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Title

Bruce Babbitt collection

Dates

1960

Extent

0.5 cm textual material

Biographical History

Bruce E. Babbitt was born in 1938 and was raised in Flagstaff where his family lived and worked as ranchers and traders. As a student, he attended the Notre Dame University and the University of New Castle where he pursued an education in geology and geophysics. Later he shifted his attention to law and politics and attended Harvard Law School.

Babbitt enjoyed an active political career both at the state and national levels. From 1975 to 1978 Babbitt served as Arizona's Attorney General. From 1978 to 1987 he served as Governor of Arizona. In 1988 he staged a failed bid for the Democratic Party's nomination for President. During the Carter administration, Babbitt served on the President's Commission on the Accident at Three Mile Island. In 1993 he was appointed the United States Secretary of the Interior by Bill Clinton, where he served until 2001.

Throughout his career Babbitt was an active environmentalist. In fact, it is believed that he was passed over as a candidate for the United States Supreme Court because of his environmental leanings. For a number of years he led the League of Conservation Voters. As Secretary of the Interior, he created the National League of Landscape Conservation and in 1996 he campaigned to maintain the Environmental Species Act of 1973. After his political retirement Babbitt took up working in environmental litigation for an international law firm and continued to advocate preservation of ecosystems and landscapes.

Scope and Content

Collection contains a manuscript of "Composition, Distribution and Sources of the Triassic Chinle Conglomerates," by Bruce E. Babbitt, which he wrote as an undergraduate at Notre Dame.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection was donated in 1964 by Bruce E. Babbitt

Description Control

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MS-44-1	Composition, Distribution and Sources of the Triassic Chinle Conglomerates	1960	0.5 cm textual	Asst. Box 2.7

LCSH Access Points

Babbitt, Bruce E.

Chinle Formation

Geology, Stratigraphic – Triassic