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ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS: MANUSCRIPTS

AMERICAN INDIAN ACTIVISTS


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


DINÉ WRITERS


EDUCATORS


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.

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.

RESEARCHERS: ANTHROPOLOGISTS, HISTORIANS, OTHERS

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


TRADERS & OTHERS

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


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.


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.


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 (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).


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.”


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

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.

SOUND ARCHIVES

Indian Music of the Southwest and Mexico, 1941-1963. UNM Dept. of Music. MU 5.

ARCHITECTURAL ARCHIVES

Dale Crawford. Navajo Nation, and Tsai/Weatfields.
Small Collections. Several Gallup buildings.
Torres, Robert. Crownpoint.

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