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Title

Harry E. (Two Guns) Miller collection

Dates

1923-1929, 1943-1988, predominant 1946-1951

Extent

6.5 cm textual material, 5 photographic images (5 prints)

Biographical History

Harry Miller, also known as “Indian” or “Two Guns” is most famously remembered for being the name sake of the ghost town Two Guns located on Interstate 40 east of Flagstaff. Miller ran a trading store and zoo at this location during the period around 1925. Around 1940 Miller left Arizona for Lupton, New Mexico where he became an amateur archaeologist. Miller believed that he had discovered the “real” route of Coronado and the Seven Cities of Cibola in the Lupton area. He was also an editor and author, having edited *The Mocassin* magazine in the 1920s, written *Philosophy of Universality* in 1929, and self-published a series of poetry books, *Songs of the Navajo Sea*, between 1946 and 1951. He died in 1952.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of Miller’s excavation bulletins and notes on his work in the Lupton area, news paper clippings, correspondence between Miller, Dr. Harold Colton, the Department of the Interior, and other archaeologists. Also included are various biographical notes and photographs. There are also various published materials written by Miller, including a complete 35-volume set of *Songs of the Navajo Sea*.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was donated by Dr. Harold S. Colton in 1964 and Jeanne duBuy Miller Spaziani, the grand niece of Harry E. Miller in 1988 (Accession MS-49).

Description Control

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File #	File Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/Folder
MS-49-1	Biographical information	1967, 1988	0.5 cm textual, 5 prints	1.1
MS-49-2	News Articles	1946	0.5 cm textual	1.2
MS-49-3	Excavation Bulletins	1946-1949	1 cm textual	1.3
MS-49-4	Research correspondence	1943-1951	0.5 cm textual	1.4
MS-49-5	The Moccasin	1923-1924	0.5 cm textual	1.5
MS-49-6	Philosophy of Universality	1929	0.5 cm textual	1.6
MS-49-7	Songs of the Navajo Sea	1946-1951	3 cm textual	1.7

LCSH Access Points

Cibola, Seven Cities of
Coronado, Francisco Vásquez de, 1510-1554
Lupton (Ariz.)
Miller, Harry E. (Harry Edgar), d. 1952
Trading posts – Arizona
Two Guns (Ariz.)