



**Sharlot Hall Museum Library and Archives**  
**415 West Gurley Street**  
**Prescott, AZ 86301**  
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**Title:** Leroy E. Eslow Photos

**Creator:** Leroy E. Eslow

**Dates:** 1898, 1907-1977, unknown

**Quantity:** 3 linear feet (8 boxes)

**System of Arrangement:**

- Series 1: People
- Series 2: Places
- Series 3: Events/Organizations
- Series 4: Albums

**Abstract:** This collection provides a rich view of many people, places and events that took place mostly in the 1950's and 1960's in the larger Prescott area. It includes portraits and photographs of people who lived in the area as well as events such as the Smoki People organization, Yavapai County Fair, and Prescott Frontier Days. Also included are area ranches and local scenery. Albums included are the Iron Spring's summer homes and Del Rio Basin Pipeline. A significant portion of the collection is negatives.

**Identification:** SHM PC-4

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

## **Biographical History**

Leroy E. Eslow, a newspaper photographer, was born in Adrian, Michigan. He was employed at various newspapers in Michigan and California and received numerous photographic awards. Prior to his move to Prescott in 1944 he was also in the insurance business for 17 years in San Bernardino, California. In 1925, when he was a patient at Ft. Whipple he took many well-known pictures of the Prescott Days Rodeo. He was married to Evelyn G. Eslow.

He organized the Prescott Camera Club and was the superintendent of the photographic and arts division of the Yavapai County Fair for 15 years. He was a life member of the



National Press Photographers, the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain and the Photographic Society of America.

## Scope and Content Note

The bulk of the collection consists of negatives of people who lived in the greater Prescott Area. The first series of people provides portraits of many important local families and individuals including the Boyd Tenney family, Abia Judd and his family, Ernest Love, Katie Cory, Cynthia Gardner, Sam Steiger, Dr. Robert Looney, Barry Goldwater and many others. The second series is places provides photographs of many local ranches including Spider Ranch, Rancho Moana Dude Ranch, local businesses and streets, Skull Valley area, Kirkland stage and many more. The third series includes many events and organizations such as Smoki People organization, Rough Riders, and the Yavapai County Fair. By far the bulk of this is the Prescott Frontier Days rodeo shots from 1945. The last series includes two leather photo albums by Leroy Eslow. One album is of the Iron Springs Summer Home. This album was donated by Mr. Merle E. Heatwole. The other album is of the Del Rio Basin Pipe Line North Reservoir Pumping Station and construction of the Prescott Pipe Line and Reservoir from Chino in 1948. This album was donated by Mr. Enoch Seale of Prescott.

## Restrictions

No restrictions on collection.

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## Related Archival Materials & Subjects

The Kate Cory Collection, DB 146 and 412, contains original manuscripts of Kate Cory. Katie Cory, an artist, lived for seven years in the pueblo of Old Oraibi. She became friend and confidant of the Hopi. Leroy Eslow assisted Katie Cory in preparing her stories of life with the Hopi Indians. Correspondence between Leroy Eslow and Katie



Cory is included in the collection. PB 76, Item 2, Folder 1 also contains a picture of Katie Cory with one of her paintings. (There are restrictions on these collections.)

The Frank Ehle collection contains a photo album produced by Leroy Eslow. This leather bound photo album is of the 1947 Yavapai County Fair. See PB169, folders 9-11.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Custodial History**

Accession Number – Z1975.481

Unfortunately the original accession document for the Leroy Eslow collection has not been located. We believe that it was accessioned in 1975 because of the use of 75- in developing the series. The materials were originally in boxes 13, 14, 15, 15A, 16, 16A, 17, 17A, Photo Box 42 and Photo Box 82A. Many pictures were retrieved from the Prescott Frontier Days collection and the photo vertical file. The materials were given an accession number Z1975-481.

Accession Number – 2005.080 Anonymous Donor gave us photos, one of these was added to the collection because it was taken by Leroy Eslow, PC 4 Z1975-481-740 is the call number.

Accession Number – 1977.331A Merle E. Heatwole donated an Eslow leather album from about 1940.

Accession Number 1977.215A Enoch Seale donated a leather album of 60 photographs from the Prescott pipeline and reservoir from Chino, 1948.

Please note there is no number assigned to Z1975-481-215 as it was moved to its proper location. Also, please note there is a 556.1N between 556 and 557.

A significant portion of the collection is negatives. The collection is also divided into prints and negatives so that the negatives can be in cold storage. Please note there is a master index in the front box 1 that has a listing of old call numbers and new call numbers from the collection's previous organization. Also in the front of each series you will find an index that lists the pictures within that series.



**Accruals:** No further accruals are expected.

**Description Control**

This collection was processed by DALTON, LaDawn; MARSHALL, Dorothy; and VAUGHN, Cynthia using *Describing Archives: a Content Standard (DACs)* 2012-2014.

**Container List**

**Title:** Leroy Eslow Collection People (Negatives)

**Dates:** 1907-1967 and some unknown

**Extent:** 4 boxes, 1 ½ size box

**Scope and Content:** The series includes negatives of people who were photographed by Leroy Eslow. These include pictures of children, families, and individuals. A few of the people photographed are: Dr. Robert Looney, Richard Turley, Cynthia Gardner, Harley Lee, Turley children, Janet Clark, Francis Kohl, Franklin Brown, Eslow's, Marla Campbell, as well as Boyd Tenney and his family. Please see the complete itemized list.

<b>Series 1: People – Negatives, arranged in date order</b>		
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>File/Item Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1.1	People (Negatives)	1907-1940's
1.2	People (Negatives)	1940's-1947
1.3	People (Negatives)	1947-1948
1.4	People (Negatives)	1948-1949
1.5	People (Negatives)	1949-1950's
1.6	People (Negatives)	1950's-1950
2.1	People (Negatives)	1950-1951
2.2	People (Negatives)	1951
2.3	People (Negatives)	1952
2.4	People (Negatives)	1952
2.5	People (Negatives)	1952-1953
2.6	People (Negatives)	1953
3.1	People (Negatives)	1953-1954
3.2	People (Negatives)	1954-1955
3.3	People (Negatives)	1955-1967, Unknown



**Title:** Leroy Eslow Collection Places (Negatives)

**Dates:** 1928-1977, Unknown

**Scope and Content:** This series is a variety of landscapes including ranches, lakes and mines. It also includes photos of restaurants, businesses and residences. Rollerdom, Ft. Whipple, Baumart Cottage, Joy's Buffet and Cocktail Lounge, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Gamble's Western Auto and Mulligan Brother Motor Company are highlights of the series.

<b>Series 2: Places – Negatives, arranged separately in date order</b>		
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>File/Item Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
3.4	Places (Negatives)	1928-1940's
3.5	Places (Negatives)	1940's-1945
3.6	Places (Negatives)	1945
4.1	Places (Negatives)	1945-1947
4.2	Places (Negatives)	1947-1949
4.3	Places (Negatives)	1949-1953
4.4	Places (Negatives)	1953-Unknown

**Title:** Leroy Eslow Collection Events/Organizations

**Dates:** 1930's-1953

**Scope and Content:** The majority of these photos are of the Frontier Days Rodeo. Also included are photos of Smoki people and events, Roughrider's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, clubs, parades, exhibits and even the Prescott City Hall dedication. Yavapai County Fair photos are included as well as the camera club.

<b>Series 3: Events and Organizations, divided into the categories Yavapai County Fair, Parades, Organizations, and Other Events. Then arranged in date order</b>		
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>File/Item Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
4.5	Events/Organizations (Negatives) Yavapai County Fair	1930's-1951
4.6	Events/Organizations (Negatives) Parades	1947-1966
4.7	Events/Organizations (Negatives) Organization	1940's-1954
5.1	Events/Organizations (Negatives) Other Events	1952-1962
5.2	Events/Organizations (Negatives) Rodeo	1946-1969
5.3	Events/Organizations (Negatives) Smoki	1950's-1953



**Title:** Leroy Eslow Collection People (Prints)

**Dates:** 1907-1962, Unknown

**Scope and Content:** Contains a picture of Mr. Manuel Mendosa, Jerome Miner, charged with wounding a woman and killing baby. Homer Wood, Kate Cory are also included as well as many local residents (individuals, children and families).

<b>Series 1: People (Prints), arranged in date order</b>		
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>File/Item Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
6.1	People (Prints)	1907-1949
6.2	People (Prints)	1949-1951
6.3	People (Prints)	1951-1952
6.4	People (Prints)	1952-1953
6.5	People (Prints)	1953-1954
6.6	People (Prints)	1955-1962, Unknown

**Title:** Leroy Eslow Collection People (Prints)

**Dates:** 1930's-1953, Unknown

**Scope and Content:** Included are pictures of area ranches, residences, local business, city streets, power plants, classrooms and the Elks Theatre.

<b>Series 2: Places (Prints), arranged in date order</b>		
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>File/Item Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
6.7	Places (Prints)	1930's- 1953, Unknown

**Title:** Leroy Eslow Collection Events/Organizations (Prints)

**Dates:** 1920's-1962

**Scope and Content:** Includes rodeo photos, Smoki photos and other events.

<b>Series 3: Events/Organizations (Prints)</b>		
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>File/Item Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
7.1	Soap Box Derby, Prescott City Hall Dedication	1948,1962
7.2	Rodeo Photos (Prints)	1920's- 1945
7.3	Rodeo Photos (Prints)	1944-1945
7.4	Rodeo Photos (Prints)	1945
7.5	Smoki (Prints)	1947



**Title:** Leroy Eslow Collection Albums

**Dates:** 1948, 1950

**Scope and Content:** This series contains two photo albums by Leroy Eslow.

One is of the Iron Springs Summer Home area. It includes photographs of the National Forest sign, landscape in the area, socials, flag-raising, the store, horse shoes, square dancing, the train, horseback riding, masquerade, interiors of homes, exteriors of homes, Roughrider monument, the Granite Dells area, and Indian dancers. There are a few individuals named including Alice Marshall and Carrillo

The other album is of the Del Rio Basin Pipeline construction. It includes photos of pipe, equipment, trenches, workers, streets, reservoir, Al Mann truck service, and various phases of construction (some in the snow).

<b>Series 4: Albums (Prints)</b>		
<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>File/Item Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
8.1	Iron Springs Summer Homes Photos – First ½ of album	1950
8.2	Iron Springs Summer Homes Photos – Second ½ of album	1950
8.3	Leather Cover for Iron Springs Summer Homes Album	1950
8.4	Del Rio Basin Pipeline Photos – First ¼ of album	1948
8.5	Del Rio Basin Pipeline Photos – Second ¼ of album	1948
8.6	Del Rio Basin Pipeline Photos – Third ¼ of album	1948
8.7	Del Rio Basin Pipeline Photos – Last ¼ of album	1948
8.8	Leather Cover for Del Rio Basin Pipeline Album	1948