

## MS-218

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### **Title**

Editha L. Watson collection

### **Dates**

1900s-1978

### **Extent**

193.6 cm (6.35 linear feet) textual material, 883 photographic images (882 prints, 36 safety negatives, 1 slide), 14 maps

### **Biographical History**

Editha Latta Watson (14 June 1892 – 27 January 1975) was born in Denver, Colorado to attorney and newspaper publisher, Robert H. Latta, and his wife Sara. Watson's parents encouraged her to write at a young age and her first known publication was at age 9. It is possible that during the first half of her life she went by the pseudonym Eleanor C. Kay, a pen name that appears on several of her manuscripts.

Watson attended the University of Colorado-Boulder (UCB), presumably to study anthropology. It was at UCB that she met Harry W. Watson, a merchant from Pinos Altos, New Mexico. She quit school and the couple married on 28 December 1912. They had three children: William Robert, Sarah, and Jean [Eckard]. The marriage ended in divorce in 1923 and Watson returned to UCB and earned her bachelor of science; she was not allowed to see her children again until they were adults. After she graduated, Watson was made editor of her father's newspapers, the Colorado Graphic and the Barnum Graphic, from 1927-1945 when she sold the papers.

After she left the newspaper business, Watson was encouraged by Anthropologist Dr. Ruth Underhill to go into the Indian Service. She left Denver to become an information specialist with the central office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in Chicago. She worked for the BIA for 9 years in Phoenix, Tuba City, and Window Rock. In 1955, Watson took a position as an area consultant with the Save the Children Federation for the next 3 ½ years until she reached age 65. From 1957-1958, Watson worked at Ft. Defiance as chief medical clerk, and from 1959-1960 she worked as an administrative assistant for the Cornell University Health Project. After the Project, Watson went back to Window Rock and worked as a research associate for the newly-created Research Section of the Navajo Parks and Recreation Department. During the next decade she also worked as an editor for the Navajo Tribal Land Claim and librarian of the Tribe.

Watson retired in 1971 but continued to do freelance work for the Navajo Tribe until her death. In 1974, she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Navajo Humane Philosophies

by the Navajo Community College. Watson was working on a book on *Navajo Sacred Places* - a project that was started by Richard Van Valkenburgh between 1933 and 1955 then taken over and expanded by Clyde Kluckhohn and Dr. Prufer - when her health began failing. She asked Stephen C. Jett, a professor of Geography for the University of California, to edit and finish the book for her. The manuscript was never completed. Throughout her life Watson was an active member in countless archeological and women's societies. She passed away in Gallup, NM in 1975.

### **Scope and Content**

This collection contains records created by Watson largely during her time in the Southwest. The bulk of the materials are writings and research notes created by Watson, many of which were formally published in a variety of journals. The predominant focus of Watson's writing and research was the Navajo people, the Navajo reservation, and a multitude of aspects of Navajo culture. Included in these records are Watson's work on *Navajo Sacred Places* and some of Stephen Jett's subsequent drafts. Watson also wrote extensively on other cultural groups in the Southwest and beyond, as well as topics related to the old west.

Another significant bulk of material in this collection relates to Watson's involvement with the Navajo Land Claims office; she was charged with editing and indexing a substantial land claim against the federal government in the 1950s and 1960s. Included in this collection are extensive research notes and photographs used for the land claim. Other professional involvements of Watson's are reflected in her employment with the Navajo Tribe, including correspondence and paperwork related to her work in the Navajo health community, the Navajo Tribal Parks & Recreation department (information leaflets and bulletins), and the Navajo Tribal government (election mail outs, council meeting minutes, tribal museum information).

Also included are extensive correspondence files related to Watson's personal and professional life, as well as biographical information on Watson herself.

### **System of Arrangement**

Series 1: Biographical Information

Series 2: Writings

Subseries 2.1: Navajo

Subsubseries 2.1.1: Original Manuscripts by Watson

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Series 3: Correspondence

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Subseries 4.1: Navajo Land Claims

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Subseries 4.1.1: Navajo Land Claims Documents

Subseries 4.1.2: Navajo Land Claims Photographs

Subseries 4.2: Navajo Health

Subseries 4.3: Navajo Tribal Parks & Recreation

Subseries 4.4: Navajo Tribal Government

Subseries 4.5: Societies

Series 5: Miscellaneous Historic Photographs

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### **Languages and Scripts of the Materials**

English & Navajo

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Editha L. Watson donated a small selection of material to the Museum of Northern Arizona in 1964 (accession #MS-51), while the bulk was donated in 1976 by Watson's daughter, Mrs. Jean Eckard (accession #MS-218), one year after Watson's death.

### **Related Archival Materials**

See MS-246, the David L. DeHarport collection, for more information on the Navajo Land Claim.

See MS-309, the Sallie Pierce-Harris collection, for more information on Richard Van Valkenburgh.

### **Description Control**

Finding aid written by Eileen Hogan using *DACS*, 10 December 2010

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### Title

Series 1: Biographical Information

### Dates

1938-1976

### Extent

1.6 cm (0.05 linear feet) textual material

### Scope and Content

Series consists of autobiographical and biographical sources of information about Edith L. Watson.

<b>Series 1: Biographical Information</b>				
<b>File #</b>	<b>File Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Box/Folder</b>
MS-218-1-1	Background Information on Editha Watson	1938-1976	0.4 cm textual	1.3
MS-218-1-2	Assorted scrapbook pages about Watson	1955-1962	0.3 cm textual	1.4
MS-218-1-3	Autobiography: notes	undated	0.9 cm textual	1.5

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### Title

Series 2: Writings

### Dates

1900s-1978

### Extent

113.6 cm (3.73 linear feet) textual material, 203 photographic images (202 prints, 36 safety negatives, 1 slide)

### Scope and Content

Series consists of records related to Watson's personal and professional writings (ethnographic, historic) and accompanying research materials. The predominant bulk of these writings relate to the Navajo.

### System of Arrangement

Series 2: Writings

Subseries 2.1: Navajo

Subsubseries 2.1.1: Original Manuscripts by Watson

Subsubseries 2.1.2: Collected Publications and Source Material

Subsubseries 2.1.3: Personal Notes and Journals

Subsubseries 2.1.4: Presentations and Workshops

Subsubseries 2.1.5: Language Notes

Subsubseries 2.1.6: Photographs

Subseries 2.2: Non-Navajo Native American Writings and Notes

Subseries 2.3: Non-Native American Writings and Notes

**Title**

Subseries 2.1: Navajo

**Dates**

1934-1978

**Extent**

64.1 cm (2.1 linear feet) textual material, 138 photographic images (138 prints, 36 safety negatives)

**Scope and Content**

Subseries consists of records (textual, photographic) created and collected by Watson related to the Navajo people, the Navajo reservation, and various aspects of Navajo culture and religion.

**System of Arrangement**

Subseries 2.1: Navajo

Subsubseries 2.1.1: Original Manuscripts by Watson

Subsubseries 2.1.2: Collected Publications and Source Material

Subsubseries 2.1.3: Personal Notes and Journals

Subsubseries 2.1.4: Presentations and Workshops

Subsubseries 2.1.5: Language Notes

Subsubseries 2.1.6: Photographs

**Title**

Subsubseries 2.1.1: Original Manuscripts by Watson

**Dates**

1939-1978

**Extent**

44.9 cm (1.47 linear feet) textual material, 50 photographic images (50 prints, 36 safety negatives)

**Scope and Content**

Subsubseries consists of Watson's original publications (typed and handwritten) and other writings related to the Navajo. A significant part of these records are the drafts of "Navajo Sacred Places" that was in the process of being published upon Watson's death in 1975.

<b>Subsubseries 2.1.1: Original Manuscripts by Watson</b>				
<b>File #</b>	<b>File Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Box/Folder</b>
MS-218-2.1.1-1	Sacred Places bibliography	undated	0.1 cm textual	1.6

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MS-218-2.1.1-2	"Navajo Sacred Places": Draft of manuscript by R. Van Valkenburgh [revisions by Kluckhohn and Prufer]	1955-1959	1 cm textual	1.7
MS-218-2.1.1-3	"Navajo Sacred Places": Van Valkenburgh typescript with Kluckhohn and Prufer revisions	1958-1959	1 cm textual	1.8
MS-218-2.1.1-4	"Navajo Sacred Places": Miscellaneous supporting articles	undated	1 cm textual	1.9
MS-218-2.1.1-5	"Navajo Sacred Places": correspondence re: grants	1965-1968	0.8 cm textual	1.10
MS-218-2.1.1-6	"Navajo Sacred Places": Draft copies of 2 chapters from Jett manuscript	1978	0.7 cm textual	1.11
MS-218-2.1.1-7	"Navajo Sacred Places": lists of locations, notes by Watson	undated	1.8 cm textual	1.12
MS-218-2.1.1-8	"Navajo Sacred Places": index cards and notes	circa 1960s	2 cm textual	1.13
MS-218-2.1.1-9	"Navajo Sacred Places": maps	undated	0.2 cm textual	1.14
MS-218-2.1.1-10	"Navajo Sacred Places": slide talk given by Watson	1964-1970	0.4 cm textual	2.1
MS-218-2.1.1-11	Sacred Places: notecards for talks	undated	1.8 cm textual	2.2
MS-218-2.1.1-12	Fetishes: articles, notes	1948	1 cm textual	2.3
MS-218-2.1.1-13	Navajo Mountain story	1940s	0.2 cm textual	2.4
MS-218-2.1.1-14	Navajo Jewelry: notes	1950	0.5 cm textual	2.5
MS-218-2.1.1-15	Navajo Weddings	1950	0.4 cm textual	2.6
MS-218-2.1.1-16	"On" the Navajo - Tuba History	1950	0.1 cm textual	2.7
MS-218-2.1.1-17	The Goldfish Yazzies	1950	0.1 cm textual	2.8
MS-218-2.1.1-18	Navajo Reservation: diaries, notes, articles	1950	0.6 cm textual	2.9
MS-218-2.1.1-19	Navajo Police	1950	0.4 cm textual	2.10
MS-218-2.1.1-20	Navajo Names: notes, correspondence, articles	1950	0.5 cm textual	2.11
MS-218-2.1.1-21	Longhair	1952	0.1 cm textual	2.12
MS-218-2.1.1-22	"Sign of the Horned Moon": manuscripts, notes, correspondence	1952	0.5 cm textual	2.13
MS-218-2.1.1-23	Navajo Ceremonies	1948-1952	0.5 cm textual	2.14
MS-218-2.1.1-24	"A Visit to Cross Canyon"	1953	0.4 cm textual	2.15
MS-218-2.1.1-25	Navajo Health: photographs, notes, articles	1939-1953	1.9 cm textual, 7 prints	2.16
MS-218-2.1.1-26	Navajo Rugs: photographs, notes, articles	1962	1.8 cm textual, 5 prints	2.17

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MS-218-2.1.1-27	The Navajos Go Modern	1962	0.3 cm textual	3.1
MS-218-2.1.1-28	Fort Defiance: notes, articles	1964	0.4 cm textual, 1 print	3.2
MS-218-2.1.1-29	Trading Posts: notes, articles	1965	2 cm textual	3.3
MS-218-2.1.1-30	Navajo Ceremonies: notes, drafts	1950-1968	2 cm textual	3.4
MS-218-2.1.1-31	Navajo weaving: notes	1950s	2.5 cm textual	3.5
MS-218-2.1.1-32	Borland Sandpainting Rug	1964-1968	0.4 cm textual	3.6
MS-218-2.1.1-33	Steamboat Spring: photographs/negatives, notes, articles	1965-1971	1.5 cm textual, 36 negatives, 25 prints	3.7
MS-218-2.1.1-34	Navajo History: A 3000-Year Sketch	1973	0.3 cm textual	3.8
MS-218-2.1.1-35	Navajo - 2067	undated	0.1 cm textual	3.9
MS-218-2.1.1-36	"Adjusting" the Navajos	undated	0.3 cm textual	3.10
MS-218-2.1.1-37	The Western Navajo Reservation	undated	0.3 cm textual	3.11
MS-218-2.1.1-38	Indian Small Fry	undated	0.1 cm textual	3.12
MS-218-2.1.1-39	Navajo Teeth in Federal Antiquities Act	undated	0.1 cm textual	3.13
MS-218-2.1.1-40	The Yei's Return	undated	0.4 cm textual	3.14
MS-218-2.1.1-41	Ball Game in Red	undated	0.2 cm textual	3.15
MS-218-2.1.1-42	Those-Who-Have-Gone-Before	undated	0.1 cm textual	3.16
MS-218-2.1.1-43	The Farmer's Wife - 1000 Years Ago	undated	0.5 cm textual	3.17
MS-218-2.1.1-44	From W. Irving's Life of Geo. Washington	undated	0.1 cm textual	4.1
MS-218-2.1.1-45	From the Mt. Chant, Wash. Matthews	undated	0.1 cm textual	4.2
MS-218-2.1.1-46	Lo, the Nature Faker	undated	0.3 cm textual	4.3
MS-218-2.1.1-47	The Lost Cities of Lukachukai	undated	0.1 cm textual	4.4
MS-218-2.1.1-48	Navajo Dress/Clothing: notes, reports, photographs	undated	0.6 cm textual, 9 prints	4.5
MS-218-2.1.1-49	Navajo Food: photographs, notes, articles	undated	0.4 cm textual, 3 prints	4.6
MS-218-2.1.1-50	Who Are the Navajos?	undated	0.2 cm textual	4.7
MS-218-2.1.1-51	Who Were the Navajos?	undated	0.2 cm textual	4.8
MS-218-2.1.1-52	A Short Navajo History	undated	0.1 cm textual	4.9
MS-218-2.1.1-53	Something about the Navajo	undated	0.2 cm textual	4.10
MS-218-2.1.1-54	Something About the Navajo Hogan	undated	0.1 cm textual	4.11
MS-218-2.1.1-55	Indian Emotions	undated	0.1 cm textual	4.12
MS-218-2.1.1-56	Popular Fallacies about the Navajo	undated	0.2 cm textual	4.13
MS-218-2.1.1-57	Navajos are wonderful guests	undated	0.3 cm textual	4.14
MS-218-2.1.1-58	White "experts"	undated	0.1 cm textual	4.15
MS-218-2.1.1-59	Humor	undated	0.2 cm textual	4.16
MS-218-2.1.1-60	Local Color	undated	0.1 cm textual	4.17

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MS-218-2.1.1-61	Why does desolation so appeal to me?	undated	0.1 cm textual	4.18
MS-218-2.1.1-62	Meet my friends	undated	0.1 cm textual	4.19
MS-218-2.1.1-63	Weaving: styles, designs, cotton, dye	undated	3.8 cm textual	4.20-4.21
MS-218-2.1.1-64	"Navajo Lesson": manuscript, notes	undated	0.4 cm textual	4.22
MS-218-2.1.1-65	Navajo Religion	undated	0.5 cm textual	4.23
MS-218-2.1.1-66	Navajo Medicine Man	undated	0.4 cm textual	4.24
MS-218-2.1.1-67	Navajo Medicine Men	undated	0.4 cm textual	4.25
MS-218-2.1.1-68	Navajo Sheep	undated	0.3 cm textual	4.26
MS-218-2.1.1-69	"Gathering": draft	undated	0.5 cm textual	4.27
MS-218-2.1.1-70	Around the [Navajo] Reservation	undated	1 cm textual	4.28
MS-218-2.1.1-71	"Bylillie" draft	undated	0.3 cm textual	5.1
MS-218-2.1.1-72	Navajo Stories: manuscripts, notes	undated	0.5 cm textual	5.2
MS-218-2.1.1-73	Untitled complete personal writings	undated	1 cm textual	5.3
MS-218-2.1.1-74	Assorted incomplete personal writings	undated	0.9 cm textual	5.4

### **Title**

Subsubseries 2.1.2: Collected Publications and Source Information

### **Dates**

1935-1974

### **Extent**

8.7 cm (0.29 linear feet) textual material

### **Scope and Content**

Subsubseries consists of materials (published and unpublished) collected by Watson as source material for her publications related to the Navajo. Of note are a series of drawings by Paul Begay, a Navajo who claimed to have "seen things" while in a coma.

<b>Subsubseries 2.1.2: Collected Publications and Source Information</b>				
<b>File #</b>	<b>File Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Box/Folder</b>
MS-218-2.1.2-1	Paul Begay Drawings	1951-1964	0.2 cm textual	1.1
MS-218-2.1.2-2	Unknown author, "This is the Navajo"	circa 1935	0.3 cm textual	5.5
MS-218-2.1.2-3	Publications submitted to various publishers	1968-1974	0.3 cm textual	5.6
MS-218-2.1.2-4	Welfare: correspondence, resolution [copies]	1940	0.2 cm textual	5.7
MS-218-2.1.2-5	Richard Van Valkenburgh, "Diné Bikéyah" [annotated by Watson]	1941	2 cm textual	5.8
MS-218-2.1.2-6	Richard Van Valkenburgh's Field Notes [photocopies]	1935-1941	1 cm textual	5.9



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MS-218-2.1.2-7	Memoranda: Special Navaho Program at the Phoenix Indian School	1948	0.3 cm textual	5.10
MS-218-2.1.2-8	Donald Rieder, "The Geography and History of Many Farms"	1956	0.3 cm textual	5.11
MS-218-2.1.2-9	Multiple authors, "Physical Peculiarities"	1959	0.3 cm textual	5.12
MS-218-2.1.2-10	Review: Sleeping Giant in Navajoland, by David Richards	1969	0.4 cm textual	5.13
MS-218-2.1.2-11	Crawford Buell, "The Navajo 'Long Walk'"	1972	0.3 cm textual	5.14
MS-218-2.1.2-12	Edward Twitchell Hall, Jr., "Clue to Athapascan Prehistory in the Southwest"	undated	0.1 cm textual	5.15
MS-218-2.1.2-13	Albert Sandoval, Sr., "Origin of Wedding"	undated	0.1 cm textual	5.16
MS-218-2.1.2-14	Mary Shepardson and Blodwen Hammond, "History of Navajo Mountain"	undated	0.3 cm textual	5.17
MS-218-2.1.2-15	Navajo Tribal Council, "A Sound Travel and Recreation Program Will Benefit the Navajo Nation"	undated	0.2 cm textual	5.18
MS-218-2.1.2-16	Antelope Traps	undated	0.4 cm textual	5.19
MS-218-2.1.2-17	"Stranger" Into Navaho: Religion of Indians	undated	0.5 cm textual	5.20
MS-218-2.1.2-18	Clans	undated	0.5 cm textual	5.21
MS-218-2.1.2-19	Assorted incomplete research information sources	undated, 1950-1970	1 cm textual	5.22

**Title**

Subsubseries 2.1.3: Personal Notes and Journals

**Dates**

1934-1973

**Extent**

6.9 cm (0.23 linear feet) textual material

**Scope and Content**

Subsubseries consists of Watson's personal notes (mostly handwritten) that related to her publications about the Navajo.

<b>Subsubseries 2.1.3: Personal Notes and Journals</b>				
<b>File #</b>	<b>File Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Box/Folder</b>
MS-218-2.1.3-1	Assorted research notes related to the Navajo	undated	1 cm textual	6.1
MS-218-2.1.3-2	Navajo Notebooks	undated	1 cm textual	6.2

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MS-218-2.1.3-3	Navajo Health: misc. notes, articles, correspondence	1934-1950	0.8 cm textual	6.3
MS-218-2.1.3-4	Navajo Mountain Area: correspondence, notes	1964	0.3 cm textual	6.4
MS-218-2.1.3-5	Navajo Historic Places: notes, articles	1969	0.7 cm textual	6.5
MS-218-2.1.3-6	Navajo Folk Songs	1972	0.4 cm textual	6.6
MS-218-2.1.3-7	Medicine Bag	1972	0.2 cm textual	6.7
MS-218-2.1.3-8	Personal notes and journals regarding the years among the Navajo	1948-1973	1.7 cm textual	6.8
MS-218-2.1.3-9	Undated personal notes and journal entries [Navajo]	circa 1948-1973	0.8 cm textual	6.9

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### Title

Subsubseries 2.1.4: Presentations and Workshops

### Dates

1951-1973

### Extent

1 cm (0.03 linear feet) textual material

### Scope and Content

Subsubseries consists of records related to presentations and workshops prepared and given by Watson during her professional life and in her retirement years.

<b>Subsubseries 2.1.4: Presentations and Workshops</b>				
<b>File #</b>	<b>File Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Box/Folder</b>
MS-218-2.1.4-1	Working conference on services for hospitalized Navajo TB patients	1954	0.2 cm textual	6.11
MS-218-2.1.4-2	Workshop for teachers of bi-lingual students	1962	0.1 cm textual	6.12
MS-218-2.1.4-3	Posters advertising events for Editha Watson	1951-1972	0.5 cm textual	6.13
MS-218-2.1.4-4	Plateau Science Society talk at the Navajo Tribal Museum	1973	0.2 cm textual	6.14

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Subsubseries 2.1.5: Language Notes

### Dates

1950s, undated

### Extent

2.6 cm (0.09 linear feet) textual material

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### Scope and Content

Subseries consists of Watson's personal notes and annotations related to the Navajo language.

<b>Subseries 2.1.5: Language Notes</b>				
<b>File #</b>	<b>File Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Box/Folder</b>
MS-218-2.1.5-1	Navajo language notes	undated	2 cm textual	6.10
MS-218-2.1.5-2	Navajo language primers and readers [annotated]	1950s	0.6 cm textual	6.15

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### Title

Subseries 2.1.6: Photographs

### Dates

circa 1950-1970

### Extent

88 photographic images (88 prints)

### Scope and Content

This subseries consists of photographs, either taken by Watson or others, related to an assortment of activities amongst the Navajo, including the yearly Tribal Fair and other professional activities that Watson was involved with on the reservation.

<b>Subseries 2.1.6: Photographs</b>				
<b>File #</b>	<b>File Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Box/Folder</b>
MS-218-2.1.6-1	General Public Relations photographs of Navajos	1950s	27 prints	20.4
MS-218-2.1.6-2	Navajos and Navajo Tribal events	circa 1950-1970	38 prints	20.5
MS-218-2.1.6-3	Miscellaneous photos taken by Watson of the Navajo	circa 1950-1970	23 prints	20.8

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### Title

Subseries 2.2: Non-Navajo Native American Writings and Notes

### Dates

1900s, 1931-1960s

### Extent

20 cm (0.66 linear feet) textual material, 55 photographic images (55 prints)

### Scope and Content

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Subseries consists of records related to Watson's research and writings about Native Americans that are not exclusively Navajo-themed. Cultures represented are the Apache, Gila, Hopi, and the Zuni people.

<b>Subseries 2.2: Non-Navajo Native American Writings and Notes</b>				
<b>File #</b>	<b>File Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Box/Folder</b>
MS-218-2.2-1	Southwest Native American notes, manuscripts, maps	1931-1932	1 cm textual	6.16
MS-218-2.2-2	Southwest Indian Design	1933	2 cm textual	6.17
MS-218-2.2-3	Misc. Native American Publications: drafts, photographs, correspondence	1960s	1.5 cm textual, 4 prints	7.1
MS-218-2.2-4	Misc. Manuscripts on Native Americans [By E.L. Watson]	1963	3 cm textual	7.2-7.3
MS-218-2.2-5	Native Americans [not SW]: notes, publications	1930s-1960s	1.1 cm textual	7.4
MS-218-2.2-6	Prayer Sticks	1950	1 cm textual	7.5
MS-218-2.2-7	Indian [Apache] Man-Wolves	undated	0.1 cm textual	7.6
MS-218-2.2-8	Apache: notes, articles	undated	0.9 cm textual	7.7
MS-218-2.2-9	"The Witch Box": correspondence, manuscripts, photographs	circa 1960s	0.5 cm textual, 4 prints	7.8
MS-218-2.2-10	Jicarilla: correspondence, notes, drafts, photograph	1946-1963	0.5 cm textual, 1 print	7.9
MS-218-2.2-11	Gila: notes	1955	0.4 cm textual	7.10
MS-218-2.2-12	Kachinas	undated	0.1 cm textual	7.11
MS-218-2.2-13	Awatovi: drafts, manuscripts	undated	1 cm textual	7.12
MS-218-2.2-14	Hopi: oral history transcript with Tom Preston	1947	1 cm textual	7.13
MS-218-2.2-15	Hopi: miscellaneous pamphlets, articles	undated	1 cm textual	7.14
MS-218-2.2-16	Butterfly Dance	1947	1 cm textual	8.1
MS-218-2.2-17	Hopi History and Culture	1948-1966	2.5 cm textual	8.2
MS-218-2.2-18	Southwestern Tribes: Zuni articles	undated	0.4 cm textual	8.3
MS-218-2.2-19	Zuni: notes, publications	1925	0.6 cm textual	8.4
MS-218-2.2-20	Pueblos: notes	undated	0.4 cm textual	8.5
MS-218-2.2-21	Miscellaneous Native American photographs	1900s	46 prints	20.9

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**Title**

Subseries 2.3: Non-Native American Writings and Notes

**Dates**

1931-1972

**Extent**

29.5 cm (0.97 linear feet) textual material, 10 photographic images (9 prints, 1 slide)

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### Scope and Content

Subseries consists of records related to Watson's research and writings about non-Native American subjects and themes, predominantly themes related to the old west and the settling of the Southwest.

<b>Subseries 2.3: Non-Native American Writings and Notes</b>				
<b>File #</b>	<b>File Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Box/Folder</b>
MS-218-2.3-1	Adam Diggin's	1935	0.2 cm textual	8.6
MS-218-2.3-2	Ancient Missions of the Southwest	1963	0.4 cm textual	8.7
MS-218-2.3-3	Peter and Marie Louise Wagner Attack	1966-1968	1 cm textual, 1 print	8.8
MS-218-2.3-4	Richard Van Valkenburgh Biographical Info	1957-1969	0.5 cm textual	8.9
MS-218-2.3-5	Ghost Towns	undated	0.2 cm textual	8.10
MS-218-2.3-6	Old West: notes, manuscripts	1929	1.5 cm textual	8.11
MS-218-2.3-7	Mimbres	1931	1 cm textual	8.12
MS-218-2.3-8	Mining: manuscripts, notes	1935	2 cm textual	8.13
MS-218-2.3-9	"Doodlebugs" by E. Kay	1936	1 cm textual	9.1
MS-218-2.3-10	Misc. Publications by E.L. Watson	1938-1950s	2.3 cm textual	9.2
MS-218-2.3-11	"Ceremonial" drafts, correspondence	1954	0.9 cm textual	9.3
MS-218-2.3-12	Archaeology: autobiographical notes, manuscripts	1961	2 cm textual	9.4
MS-218-2.3-13	Bear Moore	1964	1 cm textual	9.5
MS-218-2.3-14	Jim Talbot	1966	0.5 cm textual	9.6
MS-218-2.3-15	The Bloody Espinoas and Tom Tobin	1966	1 cm textual	9.7
MS-218-2.3-16	Pictographs: photographs, notes, articles, correspondence	1920-1966	1.8 cm textual, 2 prints	9.8
MS-218-2.3-17	Crabb Filibuster	1965	0.9 cm textual	9.9
MS-218-2.3-18	"Golden Phantoms": mockups, drafts, correspondence	1955-1965	1 cm textual	10.1
MS-218-2.3-19	Woods-Grudgings Feud: draft, notes, correspondence, photos	1963-1965	0.5 cm textual, 3 prints, 1 slide	10.2
MS-218-2.3-20	"Casas Grandes and the Gran Chichimeca": article, correspondence	1971	0.4 cm textual	10.3
MS-218-2.3-21	Senate Bill No. 173, Pinos Altos, NM	1969-1972	0.4 cm textual	10.4
MS-218-2.3-22	Pinos Altos	1935, 1972	1.3 cm textual	10.5
MS-218-2.3-23	Notes on Gallup, New Mexico	undated	0.2 cm textual	10.6
MS-218-2.3-24	Concerning Yuma-Folsom type Points	undated	0.2 cm textual	10.7
MS-218-2.3-25	"Prehistoric Picture Puzzles": draft, images	undated	0.9 cm textual	10.8
MS-218-2.3-26	Narbona: draft, exhibits [photocopies]	undated	0.3 cm textual	10.9
MS-218-2.3-27	"You Never Can Tell": drafts	undated	1 cm textual	10.10

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MS-218-2.3-28	White Cannibals	undated	1 cm textual, 3 prints	10.11
MS-218-2.3-29	Chakpahu Ruin	undated	0.2 cm textual	10.12
MS-218-2.3-30	Saline Cities	undated	0.4 cm textual	10.13
MS-218-2.3-31	The "Wing" Stories	undated	1 cm textual	10.14
MS-218-2.3-32	"Mr. Nobody": drafts	undated	0.8 cm textual	10.15
MS-218-2.3-33	Chile: manuscripts	undated	0.7 cm textual	10.16
MS-218-2.3-34	Misc. Manuscripts [Non-Native American]	undated	1 cm textual	10.17

**Title**

Series 3: Correspondence

**Dates**

1938-1974

**Extent**

24.8 cm (0.81 linear feet) textual material

**Scope and Content**

Series consists of personal and professional correspondence files. Correspondence relates predominantly to publications, but also contains communication with other authors and friends/relatives about Watson's life on the Navajo reservation.

<b>Series 3: Correspondence</b>				
<b>File #</b>	<b>File Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Box/Folder</b>
MS-218-3-1	Elmo Scott Watson	1940	0.2 cm textual	1.2
MS-218-3-2	Correspondence: literary consultants	1938-1952	0.8 cm textual	10.18
MS-218-3-3	Correspondence with Navajos	1945-1954	2 cm textual	10.19
MS-218-3-4	Navajo Rug publication	1952-1957	1 cm textual	11.1
MS-218-3-5	Correspondence with Navajos	1955-1957	0.5 cm textual	11.2
MS-218-3-6	School Children's Art from Tuba City	1950s	2 cm textual	11.3
MS-218-3-7	Correspondence with Navajos	circa 1945-1960	0.5 cm textual	11.4
MS-218-3-8	Publication Correspondence: the Denver Post	1961	0.2 cm textual	11.5
MS-218-3-9	Navajo Police Department	1961	0.1 cm textual	11.6
MS-218-3-10	Publication correspondence: Arizona Highways	1955-1961	0.4 cm textual	11.7
MS-218-3-11	Jerrold Levy	1964	0.1 cm textual	11.8
MS-218-3-12	Don L. Roberts	1965	0.3 cm textual	11.9
MS-218-3-13	Eileen Green	1965	0.1 cm textual	11.10
MS-218-3-14	Edward B. Danson	1966	0.2 cm textual	11.11

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MS-218-3-15	Correspondence with Navajos	1957-1966	0.9 cm textual	11.12
MS-218-3-16	Correspondence regarding publications, drafts	1953-1967	1.8 cm textual	11.13
MS-218-3-17	Correspondence: publications	1964-1967	0.8 cm textual	11.14
MS-218-3-18	Winnifred and Chris Schmidt	1965-1967	0.5 cm textual	11.15
MS-218-3-19	Sheridan Spearman	1968	0.1 cm textual	11.16
MS-218-3-20	Herbert Landar	1963-1968	0.2 cm textual	11.17
MS-218-3-21	Virginia Donahoo	1971	0.1 cm textual	11.18
MS-218-3-22	Correspondence: professional	1938-1971	2 cm textual	11.19
MS-218-3-23	Correspondence, notes regarding talks/lectures given by Watson	1962-1971	0.9 cm textual	11.20
MS-218-3-24	Willis W. Ritter	1972	0.1 cm textual	11.21
MS-218-3-25	Crawford R. Buell	1963-1972	0.2 cm textual	11.22
MS-218-3-26	Dr. Mary Shepardson	1964-1972	0.4 cm textual	11.23
MS-218-3-27	Gladwell Richardson	1966-1972	0.3 cm textual	12.1
MS-218-3-28	M. Scott Carpenter	1969-1972	0.2 cm textual	12.2
MS-218-3-29	Thomas E. Mails	1973	0.2 cm textual	12.3
MS-218-3-30	Correspondence: personal, writer's associations, notes	1967-1973	2.3 cm textual	12.4
MS-218-3-31	Leland C. Wyman	1970-1973	0.4 cm textual	12.5
MS-218-3-32	David M. Brugge	1972-1973	0.1 cm textual	12.6
MS-218-3-33	Lloyd Rice	1972-1973	0.1 cm textual	12.7
MS-218-3-34	Ruth M. Underhill	1963-1974	2 cm textual	12.8
MS-218-3-35	Publication correspondence, notes	1964-1974	0.8 cm textual	12.9
MS-218-3-36	Personal correspondence	1964-1974	0.5 cm textual	12.10
MS-218-3-37	Michael Harrison	1968-1974	1 cm textual	12.11
MS-218-3-38	Campbell Grant	1973-1974	0.4 cm textual	12.12
MS-218-3-39	Annual letters to friends and family	1970s	0.1 cm textual	12.13

**Title**

Series 4: Professional Involvements

**Dates**

1920s, 1947-1974

**Extent**

53.4 cm (1.75 linear feet) textual material, 603 photographic images (603 prints), 14 maps

**Scope and Content**

Series consists of records related to Watson's professional career and reflect some of her more significant involvements and accomplishments, including her tenure with the Navajo Land Claims office, various health offices across the Navajo reservation, the Navajo Tribal Parks & Recreation department, and her membership with various archaeological societies in the southwest.

**System of Arrangement**

Series 4: Professional Involvements

Subseries 4.1: Navajo Land Claims

Subsubseries 4.1.1: Navajo Land Claims Documents

Subsubseries 4.1.2: Navajo Land Claims Photographs

Subseries 4.2: Navajo Health

Subseries 4.3: Navajo Tribal Parks & Recreation

Subseries 4.4: Navajo Tribal Government

Subseries 4.5: Societies

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**Title**

Subseries 4.1: Navajo Land Claims

**Dates**

circa 1950-1970

**Extent**

526 photographic images (526 prints), 36 cm (1.18 linear feet) textual material, 14 maps

**Scope and Content**

Series consists of Watson's involvement as editor and indexer with the Navajo Land Claims office. Beginning in 1960, Watson compiled and edited materials resulting from the Navajo Land Claim case of the 1950s and 1960s against the federal government.

**System of Arrangement**

Subseries 4.1: Navajo Land Claims

Subsubseries 4.1.1: Navajo Land Claims Documents

Subsubseries 4.1.2: Navajo Land Claims Photographs



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**Title**

Subseries 4.1.1: Navajo Land Claims Documents

**Dates**

circa 1950-1970

**Extent**

36 cm (1.18 linear feet) textual material, 14 maps, 3 photographic images (3 prints)

**Scope and Content**

Series consists of textual records created, collected, and maintained by the Navajo Land Claim office. Watson was employed by this office as editor and indexer of archived materials generated from the Navajo Land Claim in the 1950s and 1960s.

<b>Subseries 4.1.1: Navajo Land Claims Documents</b>				
<b>File #</b>	<b>File Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Box/Folder</b>
MS-218-4.1-1	Management plan for archeological survey	undated	0.9 cm textual	12.18
MS-218-4.1-2	Statements regarding ancestral use of land	1953-1960	12 cm textual	12.19-13.5
MS-218-4.1-3	Travel arrangements	1961	0.3 cm textual	13.6
MS-218-4.1-4	National Archives documents and Land Claims case documents [copies]	undated	10 cm textual	13.7-14.4
MS-218-4.1-5	Plaintiff's Archeological Exhibits	1950s	12 cm textual	14.5-15.4
MS-218-4.1-6	Statements, notes, photographs	undated	0.8 cm textual, 3 prints	15.5
MS-218-4.1-7	Land Claims oversized maps	circa 1950- 1970	14 maps	MF 2.1

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**Title**

Subseries 4.1.2: Navajo Land Claims Photographs

**Dates**

1951-1971

**Extent**

523 photographic images (523 prints)

**Scope and Content**

Series consists of photographs taken by a number of photographers and maintained by the Navajo Land Claim office. Watson was employed by this office as editor and indexer of archived materials generated from the Navajo Land Claim in the 1950s and 1960s.

<b>Subseries 4.1.2: Navajo Land Claims Photographs</b>				
<b>File #</b>	<b>File Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Box/Folder</b>

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MS-218-4.1.2-1	Eastern Sector: Rio Puerco, Upper Puerco	1954-1959	16 prints	17.1
MS-218-4.1.2-2	Eastern Sector: Rio Puerco: Lower Puerco, Mesa del Oro, Cebolleta Mesa, Upper San Jose River, San Mateo Mt.	1954-1960	8 prints	17.2
MS-218-4.1.2-3	Eastern Sector: Rio Puerco, Middle Puerco River	1953-1958	15 prints	17.3
MS-218-4.1.2-4	Eastern Sector: Canyon Largo: Upper and Lower Canyon Largo	1953-1960	25 prints	17.4
MS-218-4.1.2-5	Eastern Sector: Gallegos Canyon, Upper Chaco, Lower Chaco, Middle Rio Grande	1953-1957	5 prints	17.5
MS-218-4.1.2-6	Southern Sector: western Apache	1953-1960	5 prints	17.6
MS-218-4.1.2-7	Southern Sector: Alamo and Salado Creeks	1953-1959	8 prints	17.7
MS-218-4.1.2-8	Southern Sector: Upper Little Colorado	1952-1966	46 prints	17.8
MS-218-4.1.2-9	Southern Sector: Middle Little Colorado	1953-1960	9 prints	17.9
MS-218-4.1.2-10	Western Sector: Lower Little Colorado	1952-1960	63 prints	18.1-18.2
MS-218-4.1.2-11	Western Sector: Navajo Mountain, Navajo Creek	1653	15 prints	18.3
MS-218-4.1.2-12	Western Sector: Navajo Mountain, Paiute Creek	1953-1960	4 prints	18.4
MS-218-4.1.2-13	Western Sector: Navajo Mountain, Oljeto Creek	1953	1 print	18.5
MS-218-4.1.2-14	Western Sector: Lower Chinle	1953	2 prints	18.6
MS-218-4.1.2-15	Western Sector: Upper Chinle, Nazlini	1950s	4 prints	18.7
MS-218-4.1.2-16	Western Sector: Lower Havasu	1959	3 prints	18.8
MS-218-4.1.2-17	Western Sector: Lower Havasu, Supai	1953-1959	10 prints	18.9
MS-218-4.1.2-18	Northern Sector: Lower San Juan, White Canyon, Clay Hills, Cottonwood and Comb Washes, Montezuma Creek, McElmo Creek	1953-1961	45 prints	18.10
MS-218-4.1.2-19	Northern Sector: San Juan River	1954	15 prints	19.1
MS-218-4.1.2-20	Northern Sector: Middle San Juan	1953-1958	13 prints	19.2
MS-218-4.1.2-21	Northern Sector: Upper San Juan	1954-1967	23 prints	19.3
MS-218-4.1.2-22	Miscellaneous and unlabeled sites: Hogan and sweathouse remains, springs, non-Navajo sites	1952-1967	49 prints	19.4
MS-218-4.1.2-23	Petroglyph: Western Sector	1955	1 print	19.5
MS-218-4.1.2-24	Petroglyphs: Southern Sector, Upper Little Colorado	1959	3 prints	19.6
MS-218-4.1.2-25	Petroglyphs: Eastern Sector, Canyon Largo	1959	6 prints	19.7

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MS-218-4.1.2-26	Petroglyphs: Northern Sector, San Juan River	1953-1959	32 prints	19.8
MS-218-4.1.2-27	Pictographs with no site identification	1950s	4 prints	19.9
MS-218-4.1.2-28	Navajo Sacred Places photos	1951-1971	68 prints	20.1-20.2
MS-218-4.1.2-29	Photos from land claims hearings	1950s	25 prints	20.3

**Title**

Subseries 4.2: Navajo Health

**Dates**

1951-1974

**Extent**

3.9 cm (0.13 linear feet) textual material

**Scope and Content**

Series consists of records related to Watson's employment with the Navajo Tribe in health-related capacities.

<b>Subseries 4.2: Navajo Health</b>				
<b>File #</b>	<b>File Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Box/Folder</b>
MS-218-4.2-1	Sanitary survey field trip report, Navajo Agency	1951	0.1 cm textual	12.14
MS-218-4.2-2	Annual Report, Public Health Orthopedic Nurse, Navajo Service	1952-1953	0.1 cm textual	12.15
MS-218-4.2-3	Save the Children Federation, Inc.	1956	0.1 cm textual	12.16
MS-218-4.2-4	Fort Defiance Hospital softball game	1958	0.2 cm textual	12.17
MS-218-4.2-5	Cornell Health Field Project - Many Farms	1958-1960	1.9 cm textual	16.1
MS-218-4.2-6	Navajo Health: Cornell Field Health Research Project	1959-1960	1 cm textual	16.2
MS-218-4.2-7	Crippled Children's Services	1952-1963	0.4 cm textual	16.7
MS-218-4.2-8	Indian Service Nursing	1974	0.1 cm textual	16.17

**Title**

Subseries 4.3: Navajo Tribal Parks & Recreation

**Dates**

1961-1973

**Extent**

5.4 cm (0.18 linear feet) textual material

**Scope and Content**

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Records relate to Watson's involvement with the parks and recreation department of the Navajo Tribe. The bulk of these materials are tourist information leaflets written by Watson regarding various aspects of the Navajo Reservation and Navajo culture.

<b>Subseries 4.3: Navajo Tribal Parks &amp; Recreation</b>				
<b>File #</b>	<b>File Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Box/Folder</b>
MS-218-4.3-1	Navajo Tribal Parks Commission: Bulletins	1961	0.6 cm textual	16.4
MS-218-4.3-2	Parks and Recreation Department staff meetings	1968-1969	0.2 cm textual	16.11
MS-218-4.3-3	Navajo Tribal Parks and Rec.: articles by Watson	1968-1969	2 cm textual	16.12
MS-218-4.3-4	Navajo Tribal Parks + Rec: information leaflets	1970-1973	1.5 cm textual	16.16
MS-218-4.3-5	Parks and Recreation: assorted literature	undated	1 cm textual	16.18
MS-218-4.3-6	Parks and Recreation Department: Human Resources	undated	0.1 cm textual	16.19

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### **Title**

Subseries 4.4: Navajo Tribal Government

### **Dates**

1947-1973

### **Extent**

5.9 cm (0.19 linear feet) textual material

### **Scope and Content**

Series consists of records related to some of the functions and activities of the Navajo Tribe, through whom Watson was employed for a number of years.

<b>Subseries 4.4: Navajo Tribal Government</b>				
<b>File #</b>	<b>File Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Box/Folder</b>
MS-218-4.4-1	Navajo Blizzard Emergency	1947-1949	0.7 cm textual	15.6
MS-218-4.4-2	Navajo Tribal Council: minutes	1954	2 cm textual	15.7
MS-218-4.4-3	The Navajo Historical Library	1961-1962	0.8 cm textual	16.5
MS-218-4.4-4	Navajo Tribal Council: pamphlets, articles, clippings	1951-1963	1.5 cm textual	16.6
MS-218-4.4-5	Authorized Business Enterprises on the Navajo Indian Reservation	1963	0.2 cm textual	16.8
MS-218-4.4-6	Navajo Tribal Museum: Annual Reports	1962-1972	0.2 cm textual	16.14
MS-218-4.4-7	Memoranda: the Navajo Tribe	1959-1973	0.5 cm textual	16.15

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### Subseries 4.5: Societies

#### Dates

1956-1972

#### Extent

2 cm (0.07 linear feet) textual material

#### Scope and Content

Series consists of documentation and notes related to Watson's involvement with professional societies in the southwest.

<b>Subseries 4.5: Societies</b>				
<b>File #</b>	<b>File Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Box/Folder</b>
MS-218-4.5-1	Navajo Archeological + Historical Society	1956	0.5 cm textual	15.8
MS-218-4.5-2	San Juan Archeological Society	1960	0.2 cm textual	16.3
MS-218-4.5-3	Plateau Sciences Society	1965	0.1 cm textual	16.9
MS-218-4.5-4	Red Rock Archeological Society	1965	0.5 cm textual	16.10
MS-218-4.5-5	Archaeological Society of New Mexico	1956-1972	0.7 cm textual	16.13

#### Title

Series 5: Miscellaneous Historic Photographs

#### Dates

1920s, undated

#### Extent

77 photographic images (77 prints), 0.2 cm textual material

#### Scope and Content

This series includes historical reproduced photographic prints depicting Native American life and leaders from the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, as well as photographs and information on Nateso [Indian Hills], a 1920s tourist attraction in Colorado.

<b>Series 5: Miscellaneous Photographs</b>				
<b>File #</b>	<b>File Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Box/Folder</b>
MS-218-5-1	Reproductions of historic photographs	undated	35 prints	20.6
MS-218-5-2	Nateso [Indian Hills] photographs	1920s	42 prints, 0.2 cm textual	20.7

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Navajo language  
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