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Title

Flora Bailey collection

Dates

1938-1974

Extent

1.8 linear feet (56 cm) textual material, 6 cowry shells

Biographical History

Flora Bailey (1909-1974) began her career in 1938 as a physical education teacher. During the school year she worked with her elementary students, but her summers she devoted to research and travel. Between 1938 and 1942 she spent time on the Navajo reservation conducting field research on the problems of cultural anthropology, particularly on subjects of medical and religious practices. She was associated with the University of New Mexico as an instructor in ethnology, and with the Museum of Northern Arizona as a research associate. In addition to anthropological articles, Bailey also published books for children.

Scope and Content

This collection contains a number of Bailey's manuscripts including her PhD thesis, several articles and two children's books. Additionally there are a large number of Bailey's notes, some correspondence, and biographical information.

System of Arrangement

The collection is arranged in the following series:

- Series 1: Writings
- Series 2: Other Notes
- Series 3: Correspondence
- Series 4: Biographical information

Conditions Governing Access

This collection contains items that are restricted due to the culturally sensitive nature of the subject matter (Navajo cultural practices and language). The restriction was placed on March 8, 2007. Contact the Museum of Northern Arizona Archivist for more information.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection was donated by Flora Bailey in 1967

Publication Note

Bailey, Flora (1940). Navajo Foods and Cooking Methods. *American Anthropologist* 42 (2).
Separates Cabinet 8934

Bailey, Flora (1947). *The Beliefs and Practices of Navajo Indians, Pertaining to the reproductive Cycle*.

Separates Cabinet 24171

Bailey, Flora (1948). *Summer at Yellow Singer's*. New York: The Macmillan Company.
813 B154s

Bailey, Flora (1948). Suggested Techniques for Inducing Navaho Women to Accept Hospitalization During Childbirth and for Implementing Health Education. *American Journal of Public Health*: 38(10).

Separates Cabinet 24170

Bailey, Flora (1948). *Between the Four Mountains*. New York: The Macmillan Company.
813 B154b

Description Control

Finding aid written by Lauren Johnson using DACS, 11 Dec 2009

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Series 1: Writings

Dates

1938 to 1949

Extent

29 cm textual material, 6 cowry shells

Scope and Content

Series contains a number of Bailey's manuscripts including three articles: *Navajo Food and Cooking Methods*, *Two Examples of Ritual as an Adjustive Response to Anxiety*, and *Suggestions for Implementing Health Education among the Navajo*, a rewrite of a Navajo legend entitled *Snakes are Holy People*, Bailey's two children's novels: *Summer at Yellow Singer's* (including illustrations) and *Between the Four Mountains*, and Bailey's PhD thesis: *The Beliefs and Practices of Navajo Indians, Pertaining to the reproductive Cycle*. Also included in this series are Baileys extensive thesis field notes and a small box of cowry shells.

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Series 1: Writings				
File #	File Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/Folder
MS-90-1-1	<i>Navajo Food and Cooking Methods</i>	1939	1 cm textual	Box 1.1
MS-90-1-2	<i>Snakes are Holy People</i>	1940	0.5 cm textual	Box 1.2
MS-90-1-3	<i>Two Examples of Ritual as an Adjustive Response to Anxiety</i>	1944	0.5 cm textual	Box 1.3
MS-90-1-4	<i>Suggestions for Implementing Health Education among the Navajo</i>	1947	0.5 cm textual	Box 1.4
MS-90-1-5	Thesis	1947	5 cm textual	Box 1.5 to Box 1.6
MS-90-1-6	Thesis Field Notes	1938-1942	16 cm textual, 6 cowry shells	Box 1.7 to Box 2.5
MS-90-1-7	<i>Summer at Yellow Singer's</i>	1948	3 cm textual	Box 3.1
MS-90-1-8	<i>Between the Four Mountains</i>	1949	2.5 cm textual	Box 3.2

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Series 2: Other Notes

Dates

circa 1940-1950

Extent

21 cm textual material

Scope and Content

Series contains notes used for various publications, speeches and lectures. Notes are included on *Navajo Food and Cooking Methods*, motor habits, vocabulary, plants, children, basketry, ceremonies and religion, while other personal journals/logs and speeches are also included.

Series 2: Other Notes				
File#	File Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/Folder
MS-90-2-1	Notes	circa 1940-1950	21 cm textual	Box 3.3 to Box 4.6

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Series 3: Correspondence

Dates

1939-1970

Extent

5 cm textual material

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Scope and Content

Series contains correspondence mostly pertaining to Bailey's publications, such as letters from publishers, editors and contributors and institutions to which copies were sent. There are also letters from friends, family, and fans.

Series 3: Correspondence				
File #	File Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/Folder
MS-90-3-1	Correspondence	1939-1970	5 cm textual	Box 5.1 to Box 5.2

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Series 4: Biographical Information

Dates

1962-1974

Extent

1 cm textual material

Scope and Content

This series is comprised of a number of biographical documents about Bailey written for publicity purposes.

Series 4: Biographical Information				
File #	File Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/Folder
MS-90-4-1	Biographical Information	1962-1974	1 cm textual	Box 5.3

LCSH Access Points

Bailey, Flora L.

Navajo Indians—Folklore

Navajo Indians—Juvenile fiction

Navajo Indians—Medicine

Navajo Indians—Religion

Navajo Indians—Rites and ceremonies

Navajo Indians—Social life and customs