

VALLEY OF THE MOON

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Valley of the Moon Collection consists of two boxes and one guest register (approximately 1 cubic foot) containing archival material arranged in two record groups: The Valley of the Moon, and The Valley of the Moon Restoration Association/George Phar Legler Memorial Society.

The Collection relates to the construction, operation and use of the Valley of the Moon amusement park, from the 1920's to the mid-1980's. The park is a unique part of Tucson's local history. Its tours and shows exemplify a period in America's entertainment history that has now passed. The Collection is also valuable for its biographical insights on park creator George Legler.

Record Group I

Record Group I, The Valley of the Moon, consists of seven series: (1) Business Correspondence, Incoming and Outgoing, 1942-1956; (2) Manuscripts; (3) Legal Documents, 1935, 1951; (4) Maps, 1953; (5) Printed Material, 1938-1953; (6) Miscellaneous Material, Valley of the Moon Restoration Association, 1973-1982; (7) Register/Scrapbook.

The correspondence, in Series One, includes a letter from Governor Howard Pyle and correspondence with the Arizona Fish and Game Commission regarding a permit to keep wild animals. There are also many thank-you letters from visitors to the park, and

correspondence inviting George Legler to perform his "Bunnyland" rabbit shows around the country.

Some manuscripts in the Collection were composed by George Legler and reflect his personal philosophies.

Series Four consists of a blueprint for proposed property improvements.

The Abstract of Title, in Series Three, lists owners of the Valley of the Moon property, dating from 1890, and there is an index of all names listed in the Abstract.

Various printed materials, in Series Five, include flyers and pamphlets which describe the Valley of the Moon attractions.

The guest register/scrapbook, in Series Seven, includes names of visitors from 1937 to 1955; the back of the register contains newspaper clippings pasted to the pages.

Record Group II ,

Record Group II, The Valley of the Moon Restoration Association/George Phar Legler Memorial Society, consists of eight series: (1) Business Correspondence, Incoming, 1975-1983; (2) Business Correspondence, Outgoing, 1977-1983; (3) Minutes, Proceedings, Memos, 1974, 1978-1983; (4) Financial Documents, 1972-1983; (5) Legal Documents, 1975-1982; (6) Literary Productions, 1976, 1980; (7) Maps; (8) Printed Material, 1974-1982.

The business correspondence, in Series One, includes a letter from the Arizona State Parks, adding the Valley of the Moon to the Arizona List of Historical Places. Series Three

contains bylaws, minutes, memos, etc., that pertain to internal proceedings within the Association/Society.

The financial reports, in Series Four, include figures for membership dues and expenses for running the park.

The legal documents, in Series Five, include George Legler's will, his death certificate, and his gift deed of the Valley of the Moon property to the Association.

In Series Six, Seven, and Eight, there are several anonymous manuscripts, a blueprint of building plans, a map of the layout of the property, and many miscellaneous flyers and pamphlets.

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INVENTORY

RECORD GROUP I: VALLEY OF THE MOON

Series One: BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE, INCOMING AND OUTGOING,
1942-1956

BOX 1

F. 1	Thank-you Letters from Visitors	1942-1949
F. 2	Aunt Peggy	1942, n. d.
F. 3	Miscellaneous Correspondence	1947
F. 4	" "	1948-1954
F. 5	Thank-you Letters from Visitors	1950-1952
F. 6	Pyle, Governor Howard	1951
F. 7	Arizona Fish and Game Commission	1951
F. 8	Thank-you Letters from Visitors	1953-1956
F. 9	" " " " "	n. d.

Series Two: MANUSCRIPTS

F. 10	"The Indian Ring of Magic"	n. d.
F. 11	Miscellaneous Poems, Prose and Photos	n. d.

Series Three: LEGAL DOCUMENTS, 1935, 1951

F. 12	Abstract of Title	1935
F. 13	Arizona Fish and Game Commiss. Permit	1951

Series Four: MAPS, 1953

F. 14	Blueprint of Property Improvements	1953
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Series Five: PRINTED MATERIAL, 1938-1953

F. 15	Miscellaneous Flyers and Pamphlets	1938, 1945 n. d.
F. 16	Booklets with Articles on V. of M.	1942-1953

F.17	Los Angeles County Fair Programs	1948
F.18	"Magnetic Evolution of the Human Soul"	1969
Series Six: MISC. MATERIAL, VALLEY OF THE MOON RESTORATION ASSOCIATION, 1973-1982		
F.19	Pamphlets, Invitations, Notes	1973-1982
Series Seven: REGISTER/SCRAPBOOK		
Item 20	Guest Register, Scrapbook	

RECORD GROUP II: VALLEY OF THE MOON RESTORATION ASSOCIATION/
GEORGE PHAR LEGLER MEMORIAL SOCIETY

BOX 2

Series One: BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE, INCOMING, 1975-1983

F.21	Arizona State Parks	1975
F.22	Miscellaneous Correspondence	1977-1979
F.23	" "	1980
F.24	" "	1981
F.25	" "	1982
F.26	" "	1983
F.27	" "	n. d.

Series Two: BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE, OUTGOING, 1977-1983

F.28	Miscellaneous Correspondence	1977-1979
F.29	" "	1980
F.30	" "	1981
F.31	" "	1982
F.32	" "	1983
F.33	" "	n. d.

Series Three: MINUTES, PROCEEDINGS, MEMOS, 1974, 1978-1983

F. 34	Bylaws	1974, 1981 n. d.
F. 35	Minutes	1978-1982
F. 36	Membership Information	n. d.
F. 37	Association/Society Memos, Notes	1980-1983 n. d.
F. 38	Activity Calendar	1981
Series Four: FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS, 1972-1983		
F. 39	Financial Statements/Reports	1972-1979
F. 40	Receipts	1980, 1982
F. 41	Financial Statements/Reports	1980
F. 42	" " "	1981
F. 43	" " "	1982
F. 44	" " "	1983
Series Five: LEGAL DOCUMENTS, 1975-1982		
F. 45	Legler, George Phar, Will	1975
F. 46	Gift Deed, V. of M. Property	1978
F. 47	Summons & Complaint/Receipts, Case Against Az. ERA Initiative	1980
F. 48	Legler, George Phar, Death Cert.	1982
Series Six: LITERARY PRODUCTIONS, 1976, 1980		
F. 49	Tour Scripts and Production Notes	1976, 1980
F. 50	Miscellaneous Manuscripts	n. d.
Series Seven: MAPS		
F. 51	Blueprint of Building Plans, Map of Property Layout	n. d.
Series Eight: PRINTED MATERIAL, 1974-1982		
F. 52	Miscellaneous Flyers and Pamphlets	1974-1982
F. 53	" " " "	n. d.

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