

TITLE: Charles L. Gilliland Photograph Collection

DATE RANGE: 1906-1960s

CALL NUMBER: FP FPC #9

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5 linear feet (10 boxes)

PROVENANCE: Unknown

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Little information is known about Charles Leslie Gilliland. He was born about 1877 and was originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Charles made annual trips to Arizona starting around 1901. On one of his first trips to Oracle, Arizona he met Helen Galey. The two were married in 1908. Helen's father, William Thomas Galey was the founder of the textile company Aberfoyle Manufacturing Company in Chester, Pennsylvania. Charles worked for his father-in-law as treasurer of Aberfoyle Manufacturing Company, and later founded the Cotton Products Company in Philadelphia. The couple had a son, Charles Jr. about 1911.

In 1923 Charles purchased Phoenix Date and Citrus Properties, which later became Gilliland Groves. The couple built a large residence in Oracle, called El Rancho Robles (the oak ranch). The Gillilands also built St. Helen's Church in Oracle, in 1927. They provided the building costs, all the furnishings and vestments; a generous donation of over \$5,000. By 1936, Charles resigned from the Cotton Products Company in Philadelphia and made his permanent home in Arizona. He is believed to have died in Phoenix around 1941.

Sources: www.sthelensmission.com , www.ancestry.com

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

This collection contains over 1250 original images. All photographs were organized in albums, the original order is unknown. When, why, and by whom the albums were disassembled is also unknown. Some of the photographs are noted on the back as to their original album and page number, most are not captioned. When the albums were disassembled some photographs were glued back-to-back or were unable to be removed from their original black paper backing. The photographs range in condition from fair to

very good. All photographs are individually encapsulated and sleeved. This collection documents the Gilliland family, their homes, farms, and daily ranch life in southern Arizona. The collection is organized by subject then chronologically within.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	Photographs: Adobe Buildings	1908-1925
	2	Photographs: Apache Trail (and Roosevelt Dam)	1925
	3	Photographs: Automobiles (1 of 2)	1916-1922
	4	Photographs: Automobiles (2 of 2)	1922-1925
	5	Photographs: Camping Trips (1 of 3)	1908-1916
	6	Photographs: Camping Trips (2 of 3)	1920-1925
	7	Photographs: Camping Trips (3 of 3)	1925-1926
	8	Photographs: Cattle Ranching	1908-1920
2	1	Photographs: Charlie Gilliland in Tucson Rodeo and Parade	1928,1930
	2	Photographs: El Rancho Robles (1 of 4)	1923-1924
	3	Photographs: El Rancho Robles (2 of 4)	1923-1925
	4	Photographs: El Rancho Robles (3 of 4)	1925
	5	Photographs: El Rancho Robles (4 of 4)	1923-1928
3	1	Photographs: Family, Cameron , Nella (cousin?)	1913
	2	Photographs: Family, Gilliland, Charles Leslie	1906-1925
	3	Photographs: Family, Gilliland, Charles "Charlie" Jr. (1 of 4)	1913-1920
	4	Photographs: Family, Gilliland, Charles "Charlie" Jr. (2 of 4)	1921-1928
	5	Photographs: Family, Gilliland, Charles "Charlie" Jr. (3 of 4)	ND
	6	Photographs: Family, Gilliland, Charles "Charlie" Jr. (4 of 4)	ND
	7	Photographs: Family, Gilliland, Charles, Charlie, and Helen (1 of 2)	1908-1916
4	1	Photographs: Family, Gilliland, Charles, Charlie, and Helen (2 of 2)	1918-1928
	2	Photographs: Family, Gilliland, Helen Galey (1 of 2)	
	3	Photographs: Family, Gilliland, Helen Galey (2 of 2)	
	4	Photographs: Family, Gilliland, Helen "Nelly" Fairrie (1 of 2) (daughter who died as a baby or granddaughter?)	ND
	5	Photographs: Family, Gilliland, Helen "Nelly" Fairrie (2 of 2) (daughter who died as a baby or granddaughter?)	ND

5	1	Photographs: Family, “Uncle Bob”	1914
	2	Photographs: Family and Friends (1 of 4)	1908-1923
	3	Photographs: Family and Friends (2 of 4)	1923-1925
	4	Photographs: Family and Friends (3 of 4)	ND
	5	Photographs: Family and Friends (4 of 4)	ND
6	1	Photographs: Gilliland Family House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1 of 2)	1908-1918
	2	Photographs: Gilliland Family House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2 of 2)	1908
	3	Photographs: Gilliland Family in, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1908-1926
	4	Photographs: Gilliland Family in, Tucson, Arizona (1 of 3)	1912-1913
	5	Photographs: Gilliland Family in, Tucson, Arizona (2 of 3)	1914
	6	Photographs: Gilliland Family in, Tucson, Arizona (3 of 3)	1914-1925
7	1	Photographs: Gilliland Groves, Phoenix, Arizona (1 of 3) (date and citrus farm)	1960s
	2	Photographs: Gilliland Groves, Phoenix, Arizona (2 of 3) (date and citrus farm)	1960s
	3	Photographs: Gilliland Groves, Phoenix, Arizona (3 of 3) (date and citrus farm)	1967,1969
	4	Photographs: Gilliland Ranch, Oracle, Arizona (1 of 2)	1916-1922
	5	Photographs: Gilliland Ranch, Oracle, Arizona (2 of 2)	1922-1928
8	1	Photographs: Gilliland Residences (various)	ND
	2	Photographs: Hiking and Family Outings	1908-1926
	3	Photographs: Horse Corrals and Stables	1908-1924
	4	Photographs: Horse-drawn Vehicles (includes The Oracle and Mammoth Stageline)	1908-1925
	5	Photographs: Horseback Riding (1 of 4)	1906-1920
	6	Photographs: Horseback Riding (2 of 4)	1921-1922
9	1	Photographs: Horseback Riding (3 of 4)	1922-1923
	2	Photographs: Horseback Riding (4 of 4)	1925
	3	Photographs: Hunting and Shooting	1908-1926
	4	Photographs: Indians (various)	1916-1923
	5	Photographs: Ingleside Club, Phoenix, Arizona	1922
	6	Photographs: Landscapes	1908-1925
	7	Photographs: Missions (various)	1914-1920
	8	Photographs: Oracle, Arizona	1908-1925
	9	Photographs: Papago Indian Village	1908-1925

	10	Photographs: Picnics and Cookouts	1908-1925
10	1	Photographs: Ranch Hands and Workers	1908-1925
		Photographs: St. Helen's Church, Oracle, Arizona	1928
		Photographs: San Xavier del Bac Mission	1914-1923
		Photographs: Sheep Farming	1922
		Photographs: Tent House	1914,1920
		Photographs: Tucson, Arizona	1908-1925
		Photographs: Vacations (1 of 2)	1908-1926
		Photographs: Vacations (2 of 2) (Gulf of California)	1922
		Photographs: Yaqui Indian Village	1914-1925