

## MS-109

The Museum of Northern Arizona  
Harold S. Colton Memorial Library  
3101 N. Fort Valley Road  
Flagstaff, AZ 86001  
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### **Title**

Ruidoso Pictograph collection

### **Dates**

1959-1961

### **Extent**

3 photographic images (3 prints), 0.1 cm textual material

### **Biographical History**

The collection contains two photos of a pictograph panel near Ruidoso, NM. In an effort to determine if the images were culturally sensitive during the April 2007 inventory of the collection, rock art expert Polly Schaafsma was contacted. Schaafsma identified the pictograph as the Sierra Blanca paintings in Otero County. According to Schaafsma the pictograph was made in the 1930s by Boy Scouts attending the El Paso Area Boy Scout Council Camp on the Mescalero Reservation. The image for the pictograph was derived from Navajo sandpaintings. See *Rock Art in New Mexico*, by Polly Schaafsma, p.157-158 for a more complete description.

### **Scope and Content**

Collection contains two photographs showing the pictograph panel, one photo of a beaver dam (presumably nearby), and an email from Polly Schaafsma identifying the pictograph as a fake made by the Boy Scouts.

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Collection was donated in 1967 by Mrs. Thomas Spencer, whose father Mr. Burnham was responsible for taking the photos.

### **Publication Note**

Schaafsma, Polly (1992). *Rock Art in New Mexico*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press.

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### **Description Control**

Finding aid written by Lauren Johnson using *DACS*, 01 February 2010.

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<b>File #</b>	<b>File Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Box/Folder</b>
MS-109-1	Pictograph Photographs	1959-1961	3 prints, 0.1 cm textual	Asst. Box 3.14

**LCSH Access Points**

Boy Scouts  
Mescalero Indian Reservation (N.M.)  
Otero County (Colo.)  
Picture-writing  
Ruidoso (N.M.)  
Sandpaintings  
Schaafsma, Polly