

The Ralph Fisher, Sr. Collection
1957-1969
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Descriptive Summary

Collection Name

The Ralph Fisher, Sr. Collection

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Creator

Ralph Fisher, Sr.

Physical Description

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Biographical Note

Born in New Jersey in 1900, Ralph Fisher, Sr. was a commercial artist who graduated from Dorixel Institute in Philadelphia in the early 1920's. He gained his master painter rating from the U.S. Civil Service. Sinus problems and bronchitis caused him to move to Arizona where he became a correspondent for the *Arizona Republic* and *Phoenix Gazette*, as well as writing a column "Trail Lore" for the *Arizona Mobile Citizen* for 20 years. Later he became Senior Editor of *Arizona Popular Archeological Magazine*. He was also a member of the Arizona State Poetry Society and a licensed hunting guide for the State of Arizona. He lived in Payson from 1957—1969 and from 1977—1979. In 1958, after Ralph suffered a serious illness, his doctor recommend activity as an aid to recovery, so he managed the Payson Chamber of Commerce and edited the Payson Roundup. His

publications are numerous and include poems in a variety of periodicals plus articles in *Elementary Electronics*, *Arizona Highways*, *Desert Magazine*, *True West*, *Relics*, *Gold*, *Real West*, *American Rifleman*, *Popular Archeological Magazine*, *Grain Producer News*, *Sage*, *Pic*, *Outdoor Life*, and *Sports Afield*. The *Payson Roundup* and *Rim Country News* carried many of his articles. He also won awards for his photography. Ralph Fisher, Sr. died in 1989.

Scope and Content Note

Box 1 contains seven files, while boxes 2—4 contain 21 scrapbooks. There are original black and white photographs, news clippings, pamphlets, issues of magazines, special editions of the *Payson Roundup*, Awards Programs for the Chamber of Commerce, Awards to Ralph and Edith Fisher from the Chamber, correspondence between Fisher and the publishers to whom he submitted articles, copies of poems and stories by Ralph Fisher, check stubs, lists of earnings from his writings, sporting columns from the *Payson Roundup*, and a file on the opening of the Tonto Forest Seismological Observatory in 1962.

Access Terms

Anderson, Cleo	Gold Gulch Mine	Mogollon Bus Line
Apaches	Goswick Camp and Mine	Mogollon Rim
Baker, Dr. Frank	Grabow, Harold	Moreno, Andres
Barber Pole Tree	Grazing	Moreno, Frank
Beaver Valley	Greer, Calvin	Munson, Billy
Beeline Highway	Grey, Zane	Natural Bridge
Blue Ridge Reservoir	Grizzly Adams Cabin	Noble, Marguerite
Boarding House Canyon	Hangings	Parkinson family
Booth Brothers	Haught, Mrs. Alice	Payson Incorporation
Bullfrog Canyon	Haught Reunion	Payson Cemeteries
Calloway Log Cabin	Hendershot Place	Payson Woman's Club
Cattle Industry	Hill, Sam	Peach, Robert "Tuffy"
Cave, underground virgin	Holder family	Petroglyphs
CCC Civil Conservation	Hospital, Payson	Pleasant Valley War
Corps	Hot Springs, Payson	Pony Express
Cabaceira, Geraldine	Indian Raids	Pyle, Lewis
Devore	Indian Ruins	Rainbow Valley
Cabbalechia, Delia	Jail, Payson	Ranch, O W
Chapman	Jensen, Martin	Rangeland
Chevelon Lake	Jones, Lee	Rattlesnakes
Christopher Creek	Juniper Tree, Largest	Rimtrail Ranch
Christopher, Isadore	Knoll Lake	Risser, Dr. Christian
Cline, George	Lazear Reunion	Roberts, Jim
Connolly, Velma	Leo the Lion	Roberts Mesa Forest Fire
Croxen, Fred	Lost Canyon	Rodeo
Deadman Canyon	Louis, Frenchy	Rye Creek Bridge
Doll Baby Ranch	Lowthian, Issac	Seismological Observatory
Firefighting	Lumbering	Sheepherding
Fire, Tonto 1961	Manthe, Don	Sieber, Al
Fisher, Ralph, Sr.	Matson, Dick	Spade Ranch
Fort McDonald	McClintock, Frank	Stageline, Mogollon
Fulton, Al	Meadows, Charlie	Strawberry School
Gilbert, Dr. David	Mercury Mine	Strawberry Settlement
Gisela	Mine Claims	Sycamore Tree

Taylor, Vera
Thompson, George Scott
Tonto National Forest
Seismological
Observatory

Webber Creek

Woolsey, King

Container List

- Box 1 Folder 1 Miscellaneous Black and White Original Photographs
Folder 2 Opening of Seismological Observatory, program, copies of
speeches, photos
Folder 3 Miscellaneous Magazines
Folder 4 Miscellaneous Magazines
Folder 5 Summer Guides (recreation), Gila County Story
Folder 6 Big Game Awards Dinner information
Folder 7 1958 Beeline Highway Clipping, Chamber of Commerce
Awards, Summer Guide, Goswick Clipping
- Box 2 Scrapbooks 1—7
Box 3 Scrapbooks 8—14
Box 4 Scrapbooks 15--21