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PC 47

C.S. Fly Photograph Collection

1879-1901

TITLE: C.S. Fly Photograph Collection

DATE RANGE: 1879-1901

CALL NUMBER: PC 47

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 8 boxes, 5 linear feet

PROVENANCE: This collection was assembled from multiple donations from various sources.

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RESTRICTIONS: The prints in this collection are unrestricted. Appointment must be made with the Photo Archivist to view the glass plate negatives.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Camillus Sidney Fly, known as C.S. Fly, was born in Andrews County, Missouri in 1849, the son of Boone Fly and Mary Ann Percival. The family moved to California that same year and eventually settled in Napa County. Fly married Mollie, born Mary E. Goodrich, in September of 1879. Camillus had become a photographer and opened a studio in San Francisco. As that business was not flourishing, he sought a location that would better suit his ambitions.

The couple moved to Tombstone, a booming silver mining town in the Arizonan desert. They established the Fly's Photographs Gallery in December 1879 and built an adjacent boarding house. The studio was renowned throughout the West. C.S. Fly photographed the citizens of Tombstone, social events, miners at work, town scenes and surrounding landscapes.

From 1894 to 1896, Fly served as Cochise County Sheriff. As the end of his term drew near, he recognized that photography would no longer be lucrative in a declining Tombstone. He established a photography studio in Bisbee and lived on a nearby ranch until his death on October 12, 1901.

Although C.S. Fly is most famous for his photographs of the Apache chief Geronimo before his surrender, his entire body of work is a valuable historical record of the long gone Wild West days.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The photographic material in this collection was taken in Arizona and Mexico. Included are approximately 200 original card mounted albumen photographs, over 200 copy prints (ranging from fiber prints to inkjet prints) and 14 original glass plate negatives, 6 of them are damaged and restricted, as well as 2 copy glass plate positives. In addition, an original booklet published by Mollie Fly containing 25 halftone reproductions of her husband's original views is included. Condition ranges from fair to excellent. All images are encapsulated and/or sleeved. This collection includes diverse subjects such as ranching, urban views of Bisbee and Tombstone as well as their inhabitants, Southwestern landscapes, and more predominantly, Geronimo's camp and surrender.

Each box is organized alphabetically within. They have been organized thematically: portraits, places and subjects. The copy prints are in a separate box, and so are the oversized originals. See container list for further details.

See also AHS Tucson Biographical File on Fly, Camillus Sidney for more information.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: A's (Alvord, May)	ND
	2	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: Apache May	ND
	3	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: B's (Baron, Christina; Bengé, Wake; Boderio Billy; Brooks, Alfred L.; Bruce, Charles M.)	ND
	4	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: C's (Cage, Ethel Anna; Chaney, Elizabeth; Chisholm, Archie; Choate, David; Cimias, Joe; Crowley, John L.)	ND
	5	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: D's (Duncan, James F.)	ND
	6	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: E's (Erickson, Lillian S.)	ND
	7	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: F's (Fly, Mollie; Fredericks, Family)	ND

	8	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: Geronimo	c.1886
	9	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: Geronimo and Natchez (Natches)	c.1886
	10	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: G's (Gadd, Bill; Gipsy Girl, Gomez, Colonel; Goodfellow, George; Granstrom, Alice; Grays, John (daughters))	ND
	11	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: H's (Hart, Kirt (James and Phillip); Hart, Samuel; Herring, Howard; Hildreth, Billie; Holcombe, B.F.; Howell, Family)	ND
	12	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: J's (Jones, Hattie)	ND
	13	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: K's (Kirlew, Wm, H.; Kringle, Mrs.)	ND
	14	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: L's (Lutley, Alice; Lutley, Arthur; Leary, Bat; Ligget, Mrs. Wm. M.; Lippert, Joe; Lombardi, Mr.)	ND
	15	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: M's (Miles, C(?))	ND
	16	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: P's (Parsons, George W.)	ND
	17	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: R's (Reppy, C.D.)	ND
	18	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: S's (Schieffelin, Edward; Slaughter, Benjamin; Smith, Captain Allen; Sneed, Miss W.; Steele, Fred; Strahle, Augusta)	ND

2	1	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: T's (Thomas, Charles Nash; Thomas, George; Titus, Benjamin; Toles, George)	ND
	2	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: U's (Upward, W.)	ND
	3	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: V's	ND

		(Villaescusa, Alfred)	
	4	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: Watts Family	ND
	5	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: W's (Watters, Dave; Watters, John; Woods, Adelaide; Woods, Curtis)	ND
	6	Mounted Photographs: Portraits: Unidentified People 1 of 2	ND
	7	Mounted Photograph: Portraits: Unidentified People 2 of 2	ND

3	1	Mounted Photographs: Places: Bavispe, Mexico 1 of 2	1887
	2	Mounted Photographs: Places: Bavispe, Mexico 2 of 2	1887
	3	Mounted Photographs: Places: Bisbee	1890
	4	Mounted Photographs: Places: Cochise Stronghold	ND
	5	Mounted Photographs: Places: Fort Huachuca	ND
	6	Mounted Photographs: Places Guadalupe Canyon (John Slaughter's Ranch)	ND
	7	Mounted Photographs: Places: San Carlos Camp	ND
	8	Mounted Photographs: Places: San Xavier Mission	1880's
	9	Mounted Photographs: Places: Sulfur Spring Valley	ND
	10	Mounted Photographs: Places: Tombstone	ND
	11	Mounted Photographs: Places: Tombstone: Baseball Team	ND
	12	Mounted Photographs: Places: Tombstone: Fire Dept.	ND
	13	Mounted Photographs: Places: Tombstone: Parades	ND

4	1	Mounted Photographs: Subjects: Animals	ND
	2	Mounted Photographs: Subjects: Apache Captives	c.1886
	3	Mounted Photographs: Subjects: Apache Indians (includes Geronimo and Natchez)	c.1886
	4	Mounted Photographs: Subjects: Apache Scouts	c.1886

	5	Mounted Photographs: Subjects: Geronimo's Camp (includes Canyon de Los Embudos)	c.1886
	6	Mounted Photographs: Subjects: General Crook's Camp	c.1886
	7	Mounted Photographs: Subjects: General Crook's Council	1886
	8	Mounted Photographs: Subjects: Mines and Mining	ND
	9	Mounted Photographs: Subjects: Plants	ND

5	1	Oversized: Portraits: Geronimo	c.1886
	2	Oversized: Portraits: Smith, Captain Allen	c.1886
	3	Oversized: Places: Bisbee	1880's
	4	Oversized: Places: Dragoon Mountains	ND
	5	Oversized: Places: Guadalupe Canyon (John Slaughter's Ranch)	ND
	6	Oversized: Places: San Bernardino Ranch	ND
	7	Oversized: Places: Tombstone	1883
	8	Oversized: Places: Tombstone: Fire Department	ND
	9	Oversized: Subjects: General Crook's Council	1886
	10	Oversized: Subjects: Geronimo's Camp	c.1886
	11	Oversized: Booklet: Geronimo The Apache Chief	ND

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6	1	Copy Prints: Portraits: C's (Clanton, Ike)	ND
	2	Copy Prints: Portraits: D's (Delaney, Captain Wm.)	c.1888
	3	Copy Prints: Portraits: E's (Erickson, Lillian S.)	ND
	4	Copy Prints: Portraits: F's (Fly, Camillus S.; Fly, Mollie E.; Fredericks, Family; Fredericks, Jenny Miles; Foy, Eddie)	ND

5	Copy Prints: Portraits: Geronimo	c.1886
6	Copy Prints: Portraits: Geronimo and Natchez (Natches)	c.1886
7	Copy Prints: Portraits: G's (Gadd, Bill; Granstrom, Alice; Grays, John (daughter))	ND
8	Copy Prints: Portraits: H's (Herring, Howard; Holcombe, B.F.; Howell, Cora Viola)	ND
9	Copy Prints: Portraits: K's (Kee, Quong; Kirlew, Wm, H.; Kringle, Mrs.)	ND
10	Copy Prints: Portraits: L's (Leary, Bat; Lincoln, Thomas; Lippert, Joe; Lutley, Alice)	ND
11	Copy Prints: Portraits: M's (McCormick, William)	ND
12	Copy Prints: Portraits: P's (Parsons, George W.; Potter, Jim)	ND
13	Copy Prints: Portraits: Q's (Quinn, Billy)	ND
14	Copy Prints: Portraits: R's (Reppy, C.D.)	ND
15	Copy Prints: Portraits: S's (Schieffelin, Edward; Smith, Captain Allen; Steele, Children)	ND
16	Copy Prints: Portraits: T's (Thomas, George)	ND
17	Copy Prints: Portraits: W's (Warren, George; Watters, Dave; Watters, John)	ND
18	Copy Prints: Portraits: Unidentified People	ND
19	Copy Prints: Places: Bavispe, Mexico	1887
20	Copy Prints: Places: Bisbee	ND
21	Copy Prints: Places: Charleston	ND
22	Copy Prints: Places:	ND

		Chiricahua Mountains	
	23	Copy Prints: Places: Cochise Stronghold	ND
	25	Copy Prints: Places: Fort Huachuca	ND
	26	Copy Prints: Places: San Carlos Camp	ND
	27	Copy Prints: Places: San Xavier Mission	ND
	28	Copy Prints: Places: Tombstone	ND
	29	Copy Prints: Places: Tombstone: Parades	ND
	30	Copy Prints: Subjects: Apache Captives	c.1886
	31	Copy Prints: Subjects: Apache Indians	c.1886
	32	Copy Prints: Subjects: Apache Scouts	c.1886
	33	Copy Prints: Subjects: Geronimo's Camp (includes Canyon de Los Embudos)	c.1886
	34	Copy Prints: Subjects: General Crook's Camp	1886
	35	Copy Prints: Subjects: General Crook's Council	1886
	36	Copy Prints: Subjects: Ranching	ND

7	1	Glass Plates: Portraits: Geronimo and Natchez	c.1886
	2	Glass Plates: Portraits: Delaney, Captain George	c.1888
	3	Glass Plates: Portraits: Warren, George	ND
	4	Glass Plates: Places: Cochise Stronghold	ND
	5	Glass Plates: Places: Huachuca Mountains	ND
	6	Glass Plates: Places: Tombstone: Court Officials	ND
	7	Glass Plates: Subjects: Animals: Cattle	ND
	8	Glass Plates: Subjects: General Crook's Council	1886

8	1	Damaged Glass Plates: Portraits: Geronimo and Natchez	c.1886
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	2	Damaged Glass Plates: Places: Bavispe, Mexico	1887
	3	Damaged Glass Plates: Places: Fort Huachuca	ND
	4	Damaged Glass Plates: Places: Fort Huachuca	ND
	5	Damaged Glass Plates: Subjects: General Crook's Council	1886
	6	Damaged Glass Plates: Subjects: Geronimo's Camp	c. 1886