



**Sharlot Hall Museum Library and Archives**  
**415 West Gurley Street**  
**Prescott, AZ 86301**  
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**Title:** Edith Dial Photos SHM PC-11

**Creator:** Dial Family

**Dates:** 1877-1953, Bulk Dates: 1922-1935

**Quantity:** .5 linear feet (1 Box)

**System of Arrangement:**

- Series 1: Frances Dial
- Series 2: Dial Family at the Hotel Vendome
- Series 3: Prescott Activities, Smoki Ceremonies
- Series 4: John Dial Family
- Series 5: John Mahone (Ma hoi na vie)

**Abstract:**

The Edith Dial Collection consists of photographs that span the years 1920-1935. The photographs contain images of John, Edith and Frances Dial: the Hotel Vendome and guests; Smoki ceremonies; the Yavapai County Courthouse, downtown Prescott, Arizona; The Grand Canyon National Park, and other locations in the Prescott, Arizona area. The collection includes a 1949 Williams, Arizona newspaper with an article on Jim Mahone, and Indian Scout who is pictured as a guest of the Dials in the photographs; Frances Dial's Elementary School Diploma; and an envelope of the Hassayampa Hotel, Prescott, Arizona.

**Identification:** SHM PC-11

**Language and Scripts of the Materials:** English

**Biographical History**

Edith Strutz Dial and John W. Dial secured ownership of the Hotel Vendome sometime during 1922 and 1923. Prior to their residence in Prescott, the Dials lived in Seligman where John served as a deputy sheriff in 1915 and as a deputy assessor enrolling persons in the military during 1917-1918. They had one daughter, Frances Emmy Dial, born on September 2, 1914 in Los Angeles, California. The Dial family resided in the Hotel Vendome until 1927. John became a state livestock inspector and the family lived for a short time at 303 East Gurley Street. In 1929, Edith Dial appears to have been manager



of the Owl Hotel on the Northwest corner of Montezuma and Gurley Streets. By 1931, Edith was the proprietor of the hotel while John continues as a livestock inspector for the state. In 1933, The Owl Hotel became the Hotel Dial with Edith as proprietor until 1936. During this time, Frances completed elementary school in Prescott by 1928 and proceeded to attend Prescott High School for the next four years. Frances married a musician, William Cherry, in 1934. By 1937, the city directories contain no listings for either the Dials or the Cherrys.

## Scope and Content

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None

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## Related Archival Materials & Subjects

[Cherry, William](#)

Dial, Edith Strutz

Dial, Francis Emmy

Dial, John Willis

Jones, John Benton "Jack"

Mahone, Jim



Hassayampa Hotel (Prescott, Ariz.)  
[Hotel Vendome \(Prescott, Ariz.\)](#)  
Hotel Owl (Prescott, Ariz.)  
Hotel Dial (Prescott, Ariz.)  
Sheriff's Office – Deputies  
State Livestock Inspector  
Jim Mahone (Indian scout for Gen. Cook)  
[Smoki Museum](#)  
[Smoki People, Inc.](#)  
[Granite Dells \(Ariz.\)](#)  
Big Pine Mine, (Ariz.)  
Yavapai County Courthouse

## **Administrative Information**

### **Accession Number – 2000.035**

The materials found within this collection were personally donated by Teresa Matteson to the Sharlot Hall Museum on May 24, 2000. The materials were processed and placed into a standardized DACS compliant archival arrangement and organization scheme. The materials were originally cataloged using a non-standardized organization scheme in Document Box 127, Folder 9 and Photo Box 40 Folders 6-10. A new DACS compliant number was assigned to the collection – PC-#11.

**Accruals:** None expected, but should anything come in it will be added to this collection.

### **Description Control**

This collection was processed by Cellene Smith using *Describing Archives: a Content Standard (DACS)* in 2014.



## Container List

**Collection:** Edith Dial Collection, SHM PC-11

**Dates:** 1920-1921

**Scope and Content:** Photographs of Frances Dial with her parents, John and Edith, neighbors and friends at unknown locations. The collection includes images of her 6<sup>th</sup> birthday and a visiting Indian couple. It also includes photographs of Frances and her family at various locations around Prescott, Arizona and at the Grand Canyon National Park. Some photos at unidentified locations. All photographs are black and white.

Series 1: Frances Dial		
Box/Folder	File/Item Description	Date
1.1	Frances Dial, Parents, Friends, Neighbors, 6 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party	1920-1921
1.2	Frances Dial and family	1920-1930

**Collection:** Edith Dial Collection, SHM PC-11

**Dates:** 1922-1927

**Scope and Content:** Photographs of Frances and family while proprietors of the Hotel Vendome, Prescott, Arizona, approximately 1922-1927. Also includes Frances Dial with family, friends, and guests of the hotel. Some of the guests include actors of movies filmed in the Prescott, Arizona, area.

Series 2: Dial Family At The Hotel Vendome		
Box/Folder	File/Item Description	Date
1.3	Photographs, black and white	1922-1927

**Collection Title :** Edith Dial Collection, SHM PC-11

**Dates:** 1922-1935

**Scope and Content:** Photographs of the Prescott, Arizona area including Smoki Ceremonies, many of the Dial family at the Yavapai County Courthouse Plaza, Downtown Prescott, a parade, plus nearby locations such as Granite Dells, and the Big Pine Mine.

Series 3: Prescott Activities, Smoki Ceremonies		
Box/Folder	File/Item Description	Date
1.4	Photographs	1922-1935



**Collection Title:** Edith Dial Collection, SHM PC-11

**Dates:** 1877-1953

**Scope and Content:** Documents of John Dial Family

<b>Series 4: John Dial Family</b>		
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>File/Item Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.5	Envelope from Hassayampa Hotel, Prescott, Arizona	unknown
	Death information on John Willis Dial	1877-1953
	Article, Days Past Column, New (old) photos reveal the Vendome during the 1920s.	2000
	Prescott Arizona Public Schools Elementary Diploma for Frances Emmy Dial	1928

**Collection Title:** Edith Dial Collection, SHM PC-11

**Dates:** Unknown - 1949

**Scope and Content:** Articles on Hualapai Indian Scout Jim Mahone. Mahone worked for General Cook during the Apache Wars. Also, frequent visitor of the Dial Family.

<b>Series 5: Jim Mahone (Ma hoi na vie)</b>		
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>File/Item Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.6	Article, Williams News, Williams, Arizona	1949
	Article, Days Past Column; Scouts and trackers in 1800s Yavapai County; Pt. 2	2009