



Sharlot Hall Museum Library and Archives
415 West Gurley Street
Prescott, AZ 86301
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Title: Abia Judd Papers

Creator: Abia Judd

Dates: circa 1890, 1921-1988

Quantity: 3.5 linear feet (5 boxes, 1 flat)

System of Arrangement:

- Series 1: School Records
- Series 2: Military Records
- Series 3: Personal Records
- Series 4: Civic Activities Records
- Series 5: Parents of Abia Judd
- Series 6: Oversize

Abstract:

Collection contains records, ephemera, and photographs from Abia Judd's work as a teacher and school superintendent, as well as records from his civic activities in the community and Air Force service records. It also contains personal correspondence, records, and photographs. There are 176 photographic images (172 prints, four negatives), two photograph contact sheets, four scrapbooks, one oversized calendar, and one VHS cassette.

Identification: SHM MS-1

Language and Scripts of the Materials: English

Biographical History

Abia W. Judd (7 December 1907 - 3 January 1998) was born Fredonia, Territory of Arizona. He was raised in Fredonia, and later attended Dixie College in St. George for a two-year certificate in teaching), Utah, he taught in Fredonia for seven years. Abia then attended Northern Arizona Teachers College in Flagstaff, Arizona, to obtain his four-year teaching certificate. After graduating in 1936, he moved to Prescott, Arizona, to teach at Lincoln and Miller Valley Elementary Schools.



In 1942 Abia interrupted his teaching to join the Army in World War II. After the war, he took a leave of absence from teaching to obtain a master's degree in education. Upon returning to Prescott he was appointed principal of Washington Elementary School where he remained for five years.

In 1953, Abia became superintendent of the Prescott Unified School District, a position he held for twenty-two years until his retirement in 1973. When a new elementary school opened in Prescott in 1989, he was honored for his decades of service by naming the school for him. Abia Judd died January 3, 1998, in Prescott, Arizona.

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains five series of records. Series 1 contains school records from his work as an educator and county superintendent of schools. Series 2 is his military records from his service in the Air Force including discharge papers, letters, etc. Series 3 contains personal records such as photographs and awards. Series 4 has information about his civic activities and religious groups. Series 5 includes materials from his father, Asa Judd, and his wife, Grace Heaton Judd.

Restrictions

None

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Related Archival Materials & Subjects

Abia Judd Elementary School

Judd, Abia

Judd, Grace Heaton

Lincoln Elementary School

Miller Valley Elementary School

[Prescott \(Ariz.\)](#)

[Prescott Unified School District \(Yavapai County, Ariz.\)](#)



PC-2 Leroy Eslow Collection has a photograph of the Abia Judd family including Abia Judd, and his wife and children. There is also a photograph of his wife and children and one when he was the Prescott Unified School District Superintendent. Sharlot Hall Library & Archive does have a vertical file for Abia W. Judd and an oral history available.

Administrative Information

Accession Number – **2005.009**

Custodial History: On March 11, 2010, the following items were deaccessioned from the collection because the published material is unrelated to the Sharlot Hall Museum mission: Principles of the Gospel, The Book of Mormon, Handbook for Scoutmasters, The “How” Book of Scouting, Scouting in the LDS Church, Science for Children, and Everyday Foods.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

Description Control

A previous finding aid was created in 2005 and 2010, and is available upon request. The Abia Judd collection was donated to the Sharlot Hall Museum Library and Archives by Terry Robertson in 2004. An accrual was donated by Robertson in 2005.

The collection was processed by Sylvia Neely and Marcia Heringa Mason in 2007. It was modified and made compliant to *Describing Archives: a Content Standard (DAC5)* by Libby Coyner in 2010. The finding aid was revamped in 2014.



Container List

Title: Abia Judd Papers, SHM MS-1

Dates: 1932-1988

Scope and Content: Series relates to Abia Judd’s work as both educator and superintendent of schools in Yavapai County. It includes general correspondence, contracts, certificates, newsletters, and handbooks.

Series 1: School Records		
Box/Folder	Description	Date(s)
1/1	School Correspondence	1946-1983
1/2	Teaching Contracts	1941-1965
1/3	Abia Judd’s teacher and Administrator Certificates	1940, 1947-1949, 1971-1972
1/4	Prescott Public Schools Newsletters	1949-1968
1/5	<i>Abia Judd Elementary School Dedication</i>	undated
1/6	Teacher and Student Handbooks	1940-1957
1/7	Miscellaneous School Ephemera	1939-1988
1/8	Certified Personnel List	1973-1974
1/9	Photographs [1 of 2]	circa 1950s-1960s
1/10	Photographs [2 of 2]	circa 1970s
2/1	Images of Facilities Damage	1956
2/2	Scrapbook [1 of 4]	1932-1934

Title: Abia Judd Papers, SHM MS-1

Dates: 1942-1956

Scope and Content: Series consists of correspondence, contracts, war bonds, instructions, lists of foot locker contents, discharge papers, veteran information, and other military records related to Abia Judd’s service in the Army Air Forces.

Series 2: Military Records		
Box/Folder	Description	Date(s)
2/3	Military Records [1 of 4]	1942-1944
2/4	Military Records [2 of 4]	1945
2/5	Military Records [3 of 4]	1946
2/6	Military Records [4 of 4]	1946
2/7	Veterans Records	1946-1951
2/8	“My Life In the Service” Diary	1945



Title: Abia Judd Papers, SHM MS-1

Dates: 1922-1979

Scope and Content: Series consists of personal records of Abia Judd, including financial records, college transcripts and diplomas, awards and certificates, and photographs.

Series 3: Personal Records		
Box/Folder	Description	Date(s)
3/1	Biography	1956
3/2	Abia Judd's College Transcripts and Diplomas	1922-1960
3/3	Financial Records	1942-1945
3/4	Awards and Certificates	1964-1979
3/5	Thank You Notes	1950s-1960s, 1980s
3/6	Photographs	1941, 1970, undated
3/7	Holiday Greeting Cards & Photos of Friends	1953-1969
3/8	Photographs	undated
3/9	Autograph Book	1926
3/10	Calendar/Planner	1942

Title: Abia Judd Papers, SHM MS-1

Dates: 1921-1981

Scope and Content: Series consists of records from Abia Judd's various civic activities, on committees, and with civic, political, and religious groups.

Series 4: Civic Activity Records		
Box/Folder	Description	Date(s)
3/11	West Yavapai Guidance Clinic	1972-1973
3/12	Governor's Task Force On Aging	1975-1981
3/13	City Council	1974
3/14	Rotary Club	1921-1970



Title: Abia Judd Papers, SHM MS-1

Dates: c. 1890, c. 1906, 1942-1945 & Undated

Scope & Content: Series consists of records of Abia Judd's wife, Grace Heaton Judd, and his father's, Asa W. Judd. This series includes transcripts of letters, a Certificate of Appreciation for War Service and a photograph.

Series 5: Parents of Abia Judd		
Box/Folder	Description	Date(s)
3/15	Grace (Heaton) Judd Letters (transcribed) & Certificate of Appreciation	1942-1945
3/16	Asa W. Judd Materials	c. 1890, c. 1906, Undated

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Dates: 1921-1981

Scope and Content: Contains 3 scrapbooks and the Prescott High School Activity calendar from 1967.

Series 6: Oversize		
Box/Folder	Description	Date(s)
Box 4 (Oversized)	Prescott High School Student Activity Calendar	1967
Box 4 (Oversized)	Scrapbook [2 of 4] (green cover with dog)	1937-1938
Box 4 (Oversized)	Scrapbook [3 of 4] (green cover with crest)	1948-1957
Box 4 (Oversized)	Scrapbook [4 of 4] (pink cover)	1958-1959
MS Map Case	Group Photographs (unavailable at this time)	1943, circa 1943