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Title

Platt Cline collection

Dates

1876-1979

Extent

5 linear inches

Name of Creator(s)

Cline, Platt

Biographical History

Platt Herrick Cline (1911-2001) was born to Gilbert and Jessie Hatfield Baker Cline in Mancos, Colorado, spending his formative years in Mancos. Cline graduated from Mancos High School and New Mexico Military Institute in 1930, attending the University of Colorado at Boulder for one year.

Platt Cline made his first visit to Flagstaff in 1932, falling in love with the community. Cline's journalism career started as a reporter for The Mancos Times-Tribune, going on to work for the Norwood Post-Independent, as an Associated Press correspondent, the Coconino Sun, the Winslow Mail, and the Holbrook Tribune-News. In 1936 Cline married Barbara Decker Cline; they had one son (Robert), two grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. In 1938 Platt and Barbara moved to Flagstaff permanently, with Platt going to work for the Arizona Daily Sun. Platt worked as advertising manager, reporter, becoming the editor in 1946. Cline would eventually go on to become the publisher and president of the publication.

Cline was a tireless advocate for the community of Flagstaff focusing on better relations with Native Americans, better housing, and with significant contributions to assisting with the transition of Arizona State Teachers College to becoming Northern Arizona University. Cline also authored several books regarding the history of Flagstaff, including: *They came to the mountain : the story of Flagstaff's beginnings* in 1976, *Mountain campus : the story of Northern Arizona University* in 1983, and *Mountain town: Flagstaff's first century* in 1994.

Scope and Content

This collection contains correspondence, photographic material, photocopies of legal documents and charts, and audio recordings pertaining to Cline's research for his book about the history of Flagstaff and the Hopi language.

System of Arrangement

Materials are arranged into three series:

- Series 1: Flagstaff History
- Series 2: Photographs
- Series 3: Hopi Language Recordings

Conditions Governing Access

Materials are available for research.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

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Languages and Scripts of the Materials

All materials are in English

Custodial History

Materials in Series 1 and 2 were in Platt Cline's possession until donation. Materials in Series 3 were briefly in the possession of scholar P. David Seaman in use for preparation of his Hopi dictionary.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Materials were donated by Platt Cline in 1976.

Accruals

No accruals expected.

Related Archival Materials

NAU.MS.91, Platt Cline Collection. Cline Library, Special Collections and Archives Department, Northern Arizona University.

Publication Note

Some of these materials were used as research for Cline's publication, *They Came to the Mountain: the story of Flagstaff's Beginnings*, Northern Arizona University Press, Flagstaff, 1976.

Description Control

Finding aid written by Aaron Spelbring using *DACS*, 27 February 2012. Updated by Melissa VanOtterloo 1 November 2012.

Inventory

Series 1: Flagstaff History

Box 1 Folder 1 Flagstaff history [photocopies], 1876-1979, n.d.

Series 2: Photographs

Box 1 Folder 2 Logging Camp Photographs, n.d.

Box 1 Folder 3 Photographs and Negatives of Jimmy Kewanwytewa, ca. 1950s

Series 3: Hopi Language Recordings

Box 1 Reel 1-3 Migration legend and statement by Andrew Hermequaftewa, translation by Thomas Banyacya, recorded by Platt Cline with assistance from Meredith M. Guillet, 1952

Box 1 Reel 4 Andrew Hermequaftewa, speaking in Hopi, no translation, 1952

Box 1 Reel 5-6 Statement by Dan Katchongva of Hotevilla, speaking in Hopi, no translation, taped by Platt Cline, 1952

Box 1 Reel 7-8 Hopi language lessons with Walter, 1952

Box 1 DDS 1-2 Copy of reels 1-3

Box 1 DDS 3 Copy of reel 4

Box 1 DDS 3-4 Copy of reel 5-6

Box 1 DDS 5 Copy of reel 7-8

Box 1 CD 1-6 Copy of reels 1-8

Box 1 CDR 1-7 Copy of reels 1-8

LCSH Access Points

Hopi language

Hopi mythology

Hopi philosophy

Logging—Arizona—History

Lumber camps—Arizona

Arizona—History