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Guide to the Robert King Harris films

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Human Studies Film Archives
Title:	Robert King Harris films
Date:	circa 1955
Identifier:	HSFA.1992.07
Creator:	Harris, Robert King, 1912-1980
Extent:	2 Film reels (black-and-white silent sound; 575 feet; 16mm)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Related Materials

The National Anthropological Archives, National Museum of Natural History, holds the Robert King Harris papers.

Preferred Citation

Robert King Harris films, Human Studies Film Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

The collection is open for research. Please contact the archives for information on availability of access copies of audiovisual recordings. Original audiovisual material in the Human Studies Film Archives may not be played.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Scope and Contents

2 rolls of film, one entitled TEXAS IN REVIEWS: Old Fossils New Fads. The second roll is outtakes from this program.

Please note that the contents of the collection and the language and terminology used reflect the context and culture of the time of its creation. As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and terminology and considered offensive today. The information within this collection does not reflect the views of the Smithsonian Institution or Anthropology Archives, but is available in its original form to facilitate research.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Archaeology

Types of Materials:

Sound films
silent films

Places:

North America
Texas

Container Listing

Old Fossils New Fads, circa 1955

1 Film reel (black-and-white sound; 225 feet; 16mm)

Notes: Television broadcast produced by the Jamieson Film Company of Dallas, Texas for "Texas in Review," a series sponsored by Humble Oil. Film documents the work of amateur archeologist Robert King Harris, an engineer with the Texas and Pacific Railroad and President of the Dallas Archeological Society. Discussed are carbon dating, the discovery in Lewisville of a 37,000 year old camp site which demonstrated that man hunted mammoths, restoration of pottery, and cataloging archeological artifacts by the "map and plot" method. Shown is an archeological site being excavated, pottery pieces being matched, a pot being reconstructed using plaster of paris, and cataloging using the map and plot method. This film forms part of the Robert King Harris Papers in the National Anthropological Archives.

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Old Fossils New Fads (Outtakes), circa 1955

1 Film reel (black-and-white silent; 350 feet; 16mm)

Notes: Outtakes from a Television broadcast produced by the Jamieson Film Company of Dallas, Texas for "Texas in Review," a series sponsored by Humble Oil. Footage documents the work of amateur archeologist Robert King Harris, an engineer with the Texas and Pacific Railroad and President of the Dallas Archeological Society. Shown is an archeological site being excavated, pottery pieces being matched, a pot being reconstructed using plaster of paris, and cataloging using the "map and plot" method. This film forms part of the Robert King Harris Papers in the National Anthropological Archives.

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