Guide to the Ruth S. Davis
travel films, circa 1953-1969
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HSFA.2013.02

Collection Overview

Repository: Human Studies Film Archives
Title: Ruth S. Davis travel films
Identifier: HSFA.2013.02
Date: circa 1953-1969
Creator: Davis, Ruth
Extent: 23 Film reels (color silent; 1,854 feet; 8mm; 16mm)
Photographs
Language: No linguistic content; Not applicable.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
Received from David L. Peri in 2013.

Provenance
After her death in 1996, Davis' personal slides and films documenting her travels were discovered in a Los Angeles storage unit. Those materials were subsequently donated to the Human Studies Film Archives and constitute this collection.

Related Materials
The Human Studies Film Archives also holds the Hassoldt and Ruth S. Davis films.

Processing Information
Titles are supplied by the archivist for untitled films.

Preferred Citation
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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.

Scope and Contents

Footage shot by Ruth Davis of her travels in various parts of the world.
Note that Ruth Davis may appear in the records under several names (Ruth Staudinger, Ruth Rozaffi, Ruth Cadoret, Ruth Davis, Ruth Schaffner, Ruth Diawara).
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 As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and terminology and considered offensive today.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:

Types of Materials:
- Travelogs
- silent films

Places:
- Africa
- Australia
- Europe
- Mexico
- North America
- Oceania
## Container Listing

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<th>Mexico, circa 1953</th>
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<td>1 Film reel (color silent; 754 feet; 16mm)</td>
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<td>Notes: Footage shot in Mexico probably by Ruth Diawara (also known as Ruth Davis) of general scenes of women, children and men engaged in domestic activities, agriculture, husbandry and commerce. Images include landscape, weaving and textile work, tending cattle, church, and brick making and construction.</td>
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<th>Ruth Davis Travel Film: Oceania, Asia and Africa, circa 1960-1969</th>
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<td>22 Film reels (color silent; 1,100 feet; 8mm)</td>
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<td>Notes: Footage shot of travels probably by Ruth Diawara (also known as Ruth Davis) of New Guinea, Australia, Samoa, Thailand, Egypt, Japan, Fiji Islands and Geneva, Switzerland.</td>
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