

Consuelo Baca Gonzales photographs collection

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Summary Information

Repository	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
Title	Consuelo Baca Gonzales photographs collection
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1920-1940
Date [inclusive]	circa 1912-1968
Extent	1.5 Linear feet (243 photographs & 63 negatives in 3 boxes)
Language	English
Collection [Box]	1-3

Preferred Citation note

Consuelo Baca Gonzales photographs collection, Ph.00018, History Colorado, Denver, Colo.

Biographical note

Consuelo Baca Gonzales was born in 1906 in Rio Arriba, New Mexico to Fecundo Joseph Baca (1870-1940) and Isabelle (Belle) Garcia Baca (born 1874). In 1927 Consuelo graduated from the Los Angeles General Hospital School of Nursing in California and worked as a county health nurse in Deming, N.M. for many years. She married Miguel A. Gonzales (1877-1957) in 1941 and they had a daughter (Consuelo) Isabel Gonzales born circa 1943. Consuelo was the granddaughter of (Don) Felipe Baca (circa 1829-1874) and (Maria) Delores Gonzales Baca (1831-1915), a prominent Hispanic family, who in 1862, were among the first to settle in the area now known as Trinidad, Colo. Gonzales helped finance the restoration and furnishing of the Baca House in Trinidad, Colo., a family home purchased by Felipe Baca in 1870. Consuelo died in 1989 in Espanola, New Mexico.

Scope and Contents note

This collection contains 243 photographs and 63 film negatives (color and black & white) that depict the life and environs of Consuelo Baca Gonzales, her husband Miguel A. Gonzales, her daughter Isabel, and other family members and friends. The bulk of the collection is snapshots photographed circa 1920-1940 by unidentified photographers. Images document Gonzales' time in nursing school in Los Angeles, Calif. in the late 1920s; the Baca House in Trinidad, Colo.; family travels; and snapshots of the family in the garden and posing with automobiles among other subjects. Collection also includes a studio portrait of Gonzales photographed by the Aultman Studios of Trinidad, Colo.

Arrangement note

The collection materials are arranged in six series:

Series I. Consuelo Baca Gonzales; Series II. Miguel A. Gonzales; Series III. Isabel Gonzales; Series IV. Unidentified people; Series V. Residences; and Series VI. Travels

Administrative Information

Publication Information

History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center

Copyright statement

History Colorado may not hold copyright to all photographs in this collection.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

From the Estate of Consuelo Baca Gonzales in 1989.

Processing Information note

Collection was numbered and arranged according to subject matter by an unidentified processor.
Collection was further arranged and described by Emily Moazami in June 2014.

Related Materials

Other related collections

History Colorado holds the Felix Baca Collection (Mss. 1171), which contains correspondence to and from Felix Baca.

Mixed collections note

History Colorado also holds materials donated by the Estate of Consuelo Baca Gonzales Estate including jewelry, clothing, and academic medals. Please contact History Colorado's Library and Research Center for more information.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- The Baca House. (Trinidad, Colo.). -- Photographs

Family Name(s)

- Baca family -- Photographs
- Gonzales family -- Photographs

Geographic Name(s)

- Los Angeles (Calif.)--Photographs
- New Mexico--Photographs
- Trinidad (Colo.)--Photographs

Occupation(s)

- Nurses--Photographs

Personal Name(s)

- Baca, Isabelle Garcia, born 1874 -- Photographs
- Gonzales, Consuelo Baca, 1906-1989 -- Photographs
- Gonzales, Miguel Antonio, 1877-1957 -- Photographs
- Isabel, Gonzales, born circa 1943 -- Photographs

Subject(s)

- Families--Photographs
- Hispanic Americans--Photographs
- Nursing schools--Photographs

General note

Accession # 89.244

Collection Inventory

Series 1 Consuelo Baca Gonzales (95 photographs)

Box
1 & 3

Scope and Contents note

This series contains 95 images photographed by unidentified photographer(s) circa 1920-1968. Images depicting Consuelo Baca Gonzales include a 1922 San Antonio high school class photograph with students posing outside their school building; images with family and friends; and photographs outside the Baca House in Trinidad, Colo. Photographs of note include a series of snapshots documenting Gonzales as a student at the Los Angeles General Hospital School of Nursing circa 1925-1927. These images depict Gonzales and her fellow nursing students in their uniforms, studying for board exams, and posing with teachers. Other photographs of note include a studio portrait of Gonzales and Isabel circa 1950-1959.

Series 2 Miguel A. Gonzales (19 photographs and 2 negatives)

Box
1

Scope and Contents note

This series contains 19 snapshots and 2 negatives of Miguel A. Gonzales, husband to Consuelo Baca Gonzales, photographed by unidentified photographer(s) circa 1940-1950. Majority of the photographs depict Gonzales posing outdoors in gardens and in front of residential buildings in New Mexico among other locations. One photograph of note is a snapshot of Gonzales in his Navy sailor uniform circa 1938-1944.

Series 3 Isabel Gonzales (31 photographs and 19 negatives)

Box
1

Scope and Contents note

Unidentified people

This series contains 31 photos and 19 negatives depicting Isabel Gonzales, daughter of Consuelo Baca Gonzales, circa 1943-1955. These images depict Gonzales as a baby and as a young girl posing outdoors.

Series 4 Unidentified people (72 photographs and 20 negatives)

Box
2 & 3

Scope and Contents note

This series contains 72 photographs and 20 negatives documenting unidentified family and friends of Consuelo Baca Gonzales, photographed by unidentified photographer(s) circa 1920-1940. These photographs include studio portraits and snapshots of people posing in residential yards, on beaches, and in the mountains in such places as California, Colorado, and New Mexico among other locations. Photographs of note include a composite of 9 vignette portraits of a family, probably depicting one of the Baca lineages circa 1920-1929 and negatives of a group standing in next to a biplane also circa 1920-1929.

Series 5 Residences (12 photographs and 22 negatives)

Box
2

Scope and Contents note

This series contains 12 photographs and 22 negatives circa 1920-1940 depicting the interiors and exteriors of residences, probably owned or rented by Consuelo Baca Gonzales and family. Possible locations photographed include Los Angeles, Calif., Colorado, and New Mexico. Photographs of note include negatives possibly documenting the interior of the Baca House in Trinidad, Colo.

Series 6 Travels (13 photographs and 1 negative)

Box
2

Scope and Contents note

This series contains 13 photographs and 1 negative photographed by unknown photographers circa 1920-1940. These snapshots depict travels to various locations around the United States including California, Colorado, and possibly New Mexico.