

**Accession # 1987.10**

Rim Country Museums  
Marguerite Noble Library  
700 S. Green Valley Pkwy  
Payson, AZ 85541  
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**Title**

The Ralph Fisher, Sr. Collection

**Dates**

1958-1979

**Extent**

4 boxes : 41.75 linear inches (3.48 linear feet) textual and photographic materials

**Creator**

Ralph Fisher, Sr.

**Biographical History**

Born in New Jersey in 1900, Ralph Fisher, Sr. was a commercial artist who graduated from Dorixel Institute in Philadelphia in the early 1920s. He gained his master painter rating from the U. S. Civil Service. Sinus problems and bronchitis caused him to move to Arizona where he became a correspondent for the *Arizona Republic* and *Phoenix Gazette*, as well as writing the column "Trail Lore" for the *Arizona Mobile Citizen* for 20 years. Later he became Senior Editor of *Popular Archeology Magazine*. He was also a member of the Arizona State Poetry Society and a licensed hunting guide for the State of Arizona. He lived in Payson from 1957-1969 and from 1977-1979.

In 1958, after Ralph suffered a serious illness, his doctor recommend activity as an aid to recovery, so he managed the Payson Chamber of Commerce and edited the *Payson Roundup* newspaper. His publications are numerous and include poems in a variety of periodicals, plus articles in *Elementary Electronics*, *Arizona Highways*, *Desert Magazine*, *True West*, *Relics*, *Gold*, *Real West*, *American Rifleman*, *Popular Archaeology Magazine*, *Grain Producer News*, *Sage*, *Pic*, *Outdoor Life*, and *Sports Afield*. The *Payson Roundup* and *Rim Country News* carried many of his articles. He also won awards for his photography. Fisher died in 1989.

**Scope and Content**

The collection consists of materials relating to Fisher's life and career as an artist and author. Materials include newspapers and clippings, pamphlets, magazines, awards, correspondence, manuscripts, poems, check stubs, lists of earnings, and photographs.

**Conditions Governing Access**

Collection is open for research.

## Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

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## Languages and Scripts of the Materials

All materials are in English.

## Finding Aids

Collection index available.

A subject index has been created for Fisher's scrapbooks. Please ask the Archivist for assistance.

## Immediate Source of Acquisition/Provenance

All materials were donated to the Northern Gila County Historical Society, Inc. by Ralph Fisher, Sr. in February 1987.

## Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

## 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 Lita Nicholson in 2011.

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

## Access Points (Access Terms)

Anderson, Cleo	Cemeteries
Baker, Frank, M. D.	Chevelon Lake (Ariz.)
Barber Pole Tree	Christopher Creek (Ariz.)
Beaver Valley (Ariz.)	Christopher, Isadore
Beeline Highway	Cline, George
Blue Ridge Reservoir	Connolly, Velma
Boarding House Canyon (Ariz.)	Croxen, Fred W.
Booth Brothers	Deadman Canyon (Ariz.)
Bullfrog Canyon (Ariz.)	Doll Baby Ranch (Ariz.)
Calloway Log Cabin	Firefighting
Cattle trade	Fire, Tonto 1961
Caves	Fisher, Ralph, Sr.
Civilian Conservation Corps	Fort McDonald (Ariz.)
Cabaceira, Geraldine Devore	Fulton, Al
Cabbalechia, Delia Chapman	Gilbert, David B. "Dave", M. D.

Gisela (Ariz.)  
Gold Gulch Mine  
Goswick Camp and Mine  
Grabow, Harold  
Grazing  
Greer, Calvin  
Grey, Zane  
Grizzly Adams Cabin  
Hangings  
Haught, Alice  
Haught Reunion  
Hendershot Place  
Hill, Sam  
Holder family  
Indian Raids  
Indian Ruins  
Jensen, Martin  
Jones, Lee  
Juniper Tree, Largest  
Knoll Lake  
Lazear Reunion  
Leo the Lion  
Lost Canyon  
Louis, Frenchy  
Lowthian, Issac  
Lumbering  
Manthe, Don  
Matson, Dick  
McClintock, Frank  
Meadows, Charlie  
Mercury Mine  
Mine Claims  
Mogollon Bus Line  
Mogollon Rim (Ariz.)  
Mogollon Stageline  
Moreno, Andres  
Moreno, Frank  
Munson, Billy  
Tonto Natural Bridge (Ariz.)  
Noble, Marguerite  
O W Ranch  
Parkinson family  
Payson (Ariz.)  
Payson Hospital  
Payson Incorporation

Payson Medical Clinic  
Payson Region (Ariz.)--History  
Payson Womans Club  
Peach, Robert "Tuffy"  
Petroglyphs  
Pleasant Valley War  
Pony Express  
Pyle, Lewis  
Rainbow Valley  
Rangeland  
Rattlesnakes  
Rimtrail Ranch  
Risser, Christian, M. D.  
Roberts, Jim  
Roberts Mesa Forest Fire  
Rodeos--Payson (Ariz.)  
Rye Creek Bridge  
Sheepherding  
Sieber, Al  
Spade Ranch  
Strawberry School  
Strawberry Settlement  
Sycamore Tree  
Taylor, Vera  
Thompson, George Scott  
Tonto Apache Tribe of Arizona  
Tonto National Forest Seismological Observatory  
Webber Creek  
Wells--Arizona  
Woolsey, King