Champie-Cordes Collection
Finding Aid
Sharlot Hall Museum Archives
DB 525

Description

The Champie-Cordes Collection consists of original and photocopied materials related to the pioneer families’s ranching and mining activity, 1886-1976.

Acquisition

Clairann Cordes Allen donated the collection in 2002.

Related Collections

See Also:
  Cordes Family--Vertical File
  Cordes, John Henry--Vertical File
  Cal Cordes Oral History, Tape #1210-1211
  Henry Cordes Oral History, Tape #1199-1200
  Edna Warren Oral History, Tape # 1227-1228
  Claire Champie Cordes (Mrs. Fred J. Cordes)--Rose Garden File
  Elise Schrmpf Cordes—Rose Garden File
  Yavapai Magazine Oct 1917, p. 8, Col. 1
  Elizabeth Lee Champie (Mrs. Charles Edward)—Rose Garden File
  Oral History of Henry Cordes—DB 487, F. 4

Scope and Content

The Champie-Cordes Collection consists of family histories, personal papers, mining documents, maps, and photographs related to the activities of the Champie and Cordes Families of southern Yavapai County, 1886-1976. Separated from the collection is an audiotape interview of the Claire Cordes, Tape #1525 in the museum’s Oral History Collection.

Subjects

Subjects include Fred Cordes, Claire Cordes, Matthew Lee, Elizabeth Cordes, Charles Champie Sr., Lawton Champie, Louise B. Champie, Manganese Mining Company, Lizzie B. Champie, Rock-Wall Gold Company, Great Eastern Mine, Junction No. 1 Mine, Junction Placer Claim, Elizabeth No. 3 Mine, and Black Buck #1 Mine.

Inventory

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Volume 1—“Manual of Pack Transportation” Quartermaster Corps, 1916, Castle Hot Springs
Folder 1—Family History, 1837-1992 (1898-1941, Bulk)
Includes “Champie Lines” by Louise B. Champie, legal documents, wills, land leases, brand certificates, newspaper clippings, correspondence, an article on Lawton Champie, various other family histories, and a map of the family land.

Folder 2—Fred Cordes, Papers, 1899-1978
Includes newspaper clippings, livestock documents, awards, information on Bumble Bee, AZ, various land documents, legal documents, and several wills.

Folder 3—Claire Cordes, Papers, 1906-1957
Includes honey labels from family apiary, correspondence, mining stocks, newspaper clippings, mining leases, and a brochure for Castle Hot Springs Resort, c. 1975.

Folder 4—Champie Family, Papers, 1902-1950
Includes correspondence, two copies of “Arizona Cattlelog”, various land documents, mining documents, and a photograph of Charles Champie Sr.

Folder 5—Matthew Lee, Papers, 1896-1968 (1906-1935, Bulk)
Includes correspondence, livestock documentation, and land deeds.

Folder 6—Manganese Mining Co., Records, 1950-1960
Envelope 1—contains four (4) photos of mine and one (1) photo of Castle Hot Springs.
Includes photographs, correspondence, newspaper clippings, receipts, and a photocopy of Humbug Gold Lode Claim Group map.

Folder 7—Mining Documents, 1917-1955
Includes stock, lode claims deeds, placer claims deeds, notice of locations, receipts, notes, contracts, and correspondence.

Folder 8—Claire Cordes Family Photographs
Item 1—‘Mother and Dad Champie’, hand tinted color photo.
Item 2—“Dad Champie, mother, Annie, George, 1900, Columbia, AZ”
Item 3—“Mexico, by Claire”
Item 4—“Clairann”
Item 5—“Clairann” 1957
Item 6—“Freddie at Joe’s Birthday”
Item 7—“Aunt Mollie, Mother Champie, Mrs. Stiners”
Item 8—Bette and Barbara Cordes and family at Tonto Lake, c. 1964
Item 9—Unidentified
Item 10—Mother Champie, 90th birthday, by Claire
Item 11—Swastika Mine
Item 12—Champie Family(?), San Diego, Sept, 1946
Item 13—Mother Champie votes by absentee ballot
Item 14—Clairann
Item 15—Cousin Elsie at the Ranch, May, 1927
Item 16—Barbara and Clairann
Item 17—Wayne Cordes, High School Graduation, 1950
Item 18—Martha and Wayne
Item 19—Happy Birthday Lee, 1982
Item 20—Wayne Cordes
Item 21—Clairann and Freddie
Item 22—Lucy, Myrane Cordes, Grace Girls
Item 23—Two unidentified men (probably Cordes) on horseback
Item 24—Clairann
Item 25—Martha and Wayne
Item 26—Wayne and Clairann
Item 27—Mother Elizabeth Champie
Item 28—Fred Filer(?)
Item 29—7 Day Buss Family, Ireland
Item 30—Elizabeth Champie, 92nd Birthday, Nov 1, 1957
Item 31—Civil Defense Class, 1955
Item 32—Jerome, AZ
Item 33—Clairann
Item 34—Clairann, Barbara, Effie(?)
Item 35—Mother Champie, 92 Years
Item 36—Martha
Item 37—Wayne Cordes
Item 38—Clairann
Item 39—Betty Chaca
Item 40—Martha
Item 41—Picture by Tony, 1982
Item 42—Billie Thompson, Wayne Cordes
Item 43—Henry and Sylvia Cordes, Wedding Day
Item 44—Fred Cordes and Myrne (sister), Grace, Lucy and Dad(standing), on Fish Creek Hill

Remainder of photos are unidentified photos/negatives

Folder 9—Champie Family Photographs (1)
Item 1—Mother (Elizabeth Champie) cuts Birthday cake, 92 yrs
Item 2—Grandmother Champie, Easter 1958, 92 ½ yrs
Item 3—Mother Champie (Elizabeth) and Walter Ronsevell (Hotel Manager) at Castle Hot Springs
Item 4—Mother Champie
Item 5—Mother Champie
Item 6—Aunt Annie Kingston, c. 1890
Item 7—Uncle Henry Champie, c. 1890
Item 8—Fronie Bennett, Old Columbia, AZ Post Office, April 1982
Item 9—Mother Champie, 84 yrs
Item 10—Mother Champie and two unidentified girls
Item 11—Mother Champie
Item 12—Aunt Kingston and Daughter Fannie
Item 13—Herd of angora goats
Item 14—Charles and Elizabeth Champie, taken in Prescott, AZ before leaving for mines in Humbug, AZ
Item 15—John, Matthew, and Billy Lee (Elizabeth’s Brothers)
Item 16—Elizabeth Champie running jack-hammer at mine
Item 17—Charles Champie
Item 18—John Lee, Phoenix, AZ, 1897
Item 19—Picnic, Cordes Ranch, Turkey Creek, July 4, 1930
Item 20—Unidentified Woman in automobile
Item 21—Bill and Annie (Elizabeth’s sister) Kingston, with sons Joe and Lee Kingston, El Paso, Texas, 1896
Item 22—Mrs. Burger at Allen Mill, Columbia, AZ, c. 1900—mill only ran one day; Mr. Burger was killed in the mill
Item 23—Left to Right: C.W. Zimmerman, Henry Champie, William Hays, A.G. Chavarundes (?) “To Bessie from Uncle Henry”

Item 24—Gertrude, Bessie, Claire, Elizabeth Champie, Mary, and Addie

Item 25—Annie Addaline Lee, born May 28, 1908

Item 26—Henry Champie

Two unidentified cut-out portraits on canvas

Folder 10—Champie Family Photographs (2)

Item 1—Bill and Annie (Elizabeth’s sister) Kingston, with sons Joe, Lee, and Bill
  Kingston, March 1900

Item 2—Alfred Champie

Item 3—Charles Champie and Joe

Item 4—Elizabeth Champie, Bessie, Marion, Francis

Item 5—Angora Goats

Item 6—Old Noland Store and Post Office at Columbia, AZ, taken in 1982 by
  Hopper—Claire Champie Cordes was born in Cumbia, AZ in 1900

Item 7—Elizabeth Champie with fish caught at Mormon Lake, 1924

Item 8—Columbia, AZ School, Mrs. Nolan, Teacher, c. 1905; Back from Left: Miss.
  Freely, Miss Nolan, All others Champie; Ethel, Peggy, Aunt Nettie, Clara,
  Myrtle, Viola, Annie, Jim, George, Alfred, Lawton Champie

Item 9—The ‘Chicken Fryer’, Matt and me

Item 10—Kingston House, Texas, 1916

Item 11—Elizabeth Champie

Item 12—Mine shaft at Columbia, AZ, 1982

Item 13—Elizabeth Champie’s 90th Birthday, Uncle Matt Lee, Mollie Lippett (Sister)

Item 14—Elizabeth Champie and Matt Lee, 90th Birthday

Item 15—Henry Champie, Phoenix, AZ, age 22

Item 16—Elizabeth Champie

Item 17—Elizabeth Champie

Item 18—Max Champie

Item 19—Dad Champie and Sister Clara, May 1899

Item 20—Elizabeth Champie, 90th Birthday

Item 21—Beach, San Diego, Charles Champie Sr. Family, his mother, Tim Walker and
  Ida, c. 1916

Item 22—Mollie Tippett, Elizabeth Champie, Matt Lee Champie

Item 23—Champie Family Reunion

Item 24—Elizabeth Champie and girls

Item 25—Matt Lee’s wife, Martha Champie

Item 26—Bessie Morgan

Item 27—Joe, Pearle, and Elizabeth Champie, Bumble Bee, AZ, Cordes Ranch

Item 28—Elizabeth Champie greets Dr. & Mrs. Palmer at 90th Birthday

Item 29—Uncle Matt Lee and wife Martha Champie at Kirkland Ranch

Item 30—Elizabeth Champie and Wayne Cordes, Yellowstone National Park

Item 31—Picnic, Turkey Creek, Cordes Family

Item 32—Elizabeth Champie

Item 33—partial image of Gurtrude Champie

Item 34—Left to Right: Mary, Ethel, Emma, Agnes Champie on mule at mine

Item 35—Charles Champie, Phoenix, AZ

Item 36—Old Champie Home on French Creek, 1909

Item 37—Elizabeth Champie, 1955
Item 38—Elizabeth Champie and Matt Lee Champie, 1950
Item 39—Pack Mules to haul lumber to build school house at Castle Hot Springs
Remainder unidentified