DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of one scrapbook of photographs, clippings, programs, invitations, etc. about the 261 Art Gallery in Tucson and Ruby Newby, founder of the 261 Gallery in Tucson. The scrapbooks contains information about all the openings at the Gallery between the years 1948 when it opened until 1953 when it closed (it remained opened briefly after Newby’s death).

1 Box, .50 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Ruby Newby, educator and artist, lived in Tucson for six years before her death. She was a leader in art circles and directed the 261 Art Gallery in Tucson. She was born in 1886 in Kansas and attended schools there. Throughout her life, she taught and was active in art leagues in various places that she lived (Kansas, Florida and Tucson). She moved to Tucson in 1946 where she taught school in Redington and in the Amphitheater schools. In 1948, she opened the 261 Gallery (at 261 N. Court Street), which featured local artists. She ran the Gallery until her death in 1952.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Nora Loerpabel and Anne Merriman Peck in 1965.

ACCESS

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