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Title

James Simmons collection

Dates

1928, 1935

Extent

.5 cm textual records

Biographical History

James W. Simmons, amateur archaeologist, became known during the 1930s for discovering Black Mesa and Perry Mesa on either side of the Agua Fria River. Both sites would later become important archaeological sites. Simmons documented a great deal of his archaeological work, particularly related to pueblos and petroglyphs, through reports funded by the Federal Writer's Project.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of Simmons' letters to "Friend Preston" regarding the work and conditions on his excavations. It also includes a typed copy of his report, "A Walnut Canyon Late Pueblo II and III Site"

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Materials were donated to the Museum of Northern Arizona by Julian Hayden in 1962

Related Archival Material

- Papers and reports of J.W. Simmons are held by the Arizona State Museum
- Copies of Arizona State Museum materials are housed in the MNA Historic Reference Collections, MS-46

Description Control

Finding aid written by Libby Coyner using *DACS*, 22 July 2009

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File #	File Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/File
MS-6-1	James Simmons correspondence	1935	.25 cm textual	Asst. Box 1.5
MS-6-2	“A Walnut Canyon Late Pueblo II and III Site”	1928, 1935	.25 cm textual	Asst. Box 1.6

LCSH Access Points

Archaeology

Black Mesa Archaeological Project

Black Mesa (Navajo County and Apache County, Ariz.)

Perry Mesa Archaeological District (Ariz.)

Simmons, James W.

Walnut Canyon National Monument (Ariz.)