



**TITLE:** Goldie Richmond collection

**DATE RANGE:** 1896-2016 (bulk 1896-1965)

**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1505

**LOCATION:** Arizona History Museum, 949 E Second St, Tucson, AZ 85719

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3 linear feet (4 boxes and 1 oversize box)

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:** Goldie Tracy Richmond (1896-1972) was a ranch cook, gold miner, owner and storekeeper of a trading post, and an award-winning quiltmaker. Born Goldie Preston, she grew up in Kansas and Oklahoma with her two sisters, Irene and Norah, and her mother and father, Sarah and Almon Preston. She eventually grew to be 6'4" tall and sewed most of her own clothes. At the age of 21, she married Marion Franklin Tracy, a widower, and began working as a telephone operator. The Tracys moved to California, and after Marion was injured doing construction work, Goldie became the sole breadwinner. They moved to Casmalia Ranch, California, where Goldie worked as the ranch cook.

The Tracys moved to Quijotoa, Arizona in 1927 to take care of Marion's sick brother, Joshua. A legendary story about her occurred when the couple inspected a trap line and a bobcat leapt on Marion's back. Goldie grabbed the bobcat by the neck and strangled it, then skinned it and had it made into a rug. The Tracys eventually bought a trading post in Sells, Arizona on the Tohono O'odham reservation. Tracy lived there from 1932 to 1966. During that time she sold merchandise and made quilts that addressed reservation life. Several of her quilts were appliqued with designs such as desert flowers, cacti, animals, rodeos, and ranches. Tracy began taking her quilts to the Arizona State Fair where they gained recognition and sold for thousands of dollars.

In 1934, Goldie's mother moved from Oklahoma to the trading post where she died in 1939. Marion died just a year earlier. Goldie married James (Jim) M. Richmond in 1941 and their marriage lasted to the end of their lives. Richmond joined the Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS)

in 1952 and made quilts with other women in her church. They sold the Trading Post around 1966 and moved to Mesa, where she continued to make quilts until her death in 1972.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** This collection includes four boxes and one oversized item, arranged into five series:

**Series I: Family and Genealogy** includes birth and marriage records, and extensive LDS genealogical documentation for Goldie Richmond, her first husband, Marion Tracy, and her second husband Jim Richmond.

**Series II: Personal Papers** includes autobiographical writings by Goldie and Jim Richmond, her opinions on the LDS church, correspondence, and cards.

**Series III: Financial and Business** includes the Richmond's personal financial records and the Tracy Trading Post (Sells, Arizona) records.

**Series IV: Printed Material** contains clippings and publications on Richmond's life and quilts, the LDS Church, Tohono O'odham tribe, and the Arizona Quilt Project.

**Series V: Photographs** is further subdivided by **Portraits, Places, and Subjects**. Portraits include many photographs of Goldie Richmond, Jim Richmond, and their family and friends in Arizona, California, and Kansas. Other photographs include scenery from where Goldie Richmond lived and traveled, her quilts, and two scrapbooks of photographs of friends and family. One of these consists of loose, fragile pages.

**SUBJECT TERMS:** Richmond, Myrtle Preston Tracy, 1876-1972; Tracy, Marion; Richmond, James, 1900-1976; Trading Posts--Arizona--Sells; Tohono O'odham Indians--Arizona; Quiltmakers--Arizona; Quilting--Arizona; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints--Arizona.

**RELATED MATERIALS:** Arizona Quilt Project records, PP-MS 002; several quilts created by Goldie Richmond are housed in the AHS museum collections.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

<b>Series I: Family and Genealogy</b>			
<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>1</b>	1	Birth Certificates, Baptism Records, Funeral Program	1896-1972
	2	IDs, Certificates, Chronology for Jim Richmond	1900-1975
	3	Marriage Certificates and Anniversaries	1917-1965
	4	Will for Lydia Anderson Bruce	1930
	5	Correspondence on Genealogy	1963-1965
	6	LDS Genealogy Information	

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
	7	Genealogy of Goldie Richmond	undated
	8	Genealogy of Jim Richmond	undated
	9	Gardner and Doyle Family Genealogy	undated
	10	Peyton and Chase Family Genealogy	undated
	11	Preston and Anderson Family Genealogy	undated
	12	Spilman Family Genealogy	undated
	13	Tunks Family Genealogy	undated
<b>Series II: Personal Papers</b>			
<b>2</b>	1	Calendar stick markings	ca. 1930
	2	Cards	1925-1970
	3	Correspondence	1873-1949
	4	Correspondence (includes undated)	1953-1980
	5	Essays on saints, the LDS church, visions, Papago dolls, and poems by Goldie Richmond	1950-1970
	6	Story of My Life by Jim Richmond	ca. 1961
<b>Series III: Financial and Business</b>			
	7	Personal Financial Records	1904-1972
	8	Tracy's Trading Post permits, leases, certificates	1937-1961
<b>Series IV: Printed Material</b>			
	9	<i>Angel to the Papago</i> Book Event Program	1964
	10	Arizona Quilt Project	2016
	11	LDS Publications	1941-1974
	12	Masori: Learning the Papago Language	
	13	Newspaper Clippings on Goldie Richmond	1956-2014
	14	Pamphlets and Maps	1965; undated
	15	World War II Ration Cards and Sign	1941-1945
<b>Series V: Photographs</b>			
<b>3</b>	1	Portraits: Goldie Richmond	1925-1942
	2	Portraits: Goldie and Jim Richmond	1944
	3	Portraits: Goldie Richmond and Family	ca. 1899-1938
	4	Portraits: Jim Richmond	
	5	Portraits: Edward Abraham and Family	1948
	6	Portraits: Emmett Andrews	
	7	Portraits: Sila and Anita Anselmo	
	8	Portraits: Barricks Family	1936-1949
	9	Portraits: Bishop Family	1950-1956
	10	Portraits: Donald Brockman and Family	1960
	11	Portraits: Lawrence Chuh	1942
	12	Portraits: Tom Crosky	1935
	13	Portraits: Vernon David and Family	1939
	14	Portraits: John and Norah Findley	1942
	15	Portraits: Kay Hackett	1944

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
	16	Portraits: Philip Hardy	1957
	17	Portraits: Joyce H. Kepac and Family	
	18	Portraits: Keith (or Kieth) Knight	
	19	Portraits: Malin Lewis	1961
	20	Portraits: Roy McDonald	1942
	21	Portraits: Alexander Morgan	1917
	22	Portraits: Lottie Morgan	1927-1955
	23	Portraits: Frank Oldham	
	24	Portraits: Agnes Preston	
	25	Portraits: Perry Preston	1942
	26	Portraits: Fred Rhoads	1961
	27	Portraits: James Shirk	1968
	28	Portraits: Elder Shurliff	1958
	29	Portraits: Tunks Families	1950-1963
	30	Portraits: Mom Watson	
	31	Portraits: Warren Weems	1954-1967
	32	Portraits: Mary Emma Worsham	1942-1955
<b>4</b>	1	Portraits: Identified Individuals (see appendix)	1920-1960
	2	Portraits: Unidentified People (1 of 2)	1920-1960
	3	Portraits: Unidentified People (2 of 2)	1920-1960
	4	Places: Arizona: Baboquivari Peak	
	5	Places: Arizona: Covered Wells, Quijotoa Mountains	
	6	Places: Arizona: Phoenix and Mesa	1923; undated
	7	Places: Arizona: Tracy's Trading Post (Sells)	1940-1950
	8	Places: California: Casmalia Ranch and Cattle Co.	1925
	9	Places: California: Halley's Comet at Mount Wilson	1910
	10	Places: California: Piers and Beaches	
	11	Places: Colorado: Mountains near Durango	
	12	Places: New Mexico: Carlsbad Caverns and Carlsbad	
	13	Places: Oklahoma: Rabbit Hunt	
	14	Places: Unidentified Scenery	1920-1960
	15	Subjects: Dogs	1940-1960
	16	Subjects: Elephants	
	17	Subjects: Lynx Fur	
	18	Subjects: Quilts by Goldie Tracy Richmond	1930-1950
	19	Subjects: Tohono O'odham Festival	
	20	Scrapbooks: Loose photos including Goldie, Marion Tracy, Norah Findley, Joshua Tracy, Agnes Preston, Irene Preston, La Dora Lucas, Casmalia Ranch, Greenway house in Ajo; Globe; Quijota; Joshua Tree.	1920-1950
<b>5</b>	1	Scrapbook of Goldie Richmond's friends and family.	1915-1950

#### Appendix: Identified individuals in photographs in Box 4, Folder 1

Roberta Allen  
Ethel Andrews  
Roger Barnhard  
Elder Lamont C. Bingham  
Mr. Bright  
Bernice Brown  
Wally Brown  
Elder Gary L. Clauson  
Wilma Coplew  
Mrs. Day  
Rebecca Ann Tracy Dickenson  
Cassie Durken  
Slim Durken  
Norah Fetty  
Irma Fretwell  
Gene Gaurley  
Mary Harford  
Wilber Garner Hambly  
Mary Hardcastle  
Roxie Hankins  
Preston Hutchinson  
Irene Carlton Ginn  
Carl Guthrie  
Bonnie Guthrie  
Avis Jackson  
Mollie James  
P. Lopez  
Delphena Jouquiac  
Billy Kyser  
Jerry Kyser  
Joyce Kyser  
Judy Kyser  
Rosann Kyser  
Sam Kyser  
Mr. Mathias  
Nova Maxine McCormick  
Arjay W. Miller  
Earl Murphy  
Wayne Murphy  
Kim Murphy  
Loy Moore  
Carrie Nation  
Johnny O'Reilly  
Paul Parn  
Beaula Parn

Olive Peyton  
Uncle Phil  
Roy Lee Puckett  
Shela Quake  
Lorin Roberts  
Ruth Roberts  
Betty Rossi  
Irene Russell  
Mary Emma Worshaw  
Wallice Schafer  
Bert Shapley, Jr.  
Sadie Shappel  
Elder Sherman B. Smith  
Mrs. Sherman B. Smith  
The Smiths of Ajo  
Spillman (grandparents of Jim Richmond)  
Mr. and Mrs. Steele  
Ruth Manley  
Louis Manley  
Mrs. Tally  
Grandpa Tracy  
Alice Ward  
Ben Ward  
Ada Selbe Williams  
Fern Williams  
A.D. Williams  
D.W. Williams and granddaughter  
Clarence O. Woodman