1-12	Evans School photo scrapbook	1921, 1922	1 scrapbook (187 images)	Box 2.5
MS-15-1-13	Evans School photo scrapbook	Circa 1923	1 scrapbook (141 images)	Box 2.6

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Series 2: Legal Documents

Dates

1900, 1908

Extent

0.5 cm textual material

Series 2: Legal Documents				
File/Item #	File/Item Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/Folder
MS-15-2-1	Legal documents	1900, 1908	0.5 cm textual	Box 4.2

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Series 3: Yearbooks

Dates

1920 - 1924

Extent

5 yearbooks

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Series 3: Yearbooks				
File/Item #	File/Item Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/Folder
MS-15-3-1	The Rodeo yearbook	1920	1 yearbook	Box 4.5
MS-15-3-2	The Rodeo yearbook	1921	1 yearbook	Box 4.6
MS-15-3-3	The Rodeo yearbook	1922	1 yearbook	Box 4.7
MS-15-3-4	The Rodeo yearbook	1923	1 yearbook	Box 4.8
MS-15-3-5	The Rodeo yearbook	1924	1 yearbook	Box 4.9

LCSH Access Points

Agua Fria River (Ariz.)
 Ambulances
 Apache Indians
 Baseball – Arizona – History
 Biplanes
 Black River (Ariz.)
 Buckeye (Ariz.)
 Camp Verde (Ariz.)
 Canyon Diablo (Coconino County, Ariz. : Canyon)
 Casa Grande Ruins (Ariz.)
 Chandler (Ariz.)
 El Tovar Hotel
 Evans School (Tucson, Ariz.)
 Flagstaff (Ariz.)
 Florence (Ariz.)
 Fort Apache (Ariz.)
 Fort McDowell (Ariz.)
 Globe (Ariz.)
 Goodfellow family
 Grand Canyon (Ariz.)
 Granite Reef Dam (Ariz.)
 Hassayampa (Ariz.)
 Holbrook (Ariz.)
 Hopi dance
 Hopi Indians
 Hopi Indian Reservation (Ariz.)
 Horse racing
 Jerome (Ariz.)
 Little Colorado River (N.M. and Ariz.)
 Lake Mary (Coconino County, Ariz.)
 Long Valley (Ariz. : Valley)
 Lowell, John
 Mesa (Ariz.)
 Mission San Xavier del Bac (Tucson, Ariz.)
 Model T automobile
 Mohave Indians

Montezuma Castle (Ariz.)
Montezuma Well (Yavapai County, Ariz.)
Mormon Flat (Utah)
Mormon Lake (Coconino County, Ariz. : Lake)
Natural Bridges National Monument (Utah)
Navajo Indians
Oraibi (Ariz.)
Ostriches
Painted Desert (Ariz.)
Payson (Ariz.)
Petroglyphs
Phoenix (Ariz.)
Pima Indian reservation
Prescott (Ariz.)
Private Schools – Arizona
Ranch houses
Rodeo
Roosevelt Dam (Ariz.)
Roosevelt Lake (Ariz.)
Salt River (Ariz. : River)
San Francisco Peaks (Ariz.)
Santa Fe Railroad
Snowflake (Ariz.)
Sunset Crater (Ariz.)
Taylor (Ariz.)
Tennis
Tonto Basin (Ariz.)
Tohono O'Odham Indians
Trading posts -- Arizona
Walpi (Ariz.)--Social life and customs
Yaqui Indians