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The Museum of Northern Arizona
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Title

Lorenzo Hubbell collection

Dates

1902-1914

Extent

0.3 cm textual material, 1 photographic image (1 print)

Biographical History

John Lorenzo Hubbell was born in 1853 in New Mexico. As a young man he served as a Spanish interpreter for the U.S army, during which time he became acquainted with the Navajo Indians, their language and culture. In the 1870s Hubbell began trading with the Navajo Indians around Ganado. Hubbell's trading ventures were highly successful; over time he established a series of some 30 trading posts in Arizona, New Mexico and California. Hubbell is credited as having encouraged excellence in Navajo arts, and with helping the Navajo make the difficult adjustment to reservation life.

In addition to trading, Hubbell pursued a political career. He served as sheriff of Apache County, as member of the Arizona Territorial Legislature, an Arizona State Senator, and as Chairman of the State Republican Central Committee. In 1914 he engaged in an unsuccessful bid for the United States Senate.

Scope and Content

The collection contains 2 identical advertisement cards for the Hubbell Trading Post at Ganado and Keams Canyon, an advertising leaflet for the Hubbell Trading Post, an original photograph of Lorenzo Hubbell with President Taft at the signing of the Arizona Enabling Act, and a political poster from Hubbell's 1914 U.S. Senate Campaign.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Accession # MS-133 was donated in 1968 by Charles Suplee. Accession # MS-163 was donated in 1971 by the Hubbell Trading Post National Monument.

Note

Associated trading coins etc. are catalogued in the museum's ethnology collection (Accession #2561)

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Description Control

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Item #	File Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/Folder
MS-133-1	Hubbell Trading Post Advertisements	circa 1905-1910	0.1 cm textual	Asst Box 3.19
MS-133-2	Hubbell and Taft Photo	1912	1 print	MF 1.6
MS-133-3	Hubbell Trading Post Leaflet	1902	0.1 cm textual	Asst Box 3.20
MS-133-4	Hubbell Political Poster	1914	0.1 cm textual	MF 1.6

LCSH Access Points

Hubbell, Lorenzo, d. 1942

Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site (Ganado, Ariz.)

Politicians -- Arizona

Trading posts -- Arizona