

Accession # 2011.35

Rim Country Museums
Marguerite Noble Library
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Title

The Glenn R. "Slim" Ellison Collection

Dates

1917-1998

Extent

4 Boxes : 20 linear inches (1.667 linear feet) textual and photographic materials

Creators

Stanley C. Brown
Ed Delph
Mr. & Mrs. Max & Sylvia Oliger.
Phil Smith
Karen Thure
Jon Young

Biographical History

Glenn Reynolds "Slim" Ellison was born in Globe, Arizona in 1891. He moved to the Rim Country with his family in 1898, and from that point on was a lifetime resident of the Payson area. His various "day jobs" included being a cowboy, cook, trapper, and rancher. Although having only four years of formal education, he became a self-taught artist and author. His three published books describe cowboyin' as it was in the Rim Country.

Slim was a grandson of Colonel J. W. Ellison, who in 1885 established the Q Ranch, which became one of the larger cattle ranches in the Arizona Territory.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of various documents by, to, and about Slim Ellison, many describing events in his life and the lives of others with whom he was acquainted. There is also historical value in Mr. Ellison relating information about situations that was given to him by others present at events prior to his own lifetime. Original and photocopied materials include correspondence, sketches, manuscripts, articles, newspaper clippings, transcripts of interviews, and photographs.

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

Unpublished and published manuscripts are protected by copyright. Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the repository and the copyright holder.

Languages and Scripts of the Materials

All materials are in English.

Immediate Source of Acquisition/Provenance

According to a statement supplied by Stan Brown, he received originals and copies of materials from several sources to create this collection on behalf of the Northern Gila County Historical Society. The dates of donation / creation are not on file. Contributors included Ed Delph, owner of the OW Ranch; Jon Young, a Forest Ranger in New Mexico; Phil Smith, amateur archeologist; Max and Sylvia Oliger of Payson, Arizona, and Karen Thure, an author.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Existence and Location of Originals

The original materials photocopied for this collection were retained by Ed Delph, Jon Young, Phil Smith, Max and Sylvia Oliger, and Karen Thure.

Related Archival Material

Other information by or about Ellison can be found in the archives of the Rim Country Museums in the following collections:

The Phil Smith Collection, accession # 2011.45

The Ed Delph Collection on the Pleasant Valley War, accession # 2015.19

Materials by or about Ellison can also be found in the following repositories:

Arizona State University Libraries:

Don Dederer Papers 1955-2008, MSS-280

Glenn R. "Slim" Ellison collection, 1965-1981, MSS-35.

Arizona Historical Society:

Glenn R. Ellison Papers, 1964, MS 245

Glenn "Slim" Ellison Correspondence and Drawings 1965-1974, MS 1463

Jesse Washington Ellison Photograph Collection, PC 040

University of Arizona:

Letters of Glenn R. Ellison, 1969-1978

A presentation by Slim Ellison to the Prescott Corral of Westerner's on June 7, 1968, is available from the Arizona Memory Project at <http://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/cdm/ref/collection/shmoralhist/id/25>.

Publication Note

Ellison published the following books, also held in the collections of the Rim Country Museums:

Ellison, Glenn R. 1968. *Cowboys under the Mogollon Rim*. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.

Ellison, Glenn R. 1975. *Back Trackin'*. Tyree Printing.

Ellison, Glenn R. 1981. *More tales from Slim Ellison*. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.

Preferred Citation

Bibliographic citations must cite the title of the collection, the box number (or other location) and the Northern Gila County Historical Society, Inc. Please use the following example:

Doris Sturgis to Senator Barry Goldwater, Box 1, Folder 1, the Doris Sturges Harger Papers, Marguerite Noble Library, Northern Gila County Historical Society, Inc.

Description Control

Finding aid written by Wayne Walter in 2011.

Revised by Christine Solymossy using *DACS2*, March 2016.

Access Points (Access Terms)

Arline, Kenneth

Battle of Big Dry Wash

Brown, Stanley C.

Copper Dust Stampede

Curry, Michael Ed

Day, Clarence Thomas

Delph, Ed

Ellison, Glenn R. "Slim", 1891-1983.

Ellison, Jesse W.

Ellison, Lena

Ellison, Pearle G.

Everett, King

Everett, Eva

Graham-Tewksbury Feud (a.k.a. Pleasant Valley War)

Harris, Phil

Hayden, Senator Carl

Hunt, George W. P.

Hunt, Helen Duette Ellison

Oliger, Max

Oliger, Sylvia

Phoenix Gazette (Phoenix, Ariz.)

Pleasant Valley War (a.k.a Graham-Tewksbury Feud)

Q Ranch (Ariz.)

Smith, Phil

Thure, Karen

Tonto Apache Tribe of Arizona

Young, Jon

Container List

Box 1:

- Folder 1 Sketch pad with pen & ink drawings by Ellison. 1975 Copper Dust Stampede schedule.
- Folder 2 Portfolio, pen & ink sketches by Ellison.
- Folder 3 Correspondence.
- Folder 4 Transcript of Ellison interview.
- Folder 5 Typewritten manuscripts by Ellison.
- Folder 6 Partial manuscript written by Ellison.
- Folder 7 Copies of pen & ink sketches by Ellison. Copies of prose prayer written by Ellison.
- Folder 8 Article featuring Ellison dated November 1974; Copper Dust Stampede programs, 1974 & 1975; transcripts of Ellison, subject: Apaches; various articles and biographies; Q Ranch burials.
- Folder 9 Copies of photographs.
- Folder 10 Articles; obituaries; correspondence; photocopies concerning Ellison.
- Folder 11 Articles of George W. P. Hunt.

Box 2:

- Folder 1 Transcript; correspondence; sketches; notes on Ellison graveyard; final settlements of Ellison's estate.
- Folder 2 Correspondence and sketches.
- Folder 3 Correspondence and sketches.
- Folder 4 Correspondence and sketches.
- Folder 5 Correspondence and sketches.
- Folder 6 Correspondence and sketches.
- Folder 7 Correspondence.

Box 3:

- Folder 1 Transcripts.
- Folder 2 Transcripts.
- Folder 3 Handwritten reminiscences by Ellison.
- Folder 4 Pleasant Valley War and Indians handwritten manuscripts by Ellison.
- Folder 5 Notes from radio and television interviews with Ellison.
- Folder 6 Correspondence.
- Folder 7 Ellison family genealogy; news articles; correspondence.

Box 4:

- Folder 1 Correspondence.
- Folder 2 Sketches; article; photocopies; correspondence.
- Folder 3 Articles; sketches; notes; photocopies; Copper Dust Stampede program.
- Folder 4 Transcripts.
- Folder 5 Photocopies; reviews; biography; correspondence; radio interview of Ellison.