

*Mrs. Colton, who enjoyed gardening, maintained a flower garden in front of the Colton House. Chickens and turkeys were raised down the hill from the house. She would give the turkey feathers to the Hopi for use in ceremonies and sell the turkeys to Flagstaff residents. She also managed a farm at Antelope Valley Ranch, the site of today's Research Center. The farm included a dairy and crops of wheat, corn, legumes, and hay. Mrs. Colton was the lone woman farmer on the Coconino County Extension Agent's roster in the 1920s and '30s. She ended the farm business after World War II, and the farmer's house and other buildings were given to the Museum and subsequently developed into the Research Center.*



MARY-RUSSELL WITH HER CROP OF CORN IN 1929. (MNA COLLECTIONS MS 207-211-2(31B-19))



MARY-RUSSELL FERRELL COLTON, KATHARINE BARTLETT, AND FRIENDS ENJOYING A SWIM AT THE COLTON HOUSE SWIMMING POOL WHICH WAS LATER CONVERTED INTO A BOMB SHELTER. (MNA COLLECTIONS MS 207-211-2(45-6))