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“Historical and Archaeological Aspects of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument,” February 24, 1940, Folder: General (ORPI), Box 2319, Central Classified Files, 1907-49, RG 79, NARA-MD.

This document is a U.S. Department of the Interior report on the Historical and Archaeological Aspects of Organ Pipe cactus National Monument. The report was written by Frederick L. Rath Jr. a Junior Research Technician. The report gives a brief overview of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument’s history. The Papago Indians are mentioned as peoples who inhabited the area. A description of the Papago Indian’s lifestyle and subsistence strategies are included. In addition, a series of contact dates are given. These dates record the known times in which people came in contact with the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument Area. The report also discusses the archaeological sites that have been found in the area as well as what was found at each site. Rath’s report details why Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument should be protected due to its historical and archaeological significance.