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The Museum of Northern Arizona
Harold S. Colton Memorial Library
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Title

Gretchen Swinnerton collection

Dates

1928-1939

Extent

56 photographic images (55 black & white prints, 1 copy negative)

Name of Creator(s)

Swinnerton, Gretchen

Biographical History

Gretchen Staples Swinnerton (7 October 1892-9 April 1983) was born in Lathrop, Missouri, the second child of William Crawford Staples and Maude Lois Parshall.

Gretchen was married three times. Her first marriage was to William Emery Harvey – they were married on 26 October 1909 and they were later divorced on 19 April 1913. She was then married to Earl S. Richardson. For a time in the mid-1920s, Gretchen worked as a journalist for a Kansas City newspaper. She then moved to San Francisco to work for a newspaper there. Her last marriage was to artist James “Jimmy” Guilford Swinnerton, whom she most likely met in San Francisco, and they were married on 18 January 1936 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The images in this collection were taken by the Swinnertons during their annual trips to Northern Arizona, which was one of Mr. Swinnerton’s favorite areas to paint.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of photographic material documenting the Swinnertons’ annual trips to the Native American reservations of Northern Arizona.

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Languages and Scripts of the Materials

English

Finding Aids

A previous detailed finding aid is available upon request.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was purchased from Gretchen Swinnerton 28 November 1978 by the Photography Department of the Museum of Northern Arizona, accession #MS-274. No receipt of purchase or other supporting documentation of this transaction was found when the collection was processed in 2012. As a result, the images in this collection cannot be reproduced.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Related Archival Materials

- Jimmy Swinnerton collection, Autry National Center – Braun Research Library
- Hearst (William Randolph) Papers, BANC MSS 77/121 c, University of California Berkeley – Bancroft Library
- Fang family San Francisco examiner photograph archive negative files, BANC PIC 2006.029--NEG, University of California Berkeley – Bancroft Library
- Hearst Corporation *Los Angeles Examiner* photographs, negatives and clippings, University of Southern California Libraries – Special Collections

Description Control

Finding aid written by Melissa VanOtterloo using *DACS*, 31 October 2012.

Inventory

Asst. Box 8 Folder 1	Oversized Photographic Prints, 1937
Asst. Box 7 Folder 3	Photographic Prints, 1928-1939
Asst. Box 7 Folder 4	Negatives, n.d.

LCSH Access Points

Hopi Indians--1900-1930
Navajo Indians--1900-1930
Pueblo Indians
Zuni Indians--1900-1930