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Title

Glen Canyon Project Archaeology collection

Dates

1958-1961

Extent

13 notebooks, 1.1 cm textual material, 1 map

Name of Creator(s)

Adams, William Yewdale, 1927-
Ambler, J. Richard
Lindsay, Alexander J.
Long, Paul V., 1933-

Biographical History

In 1956 Congress authorized the construction of the Glen Canyon Dam, a project which would inundate 153,000 acres of the Glen and San Juan canyons with flood water. This region had seen thousands of years of human occupation and thus the Federal Antiquities Act of 1906 made it necessary for the archaeological remains of the area to be studied scientifically before they could be destroyed. In 1958 the National Park Service contracted with the University of Utah and the Museum of Northern Arizona for a geological study of the area and archaeological salvage work. The Glen Canyon Project had as its goal the development of a systematic program aimed at the general reconstruction of the prehistory the Glen Canyon region. This objective was complicated by 90 years of haphazard archaeological work (no fewer than 37 expeditions between 1896 and 1957) in the region. Between 1958 and 1961 the project surveyed open pueblos, cliff dwellings, boulder sites, petroglyphs, prehistoric foothold trails, basket maker and lithic sites. Additionally, an effort was made to match sites with previous expeditions, to place these expeditions in chronological sequence and thereby reconstruct the history of archaeology in the Glen Canyon Basin.

Scope and Content

Collection contains a manuscript of "Inventory of Archaeological Sites in Lower Glen Canyon (Preliminary report on the Gene Foster Archaeological Surveys), 1952-1958," by Dr. William Y. Adams, which includes a map showing archaeology sites along Lower Glen Canyon and the Colorado River. Additionally, there are 13 field notebooks which were produced by William Y. Adams, A.J. Lindsay, J. Richard Ambler and Paul V. Long during the project.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Materials were donated in 1967 and 2007

Description Control

Finding aid written by Lauren Johnson using *DACS*, 15 January 2010

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Item #	Item Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/Folder
MS-102-1-1	Manuscript "Inventory of Archaeological Sites in Lower Glen Canyon"	1959	1 cm textual, 1 map	Box 1.1
MS-102-1-2	Index to William W. Adams field notebooks	1957-1959	0.1 cm textual	Box 1.2
MS-102-1-3	William Y Adams field notebook I	1957-1958	1 notebook	Box 1.2
MS-102-1-4	William Y Adams field notebook II	1958	1 notebook	Box 1.2
MS-102-1-5	William Y Adams field notebook III	1958	1 notebook	Box 1.2
MS-102-1-6	William Y Adams field notebook IV	1958-1959	1 notebook	Box 1.3
MS-102-1-7	William Y Adams field notebook V	1959	1 notebook	Box 1.3
MS-102-1-8	A.J. Lindsay field notebook IV	1958	1 notebook	Box 1.3
MS-102-1-9	A.J. Lindsay field notebook	1958-1959	1 notebook	Box 1.4
MS-102-1-10	A.J. Lindsay field notebook 1959 [1]	1959	1 notebook	Box 1.4
MS-102-1-11	A.J. Lindsay field notebook 1959 [2]	1959	1 notebook	Box 1.4
MS-102-1-12	A.J. Lindsay field notebook	1960	1 notebook	Box 1.5
MS-102-1-13	J. Richard Ambler field notebook Apr. 1961	1961	1 notebook	Box 1.5
MS-102-1-14	J. Richard Ambler field notebook 1961	1961	1 notebook	Box 1.5
MS-102-1-15	Paul V. Long Jr. field notebook April 10, 1959 - April 25, 1960.	1959-1960	1 notebook	Box 1.6

LCSH Access Points

Adams, William Yewdale, 1927-

Ambler, J. Richard

Glen Canyon (Utah and Ariz.)

Glen Canyon (Utah and Ariz.) Antiquities.

Glen Canyon Dam (Ariz.)

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