



**TITLE:** Hoval A. and Nina R. Smith collection

**DATE RANGE:** 1905-1933 (bulk 1933)

**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1489

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

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 6 linear ft (1 box + 11 oversized folders)

**PROVENANCE:** Donated in 2015 by Leslie, Lindsay, and Morgan Smith, the grandchildren of Hoval A. and Nina R. Smith.

**RESTRICTIONS ON USE:** Requests for permission to publish material from this collection should be addressed to Arizona Historical Society, Library & Archives.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:** Hoval Arnold Smith was born in St. Ansgar, Iowa in 1876 to Norwegian parents. He was one of six children and lost his beloved mother when he was only ten years old. He promised his mother on her deathbed that he would never drink or smoke, and he never did. Hoval worked his way through the School of Mining at the University of Minnesota where he graduated in 1901. Before graduating, he went to Mexico to work as a miner and, after graduating, went to the Arizona Territory to work for the Calumet and Arizona Mining Company where he became Chief Mining Engineer from 1902-1905. He soon branched out to become a successful independent miner and principal founder of the Anaconda Copper Company.

Hoval became Chairman of the Republican Party of the Arizona Territory in 1909 and ran for the U.S. Senate seat in 1911. He lost the election to Mark Smith but continued to be involved in copper mining and Arizona Republican politics; when President Taft signed the declaration making Arizona a state, Hoval can be seen standing in the back left of the official photograph. Around 1914 he married Nina Roberts Smith, a teacher, and they settled in Warren and Bisbee. They had one child, Hugh Roberts Hoval Smith.

Nina Roberts Smith had long been involved in the Daughters of the American Revolution and became Arizona State Regent of the DAR. As such and as the representative of AZ Governor Hunt, she stood next to President Coolidge on April 15, 1924 at the dedication ceremony at

which the Arizona stone was presented at the Washington Monument. In 1933, Hoval authored the *Copper Brief*, a treatise which argued for the imposition of tariffs on imported copper. He also ran for the House of Representatives in 1934 and lost to Isabella Greenway.

Nina and Hoval Smith later moved to Washington, D.C. to be closer to their son and his family. Hugh graduated from Yale Law School and served in the Navy during World War II. Hugh practiced law his entire professional life with Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering (now Wilmer Hale,) while Nina and Hoval became beloved grandparents to five grandchildren.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** The collection consists of 39 panoramic photographs of places like Nogales, Tombstone, Douglas, and Globe, as well as various mining operations including the New Cornelia mine near Ajo, Arizona. The collection also contains assay maps, and mining data compiled by Hoval Smith into charts to support the *Copper Brief*. Maps and charts in the Hoval A. and Nina R. Smith Collection are predominantly oversized.

This collection is organized into **5 series:**

Series I: Certificates and ephemera

Series II: Photographs

Series III: Panoramas

Series IV: *Copper Brief* charts

Series V: Assay maps

**SUBJECT TERMS:** Daughters of the American Revolution. Tucson Chapter; Mines and mineral resources -- Arizona -- Photographs; Arizona -- Politics and government

**CONTAINER LIST:**

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
1	n/a	<b>Certificates and ephemera</b> – Hoval Smith political poster (1911), DAR certificates (1920 & 1924)	1911, 1920, 1924
1	n/a	<b>Photographs</b> – portrait of Nina Smith; Nina, Hoval, and Hugh Smith; Nina Smith with Coolidge at Washington Monument	1905-1924
–	2	<b>Panorama photographs</b> – 15 panoramas (A-O) with locations of mining operations written on image, including: Black Knob, Flat, Gold Hill, Grass Hill, Lime Hill, possibly Rough Rider.	Undated
–	3	<b>Panorama photographs</b> – 8 panoramas (A-H) of Southern AZ and N. Mexico, 6 from West Coast Art Co. Locations include Warren District, Tombstone, Globe, Courtland, and Nogales.	1909
–	4	<b>Panorama photographs</b> – 7 panoramas (A-G) of Southern AZ. Locations include Ajo, Phoenix, Tucson, Miami, Prescott.	1908-1909
–	5	<b>Copper Brief:</b> Preliminary notes and drafts of charts, mock-ups. 18 pieces, some pinned or clipped together.	ca. 1933
–	6	<b>Copper Brief:</b> 22 hand-colored original charts (nos. 1, 2, 2-A)	1933

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
–	7	<b>Copper Brief:</b> 18 hand-colored original charts (nos. 3, 4, 5)	1933
–	8	<b>Copper Brief:</b> 24 hand-colored original charts (nos. 6, 7, 8, 9)	1933
–	9	<b>Copper Brief:</b> 10 blueprint charts, (nos. 1-9, including 2-A)	1933
–	10	<b>Copper Brief:</b> Flip-book of 10 charts, (nos. 1-9, including 2-A)	1933
–	11	<b>Copper Brief:</b> Tracing cloth for 10 charts, (no. 1-9; 2-A)	1933
–	12	<b>Assay maps:</b> 30 duplicates of 7 maps (and 1 original blueprint) of Van Dyke Copper Company and Miami Copper Company.	1929-1932