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Guide to the Walter Goetz films, 1949-1986

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Human Studies Film Archives
Title:	Walter Goetz films
Date:	1949-1986
Identifier:	HSFA.2019.02
Creator:	Goetz, Walter, 1930-2018
Extent:	116 Film reels (color silent reversal; 44,350 feet; 8mm and Super 8mm)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Walter Goetz was an amateur photographer who shot films on his many vacations. This collection contains film footage from 41 trips that he took between 1949 and 1986.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The Walter Goetz films were donated by the Goetz family.

Processing Information

Titles are supplied by the archivist.

Processed by HSFA Staff

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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.

Biographical / Historical

Walter George Goetz was born November 21, 1930, in Brooklyn, New York. He was the only child of Mary and Walter Goetz Sr., who lived in Glendale, Queens. Goetz worked for many years for AT&T. From an early age, he accumulated photographs and films of his travels, becoming an accomplished photographer. He loved to share his films at family gatherings, presenting the films with help from his copious notes, using artifacts brought home from his travels to enhance his talks.

Walter and his family moved to New Jersey and then to Florida, where they lived for 23 years. Hawaii became Walter's favorite place to visit, and he and his family often travelled there for 4 to 6 weeks at a time.

At his death, Goetz asked that his films be shared. He died March 13, 2018, in Spring Hill, Florida at the age of 86.

Sources Consulted

Descriptions given to the HSFA by the Goetz family.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains film footage from 41 trips that Walter Goetz took to North America, the Caribbean, Europe, the South Pacific, Central and South America, and Asia. Goetz's travels spanned the years 1949 to 1986, with a trip almost every year. The collection does not contain the notes and photographs that he took or the artifacts that he collected while travelling.

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.

Arrangement

The films are arranged chronologically.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Tourism

Names:

Century 21 Exposition (1962 : Seattle, Wash.)

Places:

Asia
Caribbean Area
Europe
Hawaii
North America
Oceania
Panama Canal (Panama)
Venezuela

Container Listing

Item 2019.2.1	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Northeast USA, 1949-1950 3 Film reels (color silent reversal; 600 feet; 8mm)
Item 2019.2.2	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Central and Southwest USA, 1955 2 Film reels (color silent reversal; 800 feet; 8mm)
Item 2019.2.3	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Central and North Central USA, 1956 2 Film reels (color silent reversal; 800 feet; 8mm)
Item 2019.2.4	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Southwest USA, 1958 4 Film reels (color silent reversal; 1,600 feet; 8mm)
Item 2019.2.5	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, USA, 1958 1 Film reel (color silent reversal; 200 feet; 8mm)
Item 2019.2.6	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Northwest USA, 1959 4 Film reels (color silent reversal; 1,600 feet; 8mm)
Item 2019.2.7	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Mexico, 1960 3 Film reels (color silent reversal; 1,200 feet; 8mm)
Item 2019.2.8	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Provincetown, Vermont, NY, 1960-1961 1 Film reel (color silent reversal; 400 feet; 8mm)
Item 2019.2.9	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Alaska, 1961 3 Film reels (color silent reversal; 1,200 feet; 8mm)
Item 2019.2.10	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Seattle World's Fair, Alaska, and Hawaii, 1962 3 Film reels (color silent reversal; 1,200 feet; 8mm)
Item 2019.2.11	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Northeast USA, 1962 2 Film reels (color silent reversal; 650 feet; 8mm)
Item 2019.2.12	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Bermuda, Nassau, and West Indies, 1963 3 Film reels (color silent reversal; 1,200 feet; 8mm)
Item 2019.2.13	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Spain and Portugal, 1964 4 Film reels (color silent reversal; 1,600 feet; 8mm)
Item 2019.2.14	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Great Britain and Ireland, 1966

5 Film reels (color silent reversal; 2,000 feet; Super 8mm)

Item 2019.2.15	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Austria, Germany, and Switzerland, 1968 5 Film reels (color silent reversal; 2,000 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.16	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Montreal and New England, 1968 1 Film reel (color silent reversal; 200 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.17	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Benelux and Scandinavia, 1968 5 Film reels (color silent reversal; 2,000 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.18	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: San Francisco and Environs, 1970 1 Film reel (color silent reversal; 200 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.19	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: St. Croix, Guadeloupe, and Grenada, 1970 2 Film reels (color silent reversal; 800 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.20	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: New England, 1970 1 Film reel (color silent reversal; 200 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.21	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Florida, 1971 2 Film reels (color silent reversal; 800 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.22	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: South Pacific, 1973 5 Film reels (color silent reversal; 2,000 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.23	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: St. Thomas and St. Maarten, 1973 1 Film reel (color silent reversal; 400 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.24	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: New Zealand, 1974 5 Film reels (color silent reversal; 2,000 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.25	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: St. Maarten and Dominica, 1974 1 Film reel (color silent reversal; 400 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.26	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Aruba, 1975 1 Film reel (color silent reversal; 400 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.27	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Hawaii and Australia, 1976 5 Film reels (color silent reversal; 2,000 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.28	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Bonaire and Curaçao, 1976 1 Film reel (color silent reversal; 400 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.29	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Venezuela and Aruba, 1977 2 Film reels (color silent reversal; 800 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.30	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Hawaii, Okinawa, South Korea, and Southeast Asia, 1978

6 Film reels (color silent reversal; 2,400 feet; Super 8mm)

Item 2019.2.31	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: St. Lucia and Barbados, 1978 2 Film reels (color silent reversal; 800 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.32	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Hawaii, 1979 4 Film reels (color silent reversal; 1,600 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.33	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Las Vegas, NV, 1979 2 Film reels (color silent reversal; 800 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.34	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: New Guinea, Australia (Coober Pedy), and Hawaii, 1980 5 Film reels (color silent reversal; 1,600 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.35	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Florida, 1980 1 Film reel (color silent reversal; 300 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.36	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: South Pacific, 1981 4 Film reels (color silent reversal; 1,600 feet; super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.37	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Turkey and Greece, 1983 4 Film reels (color silent reversal; 1,600 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.38	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Panama Canal Cruise, 1984 2 Film reels (color silent reversal; 600 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.39	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Eastern Europe, 1985 4 Film reels (color silent reversal; 1,600 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.40	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Florida, 1986 1 Film reel (color silent reversal; 200 feet; Super 8mm)
Item 2019.2.41	Walter Goetz World Travel Film Footage: Finland, 1986 3 Film reels (color silent reversal; 1,200 feet; Super 8mm)