Phoenix Historical Society

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PHSM 105: Bert and Kathryn Stancliffe Collection (1888-1985)

*CREATOR

Numerous family members and others

*EXTENT

Linear Feet: (How much shelf space does the collection take up)

Number of Containers: (How many boxes and/or folders) 2 boxes, 2 plaques

Number of Items or Digital Files: 40 .tiff images

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Photos, ephemera, and physical objects related to Bert and Kathryn Stancliffe, their homes, Bert's time at Southern Oregon State Normal School and Kathryn's 1953 election as Mayor of Phoenix, Oregon

*LANGUAGES

English

PROCESSING ARCHIVIST

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Collection Details

Biographical / Historical Note

Bert Samuel Stancliffe (1885-1996) was born in Phoenix and lived to celebrate his 101 birthday. He attended schools in Phoenix and Talent and graduated from Southern Oregon State Normal School in 1906. His father traded a sow and pigs for Bert's tuition to the Normal School. It was in Phoenix that Stancliffe ran a fruit packing house, Independent Fruit Company, from 1924 through 1940, which later became Associated Fruit Company. He bought and operated a nearby peach orchard from 1941-1964. In 1941 Bert married Kathryn Sally Curren Denzer (1909-1906), second marriages for both. He often said his secret to a long life was having a young wife who was born in 1909. Kathryn graduated from Phoenix High School, attended Southern Oregon Normal School in Ashland and retired after teaching 39 years in Jackson County. She was the first female mayor of Phoenix and served on the city budget committee. Throughout her life, Kathryn worked on causes to improve the city of Phoenix and she was known as always having her say. Bert served on the Phoenix City Council and managed the Phoenix Cemetery for 40 years. Both Kathryn and Bert served on the school board and in several civic groups and were great supporters of community and high school activities. In the 1990s Kathryn raised funds to help establish the Phoenix Museum which opened in 1999, three years following her death. Bert had two daughters, Barbara Issacs and Beverly Reynolds, and Kathryn a son, Gary Denzer, from their first marriages. Bert and Kathryn Stancliffe are interred in the Phoenix Pioneer Cemetery.

*Collection Description

Bert and Kathryn Stancliffe were well known in Phoenix and left many items that document their life and times. Some materials relate to Bert Stancliffe's time at Southern Oregon State Normal School including named photographs of friends, certificates and sports ribbons. Some materials relate to Kathryn Stancliffe's 1953 term as Mayor of Phoenix, Oregon including many photographs documenting the 1953 and 1954 May Festival. More than 50 photographs have been scanned as .tiff files, leaving the originals in the 4-drawer file cabinet. Other materials include postcards, correspondence, realia and more.

Arrangement Description

This collection was processed at the collection-level and as time allows, at the item level as described below.

Separated Materials

Vertical File: Families -- Stancliffe

Related Materials

Southern Oregon University, Southern Oregon Historical Society and Rogue Valley Genealogical Society may also have material on the Stancliffe's.

Interview with Kathryn Stancliffe, Gasburg Gazette, winter 2010

Location of Originals

Primary and secondary materials are boxed and also found in a variety of locations in the Phoenix Historical Society Museum.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Various individuals and groups have donated material to the Phoenix Historical Society Museum over time. This collection also includes materials donated by Bert and Kathryn Stancliffe.

Subject Headings

Phoenix (Or.) – History; Stancliffe, Bert; Stancliffe, Kathryn; Southern Oregon State Normal School; Jackson County (Or.) – History

Processing Note

There may be photographs in the not-yet-scanned files of the 4-drawer file cabinet and in the drawers under the display cases.

Using the Collection

*ACCESS STATEMENT

Collection is open to the public and available for use in the Phoenix Historical Society Museum.

RIGHTS STATEMENT

The material in the Stancliffe collection may be freely used for non-profit, educational and research purposes. Any and all commercial use must be explicitly approved by the Phoenix Historical Society Museum.

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PREFERRED CITATION

PHSM 105: Bert and Kathryn Stancliffe Collection (1888-1985), Phoenix Historical Society Museum, Phoenix, Oregon

Collection Inventory Bert and Kathryn Stancliffe

Series 1: Photos and paper, plaques, photo albums

Description	Date	Box	Folder
Photos, identified (13 count)	1888-1915?	01	01
Photos, unidentified (5 count)	1888-1915?	01	02
Mrs. Stancliffe's 5 th grade class photos (4 count)	1959-1963	01	03
Bert Stancliffe's SOSNS track and field ribbons (7 count)	1907-1908	01	04
Souvenir History of Southern Oregon College	1955	01	04
Newspaper clippings (count 2)	1985,1994	01	05
Presbyterian Church newspaper clipping, certificate of mbshp	1975	01	06
Miscellaneous correspondence, postcards	19uu	01	07
Photos – contemporary; silver anniversary (count abt 30)	1985?	01	08
Photo album – Kathryn Stancliffe's family		01	09
Tintype in wooden case, leather covered		01	10
Bert Stancliffe Jackson County Tax Receipt	1881	01	11
Phoenix Public School certificate, souvenir	1900	01	12
Plaque, Southern Oregon State College	1985	01	
Plaque, Southern Oregon Historical Society	1985	01	
Arithmetic book, presumed Bert Stancliffe		01	
Matt Photo: The Blackwood Home, Blackwoods and Stancliffes		02	
in photo			
Postcard album: cards, valentines, etc sent to Bert Stancliffe	1919-1929	02	
Plaque, Phoenix High School	1984	02	
Scrapbook: clippings, magazine photos, postcards pasted in	1919-1929	02	

Series 2: Physical Objects

Description	Date	Box	Folder
Framed portrait, Bert Stancliffe	ca 1895	Back room	Wall
Framed portrait, Elva Stancliffe (BS sister)		Back room	Wall
Framed portrait, Elizabeth Stancliffe (BS mother)		Back room	Wall