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The Museum of Northern Arizona
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Title

Henry Claiborne Lockett collection

Dates

1933-1943

Extent

1 photograph album (57 prints), 3 pawn tags

Name of Creator(s)

Bond, Clifford
Snow, Milton

Biographical History

Henry Claiborne “Clay” Lockett (circa 1906/1907 – 29 May 1984) was born to H.C. (Hank) Lockett and Hattie Green Lockett, pioneer sheep herders. They moved between southern and northern Arizona, wintering in Phoenix and summering in Flagstaff. Lockett did graduate studies in archeology at the University Of Arizona. In 1928, he began working as a secretary at the Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce, a position he would hold for a few years. In 1933, Lockett joined the Rainbow Bridge – Monument Valley Expedition when Woodchuck Cave in Water Lilly Canyon was excavated under L.L. Hargrave’s direction. By 1934, Lockett was the lead archeologist on an expedition to Skeleton Mesa near Kayenta, Arizona. After this, Lockett taught school on the Navajo Reservation for a several years.

After living on the Reservation, Lockett moved south to Tucson and opened a Native American arts and crafts shop in the 1940s. He gave artists, such as Harrison Begay, studio space and sold their works on consignment. He began acquiring similar shops from other traders, such as John Frederick Tanner, from whom he purchased The Yucca House. By the 1960s, Lockett moved his shop to the Museum of Northern Arizona (MNA) and it was renamed “The Museum Shop,” and served as the gift shop for MNA. Lockett remained the director.

Throughout the 1960s and ‘70s Lockett was involved in various projects in Flagstaff; he helped write *A Navajo Sketch Book* and began working as a research associate for MNA in the art department.

Lockett passed away on May 29, 1984.

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Scope and Content

This collection includes a scrapbook of the 1933 Rainbow Bridge – Monument Valley Expedition, with prints of Lockett, L.L. Hargrave, Eddie McKee, Jerald Marsh, Charles Del Norte, and Ben Wetherill. The images are of the group, campsites, archeological finds (artifacts and human remains), and landscapes. Also included in this collection are 3 pawn tags originally attached to necklaces collected by Lockett from the Hubbell Trading Post in 1950; these show a debt owed by former President Herbert Hoover in 1943.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection contains culturally sensitive material (photographs of human remains). Therefore, parts of the collection have been restricted. The restriction was placed by staff at the Navajo Cultural Preservation Department. Contact the Museum of Northern Arizona Archivist for more information.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was donated by Lockett in July and August of 1977 (accession #MS-225b).

Related Archival Materials

- A significant portion of these images come from the Museum of Northern Arizona's Rainbow Bridge-Monument Valley Expedition collection (MS-122).
- For other Hubbell Trading Post material, see the Museum of Northern Arizona's Lorenzo Hubbell collection (MS-133).
- There is a Clay Lockett collection in the University of Arizona's *Arizona and Southwestern Biographical File*.
- Arizona State University has a Clay Lockett collection, including oral histories.
- Northern Arizona University's Cline Library also has information on Lockett.

Publication Note

Lockett, H. Claiborne, and Lyndon Lane Hargrave. 1953. *Woodchuck Cave, a Basketmaker II site in Tsegi Canyon, Arizona*. Flagstaff: Northern Arizona Society of Science and Art.

Description Control

Finding aid written by Eileen Hogan using DACS, 19 October 2010

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File #	File Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/Folder
MS-370-1	Rainbow Bridge-Monument Valley Expedition album	1933	1 album	Box 1.1
MS-370-2	Pawn Tickets	1943	3 tags	Box 1.2

LCSH Access Points

Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964

Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site (Ganado, Ariz.)

Lockett, H. Claiborne

Navajo Indian Reservation

Rainbow Bridge-Monument Valley Expedition