

## AUTHOR'S NOTE

I have been fascinated with northern Arizona since my move to Prescott in 1966. Circumstances required me to go to southern California where I earned a B.A. from San Diego State University. I was finally able to return to Flagstaff in 1985 with the goals of working at MNA and earning a graduate degree at NAU. I have accomplished both.

My time at MNA led to meeting Katharine Bartlett and since then, I have spent many pleasant hours asking her ques-

tion after question. She meticulously read over a draft of this manuscript and scrutinized every word and its meaning, and suggested ways to correct and clarify the information. I am indebted for this.

Katharine has an incredible memory, quiet demeanor, and delightfully subtle humor. She continually negates her own contributions to MNA's history, and I continually try to emphasize her importance. I tremendously admire and respect her.

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This manuscript fulfills a dream of mine to share MNA's evolution with all those who pass through its doors. My hope is for readers to understand MNA's roots and celebrate its future. MNA is magical—may you feel its spirit.