



MS 042

Post Office Field Trips Collection

SUMMARY INFORMATION

Title: Post Office Field Trips Collection

Creator: Postal History Foundation

Inclusive dates: 1982 – 1994

Extent: 2 boxes; 1.5 linear feet

Abstract: This collection consists of itineraries, photographs (including some photographic negatives), maps, narratives, and general information about field trips taken by various employees and volunteers of the Western Postal History Museum (now the Postal History Foundation) to Arizona post offices in the 1980s and early 1990s.

See addendum of this finding aid for a partial list of post offices, listed alphabetically, with their corresponding trip name.

Call no.: MS 042

Language: English

Repository: Peggy J. Slusser Memorial Library
920 N. First Avenue
Tucson, Arizona, 85719

ACCESS & USE

Acquisition information: The collection was presumably gathered from field trip participants but exact provenance is unknown.

Restrictions: This collection has no restrictions.

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HISTORICAL NOTE

In the early 1980s a decision was made by the Western Postal History Museum (now the Postal History Foundation) to take a series of field trips and visit all the post offices in Arizona. This included both territorial and statehood post office locations. The purpose of the trips was to photograph existing post offices, to obtain current cancels, to locate sites of older post offices, and possibly locate sites of post offices lost to recorded history. These trips also attempted to contact local historical authorities, consult with postmasters, and visit local museums. Trip participants included employees, volunteers and sometimes spouses.

Dr. Robert Bechtel, who coordinated many of the trips, and often drove the trip bus, recalls that it became common practice for Alex Lutgendorf to yell 'post office alert' when a local post office was first spotted. This practice became a standing joke for the trips – with participants competing to see who could yell 'post office alert' first.

In addition to these field trips, whose purpose was to photograph Arizona Post Offices, Postal History Foundation members also took field trips to help various Arizona post offices celebrate their centennials. This often included a special event cachet sold by the foundation.

ARRANGEMENT

This collection is arranged in two series, documents and photographs. The two types of field trips are not separated but are interfiled chronologically and can be differentiated by the titles on the folders.

SCOPE & CONTENT NOTE

Series 1: Documents

Documents are arranged by trip, chronologically, and include items that the foundation members used or collected pertaining to their field trips. For the general post office field trips, this includes sign-up sheets, itineraries, a list of post offices visited and notes about the condition of the post offices and whether or not a picture was taken, mileage notes, maps, historical articles, and brochures. For the centennial celebrations, this includes programs and commemorative event covers.

Series 2: Photographs

Photographs printed on photographic paper and are arranged by trip and separated into archival four-flapped envelopes tied by cotton twine, and lying in a flat box. Additional packets have been created for the negatives, which are labeled as well. The order of the little packets may shift with use. Some duplicate prints can also be found in Arizona Post Office Photo Collection.

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SUBJECT TERMS

United States Postal Service
Postal service – Arizona—History
Postal service – Arizona – Anniversaries, etc.
Postal History Foundation
Post offices –Arizona – History

RELATED MATERIAL

Related collections: Arizona Postal Documents Collection (MS 001)
Postal History Foundation Records (MS 032)
Arizona Post Offices (PC 001)

Separated material: Queen Mine trip photographs (put with Postal History Foundation Records (MS 032))

Added material: Centennial post office field trip photographs and memorabilia, found in various places, including post office photographs file cabinet, previously not in this collection.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE

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Processed by: Shawna Thompson in March 2013 and revised by Valerie Kittell August 2015.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box 1	f. 1	General Information	1982 – 1993
	f. 2	San Manuel Centennial	31 Dec 1980
	f. 3	Bradshaw Loop	21 – 23 May 1982
	f. 4	Chiricahua Loop	15 – 17 Oct 1982
	f. 5	Ruby Loop	14 – 15 May 1983
	f. 6	Kingman Loop	28 – 30 Oct 1983
	f. 7	Huachuca Loop	15 – 16 Apr 1984

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	f. 8	Buenos Ayres/Rancho de la Osa Centennial	6 Oct 1984
	f. 9	Northeast Corridor Loop	22 – 24 May 1985
	f. 10	Cochise Centennial	28 Aug 1986
	f. 11	Quijotoa Trip	4 Oct 1986
	f. 12	Gila Valley Trip	23 – 24 Oct 1987
	f. 13	Thatcher Centennial	16 Mar 1988
	f. 14	Arizona Strip Trip	31 May – Jun 4 1988
	f. 14	Dragoon Springs Day Trip	6 Oct 1989
	f. 15	Pinal County Field Trip	2 Nov 1990
	f. 16	Grand Canyon Field Trip (South Rim)	4 – 7 May 1990
	f. 17	Senator Highway Trip	31 May – Jun 2 1991
	f. 18	Tohono O’odham Indian Reservation Trip	26 Oct 1991
	f. 19	West of Phoenix Trip	1 – 2 May 1992
	f. 20	Pinal County Day Trip	23 Oct 1992
	f. 21	Teec Nos Pos (Navajo and Apache County)	13 – 15 May 1993
	f. 22	Mascot	23 Oct 1993
	f. 23	Photographic negatives	1982 – 1983
	f. 24	Photographic negatives	1984 – 1993
Box 2	f. 25	American Flag Centennial (?)	n.d.
	f. 26	Bradshaw Loop	21 – 23 May 1982
	f. 27	Chiricahua Loop	15 – 17 Oct 1982
	f. 28	Chiricahua Loop [?]	n.d.

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Box 2	f. 29	Ruby Loop	14 – 15 May 1983
	f. 30	Kingman Loop	28 – 30 Oct 1983
	f. 31	Huachuca Loop	15 – 16 Apr 1984
	f. 32	Northeast Corridor Loop	22 – 24 May 1985
	f. 33	Quijotoa Trip	4 Oct 1986
	f. 34	Gila Valley Trip	23 – 24 Oct 1987
	f. 35	Arizona Strip Trip	31 May – Jun 4 1988
	f. 36	Dragoon Springs Day Trip	6 Oct 1989
	f. 37	Grand Canyon Field Trip (South Rim)	4 – 7 May 1990
	f. 38	Senator Highway Trip	31 May – Jun 2 1991
	f. 39	Tohono O’odham Indian Reservation Trip	26 Oct 1991
	f. 40	Lochiel Centennial	6 Feb 1992
	f. 41	West of Phoenix Trip	1 – 2 May 1992
	f. 42	Pinal County Day Trip	23 Oct 1992
	f. 43	Teec Nos Pos (Navajo and Apache County)	13 – 15 May 1993
	f. 44	Mascot	23 Oct 1993

ADDENDUM:

PARTIAL LIST OF POST OFFICES (ALPHABETICAL) AND CORRESPONDING TRIP NAME

This list was compiled by Valerie Kittell during processing. Sources were the itineraries in the folders as well as some of the photographs. It is not a complete list and may contain errors.

Post Office Name	Trip Name
Acme	Kingman Loop
Adamana	
Agua Fria	
Aguila	West of Phoenix Trip
Ajo	Pima County Day Trip
Algodon	Gila Valley Trip
Allen	Quijotoa Trip
Alpine	Northeast Corridor Loop
Alto	Ruby Loop
Amado	Ruby Loop
American Flag	
Apache	Chiricahua Loop
Apache Junction	
Aravaipa	
Arivaca	Ruby Loop
Arizmo	Chiricahua Loop
Arizona City	
Arlington	West of Phoenix Trip
Artesia	Northeast Corridor Loop
Ash Fork	Kingman Loop
Ashurst	Gila Valley Trip
Avondale	West of Phoenix Trip
Aztec (Cochise Co.)	Chiricahua Loop

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Bagdad	Kingman Loop
Bapchule	Pinal County Trip
Bellefont	Grand Canyon Trip
Bellevue	Gila Valley Trip
Benson	Chiricahua Loop
Big Bug	Bradshaw Loop
Bisbee	Chiricahua Loop; Huachuca Loop
Black Canyon City	Bradshaw Loop
Black Diamond	Chiricahua Loop
Blackwater	Pinal County Trip
Blue	
Blue Gap	
Bonita	
Bouse	West of Phoenix Trip
Bowie	
Boy's Ranch	
Brownell	Quijotoa Trip; Pima County Day Trip
Bryce	Gila Valley Trip
Buckeye	West of Phoenix Trip
Buckhorn	
Buena	Huachuca Loop
Bullhead City	Kingman Loop
Bumble Bee	Bradshaw Loop; Senator Highway
Bundyville	Strip Trip
Bylas	Gila Valley Trip; Northeast Corridor Loop
Cababi	Quijotoa Trip
Calabasas	
Callville	Strip Trip

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Calva	Gila Valley Trip
Cameron	Northeast Corridor Loop
Camp Verde	
Campstone	
Cane Beds	Strip Trip
Canille	Ruby Loop
Canyon Diablo	
Carefree	
Casa Grande	
Casas Adobes	
Casa Blanca	Pinal County Trip
Cashion	West of Phoenix Trip
Castle Hot Springs	
Cave Creek	
Central	Gila Valley Trip
Central (Old)	Gila Valley Trip
Cerbat	Kingman Loop
Cerro Colorado	Ruby Loop
Chambers	Teec Nos Pos
Chandler	
Chandler Heights	
Cherry	Senator Highway
Chilito	
Chinle	Teec Nos Pos; Northeast Corridor Loop
Chino Valley	Kingman Loop
Chiricahua	Chiricahua Loop
Chloride	Kingman Loop
Cibecue	Northeast Corridor Loop

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Clarkdale	
Clay Springs	Northeast Corridor Loop
Clay Springs	
Claypool	Gila Valley Trip
Cleator	Bradshaw Loop
Clifton	Northeast Corridor Loop
Cochise	
Colorado City	
Concho	
Congress	Bradshaw Loop; Kingman Loop
Congress Junction	Bradshaw Loop; Kingman Loop
Constellation	Kingman Loop
Continental	Ruby Loop
Coolidge	Pinal County Trip
Copper Center	Huachuca Loop
Copper Creek	Gila Valley Trip
Copper Hill	Gila Valley Trip
Cordes	Bradshaw Loop; Senator Highway
Cork	Gila Valley Trip
Cornfields	Teec Nos Pos; Northeast Corridor Loop
Cortaro	
Cottonwood	
Courtland	Chiricahua Loop
Crown King	Bradshaw Loop
Curtiss	Bradshaw Loop; Senator Highway
Cyclopic	
Date Creek	Kingman Loop
Dateland	

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Davis Dam	Kingman Loop
Dennehotso	Teec Nos Pos
Dewey	Bradshaw Loop; Senator Highway
Dolan Springs	
Don Luis	Huachuca Loop
Dos Cabezas	Northeast Corridor Loop
Douglas	
Dragoon	Dragoon Springs Trip
Drake	Kingman Loop
Dudleyville	Gila Valley Trip
Dugas	
Duncan	
Duquesne	Ruby Loop
Eager	Northeast Corridor Loop
East Fork	
Eden	Gila Valley Trip
Ehrenberg	West of Phoenix Trip
El Mirage	Bradshaw Loop
Elfrida	
Elgin	
Eloy	Pinal County Trip
Emery Park	
Empire Landing	
Empire Ranch	Chiricahua Loop
Fairbank	Chiricahua Loop
Fairview	Gila Valley Trip
Feldman	Gila Valley Trip
Flagstaff	

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Florence	
Florence Junction	
Forrest	Chiricahua Loop
Fort Apache	Northeast Corridor Loop
Fort Defiance	Northeast Corridor Loop
Fort Huachuca	Huachuca Loop
Fort Mojave	Kingman Loop
Fort Thomas	Gila Valley Trip; Northeast Corridor Loop
Fredonia	Strip Trip
Fry	Huachuca Loop
Gadsden	
Ganado	Northeast Corridor Loop
Garces	Huachuca Loop
Garden Canyon	Huachuca Loop
Gayleyville	Chiricahua Loop
Geronimo	Gila Valley Trip; Northeast Corridor Loop
Gila Bend	
Gilbert	
Gleeson	Chiricahua Loop
Glenbar	Gila Valley Trip
Glendale	
Globe	Gila Valley Trip; Teec Nos Pos; Northeast Corridor Loop
Golden Palisades	
Golden Valley	Kingman Loop
Goldroad	Kingman Loop
Goodwin	Senator Highway; Gila Valley Trip
Goodyear	West of Phoenix Trip
Graham	Gila Valley Trip

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Grand Canyon	Grand Canyon Trip
Gray Mountain	Northeast Corridor Loop
Greasewood	Teec Nos Pos; Northeast Corridor Loop
Greaterville	
Greer	
Groom Creek	Senator Highway
Guthrie	Northeast Corridor Loop
Hackberry	Kingman Loop
Hamburg	Huachuca Loop
Happy Jack	Grand Canyon Trip
Hardshell	Ruby Loop
Hardyville	Kingman Loop
Harshaw	Ruby Loop
Hawley Lake	
Hayden	Gila Valley Trip
Heber	Northeast Corridor Loop
Hereford	Huachuca Loop
Higley	
Hillside	Kingman Loop
Hilltop	Chiricahua Loop
Holbrook	Teec Nos Pos; Northeast Corridor Loop
Hotevilla	Northeast Corridor Loop
Houck	Northeast Corridor Loop
Huachuca City	
Hualapai	
Hubbard	Gila Valley Trip
Humboldt	Bradshaw Loop; Senator Highway
Huron	Bradshaw Loop; Senator Highway

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Indian Oasis	
Indian Wells	Teec Nos Pos
Iron Springs	Senator Highway
Jacob Lake	Strip Trip
Jeddito	Northeast Corridor Loop
Jerome	
Johnson	
Joseph City	Northeast Corridor Loop
Kaibito	
Katherine	Kingman Loop
Katherine Station	Kingman Loop
Kayenta	
Keams Canyon	Northeast Corridor Loop
Kearny	Gila Valley Trip
Kelton	Chiricahua Loop
Kelvin	Gila Valley Trip
Kingman	Kingman Loop
Kirkland	Bradshaw Loop; Senator Highway
Klagetoh	Teec Nos Pos
Klondyke	
Kohls Ranch	
Kyotsmovi	Northeast Corridor Loop
La Noria	Ruby Loop
La Osa	
Lake Havasu City	
Lake Montezuma	Grand Canyon Trip
Lakeside	Northeast Corridor Loop
Laveen	

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Lee's Ferry	Strip Trip
Leupp	Northeast Corridor Loop
Lewis Springs	Huachuca Loop
Liberty	West of Phoenix Trip
Light	Chiricahua Loop
Linden	
Litchfield Park	
Littlefield	Strip Trip
Lochiel	Ruby Loop
Lopeant	Strip Trip
Lowell	Chiricahua Loop
Lukachukai	Teec Nos Pos; Northeast Corridor Loop
Lukeville	Pima County Day Trip
Lupton	Northeast Corridor Loop
Luttrell	Ruby Loop
Mammoth	
Many Farms	Teec Nos Pos; Northeast Corridor Loop
Marana	
Marble Canyon	Strip Trip
Maricopa	Pinal County Trip
Martinez	Kingman Loop
Mascot	Mascot Trip
Matthrewws(ville)	Gila Valley Trip
Maverick	
Maxey	Gila Valley Trip
Maxton	
Mayer	Bradshaw Loop; Senator Highway
McNary	Northeast Corridor Loop

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McNeal	
Mesa	
Mescal	Chiricahua Loop
Miami	Gila Valley Trip
Middlemarch	Chiricahua Loop
Middleton	Bradshaw Loop
Midmont	Gila Valley Trip
Miller Valley	
Mineral Park	Kingman Loop
Minnehaha	Senator Highway
Miracle Valley	Huachuca Loop
Moccasin	Strip Trip
Mohave Valley	
Moor Spur	Chiricahua Loop
Morenci	Northeast Corridor Loop
Mormon Lake	Grand Canyon Trip
Morristown	Bradshaw Loop
Mowry	Ruby Loop
Mount Lemon	
Mount Trumbull	Strip Trip
Munds Park	Grand Canyon Trip
Naco	
Navajo	
Nazlini	Kingman Loop
Nelson	Kingman Loop
Nogales	Ruby Loop
Noonville	Strip Trip
North Rim	Northeast Corridor Loop

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Nutrioso	Kingman Loop
Oatman	Huachuca Loop; Kingman Loop
Ochoaville	Pinal County Trip
Olberg	Kingman Loop
Old Trails	Kingman Loop
Oracle	Northeast Corridor Loop
Oraibi	Ruby Loop
Oro Blanco (new)	Ruby Loop
Oro Blanco (old)	Northeast Corridor Loop
Overgaard	Strip Trip
Overton	Strip Trip
Page	Huachuca Loop
Palmerlee	
Palo Verde	West of Phoenix Trip
Palomas	Chiricahua Loop
Paradise	
Parker	Ruby Loop; West of Phoenix
Parker Canyon	Ruby Loop
Parks	Grand Canyon Trip
Patagonia	Chiricahua Loop
Paul Spur	Kingman Loop
Paulden	Kingman Loop
Payson	Kingman Loop; Grand Canyon Trip
Peach Springs	Chiricahua Loop; Kingman Loop
Pearce	Bradshaw Loop
Peeples Valley	
Peoria	Gila Valley Trip; Northeast Corridor Loop
Peridot	

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Phoenix	Pinal County Trip
Picacho	Gila Valley Trip; Northeast Corridor Loop
Pima	
Pine	Northeast Corridor Loop; Grand Canyon Trip
Pinedale	Northeast Corridor Loop
Pinetop	
Pinon	Strip Trip
Pipe Springs	Chiricahua Loop
Pirtleville	Quijotoa Trip
Pisinemo	Northeast Corridor Loop; Tohono O'Odham Reservation Trip
Polacca	
Pomerene	
Pool	Chiricahua Loop
Portal	
Poston	Bradshaw Loop; West of Phoenix Trip
Prescott	Senator Highway
Prescott Valley	
Quartzsite	West of Phoenix Trip
Queen Creek	Quijotoa Trip
Quijotoa	Pinal County Trip; Tohono O'Odham Reservation Trip
Randolph	Gila Valley Trip
Ray	Teec Nos Pos
Red Rock	Teec Nos Pos
Redington	Huachuca Loop
Reef	Gila Valley Trip
Rice	
Rillito	Grand Canyon Trip
Rim Rock	

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Rincon	Pinal County Trip
Rivers	
Riviera	Teec Nos Pos; Kingman Loop
Rock Point	Bradshaw Loop; Teec Nos Pos
Rock Springs	
Roll	
Roosevelt	Chiricahua Loop
Rosemont	Teec Nos Pos
Round Rock	Ruby Loop; Teec Nos Pos
Ruby	Pinal County Trip
Sacaton	Northeast Corridor Loop; Gila Valley Trip
Safford	Ruby Loop
Sahuarita	Ruby Loop
Salero	
Salome	Chiricahua Loop; West of Phoenix Trip
San Bernadino	Gila Valley Trip; Northeast Corridor Loop
San Carlos	Chiricahua Loop
San Jose	
San Manuel	Ruby Loop
San Rafael	
San Simon	Northeast Corridor Loop
Sanders	Pinal County Trip
Santan	
Sasabe	Northeast Corridor Loop
Saw Mill	
Scottsdale	Northeast Corridor Loop
Second Mesa	
Sedona	Kingman Loop

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Seligman	Quijotoa Trip; Kingman Loop
Sells	Huachuca Loop; Tohono O'Odham Reservation Trip
Sembrich	Dragoon Springs Trip
Servoss	
Shonto	Teec Nos Pos; Northeast Corridor Loop
Show Low	Huachuca Loop; Teec Nos Pos
Sierra Vista	Kingman Loop
Signal	
Silver King Mine	
Silverbell	Senator Highway
Skull Valley	
Snowflake	Northeast Corridor Loop
Solomon	
Sombrero Butte	Chiricahua Loop
Sonoita	
Sonora	Northeast Corridor Loop
Springerville	Chiricahua Loop
Saint David	Northeast Corridor Loop; Pinal County Trip
Saint Johns	Northeast Corridor Loop
Saint Michael's	Northeast Corridor Loop
Stanfield	Huachuca Loop
Stark	Kingman Loop
Stockton	
Stoddard	Chiricahua Loop
Sunglow	Huachuca Loop
Sunnyside	
Sunnyslope	Teec Nos Pos
Sunrise Springs	Teec Nos Pos

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Supai	Gila Valley Trip
Superior	Bradshaw Loop
Surprise	
Tacna	Gila Valley Trip
Talklai	Teec Nos Pos
Teec Nos Pos	
Tempe	Gila Valley Trip
Thatcher	Chiricahua Loop; Northeast Corridor Loop
Tolleson	West of Phoenix Trip
Tombstone	
Tonopah	West of Phoenix Trip
Topawa	
Topock	Strip Trip
Toroweap	
Tortilla Flat	Kingman Loop
Truxton	Teec Nos Pos; Northeast Corridor Loop; Kingman Loop
Tsaile	Northeast Corridor Loop; Teec Nos Pos
Tuba City	
Tubac	
Tucson	
Tumacacori	
Turner	Strip Trip
Tuweep	
Vail	Kingman Loop
Valentine	Senator Highway?; Kingman Loop
Venezia	Kingman Loop
Vicksburg	West of Phoenix Trip
Vivian	Huachuca Loop

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Vota	Senator Highway
Wagoner	
Walnut Grove	Chiricahua Loop
Warren	Ruby Loop
Washington	
Wellton	Kingman Loop
Wenden	West of Phoenix Trip
White Hills	Northeast Corridor Loop; Kingman Loop
Whiteriver	Kingman Loop
Why	Pima County Day Trip
Wickenburg	Teec Nos Pos; West of Phoenix
Wide Ruin	Kingman Loop; Teec Nos Pos
Wikieup	Chiricahua Loop
Wilgus	
Willcox	
Williams	Grand Canyon Trip
Williams Camp	Northeast Corridor Loop; Gila Valley Trip
Window Rock	Gila Valley Trip
Winkelman	Northeast Corridor Loop
Winona	Northeast Corridor Loop
Winslow	Bradshaw Loop
Wittman	Strip Trip
Wolf Hole	
Woodruff	Bradshaw Loop
Yarnell	
Young	
Youngtown	
Yuma	

