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Guide to the Elizabeth Patapoff videos, circa 1979-1982

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Human Studies Film Archives
Title:	Elizabeth Patapoff videos
Date:	circa 1979-1982
Identifier:	HSFA.1994.03
Creator:	Patapoff, Elizabeth
Extent:	1 Video recording (color sound; VHS)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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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.

Biographical / Historical

Elizabeth Patapoff was a public broadcasting writer and producer based in Portland, Oregon, where she led television production for KOAP-TV (now KOPB-TV) from the 1960s through the 1990s.

Scope and Contents

A SEARCH FOR VANISHED PEOPLE and THE EARTH IS OUR HOME, produced by Elizabeth Patapoff and Oregon Public Broadcasting. (Both titles are on the same tape).

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Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Archaeology
- Excavations (Archaeology)

Types of Materials:

- Video recordings

Places:

- Great Basin
- Nevada
- North America
- Oregon

Container Listing

The Earth is Our Home, circa 1979

1 Video recording (29 minutes; color sound; VHS)

Notes: Edited film, produced in cooperation with the Burns Paiute tribe of southeastern Oregon and northern Nevada, documents their lifeways in an arid environment. A seasonal cycle is followed showing adaptation to a regional ecology through use of plants and animals as well as food preparation and manufacturing of articles used for subsistence. Women relate memories of former times; demonstrate making twined and coiled baskets, cordage for nets, a duck decoy, a rabbitskin robe, and a cattail shelter; collect foods such as bitterroot and camas; and make cakes from berries.

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A Search for Vanished People, 1982

1 Video recording (29 minutes; color sound; VHS)

Notes: Television program produced by Oregon Public Broadcasting follows Dr. Luther Cressman, a researcher and writer of western United States prehistory, as he explores the caves of southeastern Oregon.

Segments from a 1939 film included in the program document the first archaeological excavations at Roaring Spring Cave and Fort Rock Cave. Artifacts discovered in these caves such as the bones of extinct animals an atlatl, or throwing stick, woven basketry fragments and sagebrush sandals, carbon dated to 13,000 years ago enabled Dr. Cressman to describe the lives of the earliest inhabitants of the Northern Great Basin.

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