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ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS: MANUSCRIPTS

AMERICAN INDIAN ACTIVISTS

Eda Gordon Papers, 1974-2002 (bulk 1974-1983). Research materials relating to Native American groups and topics including Navajo-Hopi land dispute, uranium and other natural resources mining.

National Indian Youth Council Records, 1935-2000 (bulk 1961-1993). Founded in Gallup in 1961 to preserve and establish rights of American Indian people. Extensive Navajo topics.

Sacred Lands Project collection, 1894-1988, (bulk 1984-1988). Interviews relating to resistance toward 1974 Relocation Act. Peter MacDonald, Peterson Zah, Navajo & Hopi elders.

Shirley Hill Witt Papers, 1610-1991. Diverse subject files from 1970s, 80s, including relocation.

Tonantzín Land Institute Records, 1911-2000 (bulk 1981-1997). Land, water, sovereignty, and community organizing of indigenous communities. Extensive Navajo topics.

DINÉ WRITERS

Austin A. Sam Autobiography and Houck Chapter History, 1984-1992. Autobiography, history.

Luci Tapahonso Papers, 1976-[ongoing]. Poetry and short story manuscripts.

EDUCATORS

E.R. Harrington Papers, 1945-1978. Author, teacher. Navajo folklore, geology (Black Mesa).

Glen O. Ream Papers, 1926-1976. Albuquerque principal and writer; "Told in the Twilight" Navajo stories & Navajo Mother Goose Rhymes.

Ladd, Horatio O. Papers, 1879-1932, (bulk 1881-1887). Founder of the Ramona Industrial School for Indian Girls of the Southwest.

University of New Mexico (Santa Fe, N.M.) collection, 1878-1888. Ramona Industrial School.

GOVERNMENT AGENTS, OFFICIALS

D. M. Riordan Papers, 1886-1914. Indian Agent, Fort Defiance. Reports, letterbooks.

Dennis Chávez Papers, 1921-1963. U.S. Senator (NM), 1935-1962. U.S. House of Representatives, Comm. on Indian Affairs, Chair, 1932-1934. Includes files on issues of importance to Navajo tribe.

Fort Wingate (N.M.) Collection, 1934-1991. Includes Code Talker information.

Glenn Leonidas Emmons Papers, 1922-1974. Commissioner of Indian Affairs, BIA, 1953-1961.

Mansfield, Joseph K.F. (Joseph King Fenno), 1803-1862. Inspector General, Report of the Department of New Mexico, 1853.

Michael Steck Papers, 1839-1933, (bulk 1852-1880). Indian Agent (1852-1863) and Superintendent of Indian Affairs for New Mexico (1863-1865).

Richard H. Hanna Papers, 1859-1963. NM Supreme Court Justice, 1912-1919, and attorney specializing in Indian affairs, Spanish law, and water rights. Papers include Navajo Oil Company litigation.

Sophie D. Aberle Papers, 1913-1987. Superintendent, United Pueblos Agency. Also a research director and health consultant. Wide ranging topics include Navajo health, governance, relocation, and land use.

Stacher Family Papers, 1940-1982 (bulk 1980-1982). U.S. Indian Agent and Superintendent of the Indian School, Pueblo Bonito and Crownpoint. History of Crownpoint, coal mining in the Gallup area.

William Zimmerman Papers, 1933-1976. Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs, BIA, 1933-1950; head of Association of American Affairs.

RESEARCHERS: ANTHROPOLOGISTS, HISTORIANS, OTHERS

David M. Brugge Papers, 1904-2004. National Park Service curator (Ganado & Santa Fe), archaeologist, co-founder of Navajo Studies Conference. Papers cover Navajo-Hopi land dispute and other topics.

Frank Reeve Papers, 1787-1968 (bulk 1840-1967). New Mexico historian who specialized in Navajo history from the colonial era through the 19th century.

George P. Hammond Collection, 1933-1956. Navajo-Hopi relations, 1540-1956.

H. Pradt Geographic Survey Papers, 1860-1920. Survey includes Navajo reservation and Chaco Canyon.

Leland Wyman Papers on Navajo Myths and Sandpaintings, 1920-1981. Various stories and recordings.

Mary C. Wheelwright Autobiography and Related Materials, 1942-1984. Museum director and student of Navajo religion. First draft of her autobiography, "Journey Towards Understanding."

Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute Documents, 1854-1984. Research collection documenting Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act of 1974; primarily 1970s-early 80s.

Robert W. Young papers, 1860-1992. Navajo linguist. Papers document language plus Navajo education, employment, welfare, land, livestock, and government.

Ronald J. Kurtz Cañoncito Navajo Research Papers, 1945-1963 (bulk 1957). Research notes and papers for Kurtz' anthropology dissertation on the people of Cañoncito.

TRADERS & OTHERS

Babbitt and Roberts Trading Post Records, 1919-1977, (bulk 1919-1951). Antelope Springs, AZ (Jeddito Valley) trading post records and 1977 interview.

Charles Wright Diaries, 1914-1936. Albuquerque trader; travel to Navajo Reservation.

E. L. Moulton Papers, 1910-1965. Writer, merchant. Navajo social and economic conditions.
Rachael Walcott Papers, 1883-1902 (bulk 1884). Alleged murder by 2 Navajos, 1884.
Marietta Wetherill Drawings and Letter, 1886-[19--] (bulk 1886-1889). Navajo clans and masks.
Yah-ta-hey, New Mexico Real Estate Appraisal, [1968]. Market appraisal of Yah-ta-hey, NM, contains demographic data, commentary on Navajo social & cultural life, tourism & economic development.

PICTORIAL COLLECTIONS

Aberle, Sophie D. 1896-1996. Photos relating to Aberle's work (see archives above). Includes photos of Navajo Farm Training Project and Navajo land erosion.

Anderson, Clinton P., (Senator). c1950-1970. Includes photos of Navajos, ranching, parades.

Bullock, Alice. c1880-c1979. Extensive photo collection includes Navajo and related photos.

Curtis, Edward S. 1906. 9 prints, including "White House Ruins—Canyon de Chelly" and "Navajo Blanket Weaver." See facsimile volumes of "The North American Indian."

Dargan, Marion. 1910-1950. 4 photos, including a Navajo on horseback.

Dehuff, Elizabeth Willis. Primarily 1920-1945. 1,285 photos of Native American and Hispanic peoples, especially Pueblos, Navajo, and Ute tribes.

Emmons, Glenn. 1919-1960. Photos from Emmons' tenure as BIA Commissioner, various Indian groups.

Fort Wingate NM. 1954-1973. 9 snapshots of a Navajo & Anglo Brownie (Girl Scout) Troop.

Gross, Kelly & Company. Photos relating to mercantile business include photos of Canyon de Chelly and Navajo and Hopi people, 1880-1970.

Harrington, Eldred R. c.1930-c.1960. Large collection includes photos of Navajo and Pueblo people, Gallup, Gallup coal mining, and numerous other topics and locations.

Indians of North America (Album). 1920-1950. Photo album of Navajo, Hopi, and Cheyenne Indians.

Indians of North America (General File). c1860-c1950. Wide range of photos include Navajo lifeways.

James, George Wharton. 1890-1909. Photos from writer and promoter of the West, including photos of Navajos and subjects including weaving, baskets, dwellings.

Ladd, Horatio Oliver. c1880-1899. Ramona Industrial School for Indian Girls and other photos, including Navajo students and other Navajo images.

Medler, M.K. 1877-1920. Includes 1 "curious photo of 2 young women joking with Navajo men."

Navajo Uranium Miners Oral History & Photography Project. 1996. 33 photos of former Navajo uranium miners & their families, used in book "Memories Come to Us in the Rain and the Wind."

Photographic Record of the Rainbow Bridge – Monument Valley Expedition. 1933. Expedition photo album includes some photos of Navajo Indians as well as trading posts (Kayenta and Begashebito).

Sinclair, John. 1940-1955. Photos from cowboy author Sinclair, includes 3 folders of Navajo subjects.

Southwest Travel Literature. 1920-1940. 5 postcards, "Pictorial Postcards of the Southwest by Laura Gilpin, Set No. 4, Navaho."

Tintypes. 1860s-1880s. Includes studio portrait of a "seated man wearing a Navajo serape."

Waters, Frank. 1870-1970. Photos include Indians of NM and Arizona – dwellings, arts & crafts, dances.

Writers of the Southwest. 1980-1988. Portrait of Luci Tapahonso, used in book "Literature & Landscape."

Young, Robert W. 1898-1970. Extensive collection documenting Navajo people and reservations. Majority from Young's "A Political History of the Navajo Indians," photos by Ben Wittick and Milton Snow.

Zimmerman, William. 1934-1960. One photo of sculpture of José Herrera, a Navajo shepherd.

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS

American Indian Oral History Collection, 1967-1972. ("Doris Duke Collection.") 406 Navajo recordings, primarily individuals but also community meetings. Additional 200 "Miscellaneous" recordings contain Navajo and American Indian activists subjects (NIYC, NCAI, Alcatraz takeover). Collection also has newsclipping files. Transcripts on microfilm.

Oral History Interviews of the Alamo Navajo Oral History Project, 1977-1984.
Oral History Interviews of the Navajo Uranium Miners Oral History & Photography Proj., 1996-1998.
Oral History Interviews of the Santa Fe Indian School: The First 100 Years Project, 1986-1987.

SOUND ARCHIVES

Charlotte Johnson-Frisbie Collection, 1963-1964. Anthropologist. MU 10.
Donald Roberts Collection, 1961-1968. UNM Fine Arts Librarian. MU 14.
Indian Music of the Southwest and Mexico, 1941-1963. UNM Dept. of Music. MU 5.
Mary Perrine Collection 1959-1964. Teacher. MU 9.
New Mexican Popular Music Collection, 1970-1975. Univ. of Arizona Folklorist. MU 19.
Odd Halseth Collection, 1950-1965. Anthropologist. MU 22.

ARCHITECTURAL ARCHIVES

Bainbridge Bunting. Ganado, Hubbell Trading Post, Ft. Wingate.
Dale Crawford. Navajo Nation, and Tsaile/Wheatfields.
Harvey S. Hoshour, 1961-1988. Several buildings on Navajo reservation.
Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS). Chaco Canyon, Mesa Verde.
John Gaw Meem. Ft. Defiance, Good Shepherd Mission, Episcopal Church.
Richard Milner. Ganado Mission, Crownpoint BIA office, Albuquerque Navajo Methodist Mission.
Small Collections. Several Gallup buildings.
Torres, Robert. Crownpoint.

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