

## **26. Geographic Place Names and Area Terminology, ORPI, 1946-64**

“Organ Pipe National Monument Resource Report,” May, 1950, Folder: Geographic Place Names and Area Terminology, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, 1946-64, Box 1957, Administrative Files, RG 79, NARA-MD.

This report details mining and grazing that was done in the area of the National Monument. Within these sections the land and grazing rights of several different individual owners is described. Also discussed is the location of water and problems that the National Monument has including the U.S.-Mexico border in the south of the Monument. The report comments that it is deplorable that this land has not been set aside as a national park and protected given its unique flora and fauna.

U.S. House of Representatives, *Establishment of Arizona Desert National Park*, HR 6234.81<sup>st</sup> Cong., 1<sup>st</sup> sess., Referred to *the Committee on Public Lands* (September 27, 1949).

This is a proposed bill by Mr. Patten to set aside land as the Arizona Desert National Park. It is set to be administered by the National Park Service and the lands to be protected by the U.S. government.

Alfred C. Edwards, Ajo, AZ, to Newton B. Drury, Washington D.C., August 16, 1949, Folder: Geographic Place Names and Area Terminology, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, 1946-64, Box 1957, Administrative Files, RG 79, NARA-MD.

This is a letter from Alfred C. Edwards to the director of the National Park Service looking to bring the proposed change of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument to Arizona Desert National Park. Edwards recommends this name because the monument boasts more than just the organ pipe cactus but also an outstanding example of a southwestern desert. This change is hoped to bring in not only more visitors to see this unique, incomparable desert environment but also in order to put in place better administration and protection of the area.