

ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBER



Charles Oldham

Born the grandson of an Arizona forester in Flagstaff, Arizona in 1938, Charles Oldham spent most of his childhood exploring the vast Arizona outback: mining, treasure hunting, investigating the excavation of historical sites—much of it on horseback.

Adding aviation to his arsenal of exploration skills, this one lent itself to uncovering unique sites, ghost towns, even abandoned vehicles in places forgotten—much of which was lost when ancient roads were overgrown by vegetation or disguised by desert sands.

Choosing the automotive industry in which to build his career, Oldham would be one of Chevrolet's youngest dealers and went on to buy and sell dealerships in Arizona and California.

Oldham's tireless dedication to Arizona's wildlife – including its wild horse and burro populations – has led him to serve on various boards in search of ways to preserve the rich and colorful history of Arizona and its vast resources for generations to come.

His work on behalf of the preservation of wildlife will soon grace exhibits throughout the country as do the historically significant artifacts he's procured for restoration. Now in his eightieth year, he continues to search for new and better ways to interest both the public at large and this country's young people in learning its history so that they, too, can share in being part of America's amazing legacy.



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