



A Finding Aid to the Antonio Ramírez Olvera Photographs, circa 1950 - 2019, in the Voices Unheard: Arizona's Environmental History Archives

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Collection Overview

Title: Antonio Ramírez Olvera interview, photographs, artifacts, and digitized items

Date: Circa 1950 - 2019

Creator: Antonio Ramírez Olvera

Language: English

Summary: Photographs taken after the oral history interview of Antonio Ramírez Olvera. The artifact photographs document a lunchbox and a carbide miner lamp he used as an underground mine worker at the Iron King Mine. Also included are digitized notes taken by Shirley Hutchinson in preparation for the oral history interview of her father, Olvera, and a digitized copy of Felix Ramirez Olvera certificate of death.

Administration Information

Acquisition Information

Donated to the Voices Unheard: Arizona's Environmental History project in 2019 by Antonio Ramírez Olvera.

Available Formats

The photograph series was taken circa 1950 - 2019 and it is available on the Voices Unheard: Arizona's Environmental History website.

Processing Information

The collection was processed, and a finding aid was prepared by Denise Moreno Ramírez in 2019.

Related Materials

In addition to these photographic materials, an interview video and interview transcript are also part of the collection.

Preferred Citation

Antonio Ramírez Olvera interview materials, circa 1950 - 2019. Voices Unheard: Arizona's Environmental History Archives, The University of Arizona.

Conditions Governing Use

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Biographical Note

Antonio Ramírez Olvera (1930-) was born in Seligman, Arizona to Anecito Olvera and Lucia Ramírez. His parents relocated to Arizona from Zacatecas, Mexico. In 1935, they moved to Mayer, Arizona. In the early 1950s, Antonio met his wife Virginia and shortly after getting married they moved to Prescott, Arizona. They had four children - Shirley Hutchinson, Sharon Olvera, Margret Delgado, Jose Antonio Olvera. At the age of 21, Antonio started working for the Santa Fe Railroad Company. He worked there for nine and a half years. In 1960, Antonio then worked for the Iron King Mine. He was an underground mine worker for about seven years and ceased working there until the mine closed in 1968. During the Iron King Mine strike of the mid-1960s, he worked briefly for Southwest Forest Products, pressure treating telephone poles and railroad timber. After the Iron King Mine closed, he started a new position at the City of Prescott Department of Solid Waste and Sanitation. He worked there for 23 years. Overall, Antonio has taken great pride in the work he has done throughout his life. Currently, Antonio lives in Chino Valley, Arizona next door to his daughter Shirley and son-in-law Bob Hutchinson. He has seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged as three series.

- Series 1: Interview Photographs, 2018 (Voices Unheard: Arizona's Environmental History website)
- Series 2: Artifact Photographs, circa 1950s - 1960s (Voices Unheard: Arizona's Environmental History website)
- Series 3: Digitized Items, 1959 and 2018 - 2019 (Voices Unheard: Arizona's Environmental History website)

Website Listing

Series 1: Interview Photographs, 2018

Voices Unheard: Arizona's Environmental History website

Interview photographs date to 2018. Subjects include Ramírez Olvera and his daughter.

Image 1 Digital photograph of Antonio Ramírez Olvera (interview headshot), Chino Valley, Arizona, 2018.

Image 2 Digital photograph of Antonio Ramírez Olvera with his daughter Shirley Hutchison, Chino Valley, Arizona, 2018.

Series 2: Artifact Photograph, circa 1950s - 1960s

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Artifact photographs circa 1950s – 1960s. Subjects include a lunch box and carbide lamp used in the Iron King Mine.

Image 3 Digital photograph of a brass carbide miner lamp used in the Iron King Mine, Chino Valley, Arizona, circa 1960s.

Image 4 Digital photograph of brass carbide miner lamp used in the Iron King Mine, Chino Valley, Arizona, circa 1960s.

Image 5 Digital photograph of a dark gray plastic Thermos lunch box used in the Iron King Mine, Chino Valley, Arizona, circa 1960s.

Image 6 Digital photograph of a dark gray plastic Thermos lunch box used in the Iron King Mine, Chino Valley, Arizona, circa 1960s.

Series 3: Digitized Items, 1959 and 2018 - 2019

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Digitized items date to 1959 and 2018 - 2019. Subjects include hand written notes and death certificate.

Image 7 Digitized item of Felix “Little Felix” Ramírez Olvera’s certificate of death issued by the Arizona State Department of Health, Prescott, Arizona, 2019.

Image 8

Digitized hand written notes in ink pen converted to a PDF document, notes taken by Shirley Hutchinson in preparation of her father's, Antonio Ramírez Olvera, oral history interview, Chino Valley, Arizona, 2018.