



MS 050
Williamson Collection

SUMMARY INFORMATION

Title: Williamson Collection

Creator: Omega Williamson

Inclusive dates: 1957--1996

Extent: 1 boxes; .25 linear feet

Abstract: This collection contains photographs and memorabilia related to the Postal History Foundation and philatelic events. It also includes notes and correspondence regarding early Spanish mail and Ray Brandes's translation of *Historia del correo en América* by Cayetano Alcazar Molina.

Call no.: MS 050

Language: English

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

ACCESS & USE

Acquisition information: Omega Williamson's granddaughter gifted these items to the foundation in 2016.

Restrictions: This collection has no restrictions.

Copyright: It is the responsibility of the user to obtain permission to publish from the owner of the copyright (the institution, the creator of the record, the author or his/her transferees, heirs, legates, or literary executors). The user agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Postal History Foundation, its officers, employees, and agents from and against all claims made by any person asserting that he or she is an owner of copyright.

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ARRANGEMENT

This collection is arranged by type of material and subject matter. Photographs are separated from textual material.

SCOPE & CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains a variety of philatelic and Postal History Foundation-related papers and photographs. A significant portion of the collection relates to early Spanish mail and the translation by Ray Brandes of *Historia del correo en América* by Cayetano Alcazar Molina. It is unclear if there is any connection between these two subjects for Ms. Williamson, including what they may or may not have to do with her book, *American History Through United States Stamps: a Philatelic Education Program*. Another significant portion of the collection are souvenirs from her involvement with the Postal History Foundation and the Arizona Philatelic Rangers, including newspaper clippings, programs, and photographs. Researchers interested in the histories of those organizations, as well as philately in Arizona, may find these items useful.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Omega Williamson, born in Medora, Indiana, July 7, 1905, was a founding member of the Postal History Foundation (then known as the Western Postal History Museum) and the Arizona Philatelic Rangers. Ms. Williamson worked for the Department of Agriculture for twenty-five years before moving to Oracle, Arizona. Partially because she was asthmatic, Ms. Williamson became involved in the National Foundation For Asthmatic Children and teaching American history through stamps to asthmatic children. Ms. Williamson developed curriculum for the Postal History Foundation and wrote the book, *American History Through United States Stamps: a Philatelic Education Program* as part of that service. Ms. Williamson was past president of the Tucson Stamp Club, ranked "Sheriff" in the Arizona Philatelic Rangers, and was inducted into the Arizona Philatelic Hall of Fame by the Phoenix Philatelic Society. She wrote for philatelic publications, including *The American Philatelist*, and was active in philatelic societies such as the Universal Ship Cancellation Society and the U.S. Postal Stationery Society. Ms. Williamson retired from her volunteer work in 1986. She passed away at the age of 91 on April 8, 1997.

SUBJECT TERMS

Arizona Philatelic Rangers
Covers (Philately) — United States. Navy
Postal History Foundation
Postal Service — Mexico — History
Postal Service — Spain — History
Stamp Collecting — Arizona
Western Postal History Museum
Williamson, Omega

RELATED MATERIAL

Related collections : Alexander Papers (MS 030)
Postal History Foundation Collection (MS 031)
Postal History Foundation Arizona Post Office Field Trip Collection
(MS 042)
Historia del correo en América by Cayetano Alcazar Molina
(HE6665.A4 B7 1967)
*American History Through United States Stamps: a Philatelic
Education Program* by Omega Williamson (HE6185.U5 W5)

Separated material: “The Lost Post Offices of Arizona,” by William L. Alexander and “The
Lost County of Pah-Ute” by Donald Bufkin (now in Ephemera–Arizona
Post Offices.

Station News (3 issues, now with journals).

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE

Acquisition number : 2016-01

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BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box 1	f. 1	Research notes	n.d.
	f. 2	Papers related to book	1975; 1978
	f.3	Philatelic Education Program publication	n.d.
	f.4	Naval cover collecting (article ?)	n.d.
	f. 5	Correspondence – Publication of Brandes’s translation	1963; 1967–1968
	f. 6	Correspondence – Personal	198?
	f. 7	Brandes translation of Alcazar (partial)	n.d.

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Box 1	f. 8	Clippings	1966–1996
	f. 9	Philatelic event programs	1957–1982
	f.10	Photographs – Philatelic/PHF events	1957—1987
	f. 11	Photographs – Education/children	1971; n.d.
	f.12	Photograph – Lea Blawelt at philatelic event?	n.d.
	f. 13	Photographic negatives	n.d.