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We respectfully present this guide to the people of the Navajo Nation whose knowledge and voices are represented here. This guide was originally developed for use by the Navajo Studies Conference.

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Inventories at rmoa.unm.edu

ACTIVISTS

- Eda Gordon Papers, 1974-2002 (bulk 1974-1983).** Papers of lawyer and activist include Navajo-Hopi land dispute, uranium and other natural resources mining.
- John Redhouse Papers, 1972-2006.** Papers of Diné activist relate to sovereignty, environmental justice.
- LaDonna Harris Papers and Americans for Indian Opportunity Records, 1953-2010.** Documents LaDonna Harris' life as an activist and AIO's four decades of advocacy and development projects related to the needs and rights of Native Americans. Includes many Navajo Nation projects.
- Lisa Law Big Mountain Weaving Project and Santa Fe Big Mountain Defense Support Group Papers, 1974-2007.** Papers and photographs of activist, photographer, filmmaker. Photos are online.
- 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.
- Roger A. Finzel American Indian Movement Papers, 1965-1995.** Navajo energy development manuscript.
- 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.
- Tonantzin Land Institute Records, 1911-2000 (bulk 1981-1997).** Land, water, sovereignty, and community organizing of indigenous communities. Extensive Navajo topics.

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 Ramona Industrial School for Indian Girls of the Southwest.
- University of New Mexico Navajo Reading Study Records, 1940-1979.** Records of study to investigate feasibility & effect of teaching Navajo children to read in Navajo language before English.
- University of New Mexico (Santa Fe, N.M.) collection, 1878-1888.** Ramona Industrial School.

GOVERNMENT AGENTS, OFFICIALS & MILITARY

- 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.
- Documents from the Archivo General de La Nación de México and other related archives, 1520-1878.** Spanish Colonial records document relations with Navajo on many topics. From AGN, Mexico City.
- Documents from the Archivo General de Indias and other related archives, 1508-1821.** Spanish Colonial records document relations with Navajo on many topics. From AGI, Sevilla, Spain.
- Fort Wingate (N.M.) Collection, 1934-1991.** Includes Code Talker information.
- Glenn Leonidas Emmons Papers, 1922-1974.** Commissioner of Indian Affairs, BIA, 1953-1961.
- John Singel letters concerning Navajo attacks on Fort Defiance, N.M., 1857-circa 2009.** 3 letters of soldier stationed at Fort Defiance, late 1850s.
- Joseph K.F. Mansfield (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.

Donald Lee Parman Papers, 1883-1994. Correspondence, research for book on Navajos and the New Deal.

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. Linguist worked extensively with Navajo language. 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.

Viola Cordova Papers, 1956-2002. Navajo philosophy dissertation & more by Native philosopher.

Virginia Dooley papers from her personal life and business relationship with R.C. Gorman, 1916-2008. Photographs, letters, documents and video about Navajo artist R.C. Gorman.

William A. Keleher Papers, 1714-1999. Historian's papers include various Navajo documents.

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.

WRITERS

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

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

Tony Hillerman Papers,

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PICTORIAL COLLECTIONS

Inventories at rmoa.unm.edu

Collections listed as Online can be found at econtent.unm.edu under CSWR Pictorial Collections.

- Alice Bullock**, c1880-c1979. Extensive photo collection includes Navajo and related photos.
- Clinton P. Anderson, (U.S. Senator)**. c1950-1970. Includes photos of Navajos, ranching, parades.
- Edward S. Curtis**, 1906. 9 prints, including "White House Ruins—Canyon de Chelly" and "Navajo Blanket Weaver." See facsimile volumes of "The North American Indian" in LIBROS catalog.
- Eldred R. Harrington**, c.1930-c.1960. Large collection includes photos of Navajo and Pueblo people, Gallup, Gallup coal mining, and numerous other topics and locations.
- Elizabeth Willis Dehuff**. Primarily 1920-1945. 1,285 photos of Native American and Hispanic peoples, especially Pueblos, Navajo, and Ute tribes. Online.
- Father Agnelius Lammert**, 1917-1983. Film of Navajo weaver and several photos. Partially online.
- Fort Wingate NM**. 1954-1973. 9 snapshots of a Navajo & Anglo Brownie (Girl Scout) Troop.
- Frank Waters**, 1870-1970. Photos include Indians of NM and Arizona – dwellings, arts & crafts, dances.
- George Wharton James**. 1890-1909. Photos from writer and promoter of the West, including photos of Navajos and subjects including weaving, baskets, dwellings.
- Glenn Emmons**, 1919-1960. Photos from Emmons' tenure as BIA Commissioner, various Indian groups.
- Gross, Kelly & Company**. Photos relating to mercantile business include photos of Canyon de Chelly and Navajo and Hopi people, 1880-1970. Online.
- Horatio Oliver Ladd**, c1880-1899. Ramona Industrial School for Indian Girls and other photos, including Navajo students and other Navajo images.
- 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.
- John Sinclair**, 1940-1955. Photos from cowboy author Sinclair, includes 3 folders of Navajo subjects.
- Lee Marmon, 1936-2010**. Navajo and Native American photos from professional photographer Marmon of Laguna NM. Partially online, many being added.
- Louise Rapaport**, 1947-1952. Photos of Navajo families. Online.
- M. K. Medler**, 1877-1920. Includes 1 "curious photo of 2 young women joking with Navajo men."
- Marion Dargan**, 1910-1950. 4 photos, including a Navajo on horseback.
- Nancy Tucker**, 1882-1986. Various photos of Navajos and Southwest culture. Online.
- 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 photos of people as well as trading posts (Kayenta and Begashebito).
- Robert W. Young**, 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.
- Sophie D. Aberle**, 1896-1996. Photos relating to Aberle's governmental and research work. Includes photos of Navajo Farm Training Project and Navajo land erosion.
- Southwest Travel Literature**. 1920-1940. 5 postcards, "Pictorial Postcards of the Southwest by Laura Gilpin, Set No. 4, Navaho."
- Stephen Strom, 1979-2010**. Navajo Nation and Northwest New Mexico landscape photos. Online.
- Tintypes**. 1860s-1880s. Includes studio portrait of a "seated man wearing a Navajo serape."
- William A. Keleher**, 1840-1970. Navajo sandpaintings. Online.
- William Zimmerman**. 1934-1960. One photo of sculpture of José Herrera, a Navajo sheepherder.
- Writers of the Southwest**. 1980-1988. Portrait of Luci Tapahonso, used in book "Literature & Landscape."

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ORAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS

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American Indian Oral History Collection, 1967-1972. (“Doris Duke Collection.”) 406 Navajo interviews, primarily individuals but also community meetings. Additional 200 “miscellaneous” recordings contain Navajo and American Indian activists subjects (NIYC, NCAI, Alcatraz takeover). Also Navajo subject newsclipping files. Navajo interview transcripts online at econtent.unm.edu.

Oral history Interview with Richard Wetherill II, 1977. Chaco Canyon and Mesa Verde.

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.

Sally Noe Collection of Gallup Oral Histories and Southwest Native American Music, circa 1920-2011.

SOUND ARCHIVES: Music and Interviews

Inventories at rmoa.unm.edu

Charlemaud Curtis Collection of Southwestern Music, Interviews and Programs, 1960-1987. Navajo music and dance recordings, including workshops.

Charlotte Johnson-Frisbie Collection, 1963-1964. Anthropologist.

Donald Roberts Collection, 1961-1968. UNM Fine Arts Librarian.

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

James B. Wright Collection of Southwestern Native American and Hispanic Music, Interviews and Literary Programs, 1973-1986. UNM Fine Arts librarian.

John Donald Robb Field Recordings, 1942-1979. Ethnomusicologist. Some Navajo music. Online at econtent.unm.edu.

Manuel Archuleta collection of Pueblo Indian, Navajo and Hopi music, ca. 1940.

Mary Perrine Collection 1959-1964. Teacher.

New Mexican Popular Music Collection, 1970-1975. Univ. of Arizona folklorist.

Odd Halseth Collection, 1950-1965. Anthropologist.

ARCHITECTURAL ARCHIVES

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Bainbridge Bunting. Ganado, Hubbell Trading Post, Ft. Wingate.

Dale Crawford. Navajo Nation, and Tsaile/Wheatfields.

Hal Dean Drawings and Plans, 1968-1996. Navajo Community College drawings.

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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