

MS-40

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Title

Western Speleological Institute collection

Dates

1929, 1953-1955

Extent

18.8 cm textual material, 15 maps, 3 photographic images (3 prints)

Administrative History

The Western Speleological Institute (W.S.I.) was organized in the early 1950s through the efforts of staff at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Individuals involved were Arthur Lange, Raymond deSaussure, and Phil Orr. There is no documentation to suggest that the W.S.I. continued past the late 1950s.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of materials related to expedition discoveries and are manifest in various notes and maps. Noted caves are found in Coconino County (Disc Cave, Government Cave), Yavapai County (Montezuma Well Cave, Allan Springs Cave, Ghost Cave), and the Grand Canyon region (Cylinder Cave, Fortress Unvanquishable Cave, Luka Cave, Olla Cave, Stanton's Spring Cave, Roaring Springs Cave, Cave of the Domes, Tooth Cave, Tsean Cho Cave, Tsean Olje Cave, Tsean Kaetan Cave, Tsean Sha Cave, White Caves).

System of Arrangement

Collection is arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Expedition notes and maps

Series 2: Administration

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated by Arthur Lange and Raymond deSaussure in 1964 (MS-40)

Related Archival Materials

Many records of the W.S.I. can be found at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Description Control

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Series 1: Expedition notes and maps

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Series 1: Expedition notes and maps				
File #	File Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/Folder
MS-40-1-1	Disc Cave	Undated	0.1 cm textual	Asst. Box 2.1
MS-40-1-2	Government Cave	1929, 1953	0.1 cm textual, 1 map	Asst. Box 2.2, MF 1.3
MS-40-1-3	Yavapai County Caves	1954	0.2 cm textual, 3 maps	Asst. Box 2.3, MF 1.3
MS-40-1-4	Grand Canyon Caves	1953-1954	0.3 cm textual, 11 maps, 3 prints	Asst. Box 2.4, MF 1.3
MS-40-1-5	WSI Catalog of specimens	1954-1955	18 cm textual	Asst. Box 2.5, Card Box 1

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Series 2: Administration

Dates

1953-1954

Extent

0.1 cm textual material

Series 2: Administration				
File #	File Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/Folder
MS-40-2-1	W.S.I. map numbers, prices	1953-1954	0.1 cm textual	Asst. Box 2.6

LCSH Access Points

Caves -- Arizona

deSaussure, Raymond

Grand Canyon National Park (Ariz.)

Montezuma Well (Yavapai County, Ariz.)

Speleology