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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Neil Merton Judd papers
Date:	1870s-1970s (bulk 1907-1931)
Identifier:	NAA.1973-48
Creator:	Palmer, Edward, 1829-1911 Jackson, William Henry, 1843-1942 (Photographer) La Gorce, John Oliver, 1880-1959 (Correspondent) Martin, Charles (Photographer) Jeançon, Jean Allard (Correspondent) Johnson, Merritt S. (Correspondent) Hobler, Philip M. (Correspondent) Hough, Walter, 1859-1935 (Photographer) Hyde Exploring Expedition (1902-1903) Scott, Hugh Lenox, 1853-1934 (Correspondent) Wisher, Edwin L., 1900 -1970 (Photographer) Wissler, Clark, 1870-1947 (Correspondent) Walsh, Oscar B. (Author) Wetmore, Alexander, 1886-1978 (Correspondent) Mearns, Edgar Alexander, 1856-1916 (Photographer) McNitt, Frank (Correspondent) Smithsonian Institution. Bureau of American Ethnology Morris, Earl Halstead, 1889-1956 (Correspondent) Morley, Sylvanus Griswold, 1883-1948 (Correspondent) Nusbaum, Jesse L. (Jesse Logan) (Correspondent) Nelson, N. C. (Nels Christian), 1875-1964 (Correspondent) O'Bryan, Deric (Correspondent) Popenoe, Frederick W. (Correspondent) Pepper, George H. (George Hubbard), 1873-1924 (Correspondent) Ruppert, Karl (Author) Roberts, Frank H. H. (Frank Harold Hanna), 1897-1966 (Correspondent) Scofield, Carl S. (Correspondent) Ruppert, Karl (Correspondent) Shapiro, Harry L. (Harry Lionel), 1902-1990 (Correspondent) Hewett, Edgar L. (Edgar Lee), 1865-1946 (Correspondent) Hodge, Frederick Webb, 1864-1956 (Correspondent) Haven, O.C. (Photographer) Allen, Glover M. (Correspondent) Amsden, Monroe (Correspondent) Bannister, Bryant (Correspondent) Blom, Frans (Author) Breazeale, James Frank (Correspondent) Brew, J. O. (John Otis), 1906-1988 (Correspondent) Colton, Harold Sellers, 1881-1970 (Correspondent) Conant, Kenneth J. (Correspondent) Coville, Frederick V. (Frederick Vernon), 1867-1937 (Correspondent)

Judd, Neil Merton, 1887-1976 (Creator)
Cummings, Byron, 1860-1954
Danson, Beatrice (Correspondent)
Dodge, Richard E. (Correspondent)
Grosvenor, Gilbert H. (Correspondent)
Marye, William Bose, 1886-1979 (Author)

Extent: 18 Linear feet

Language: English .

Summary: The papers of Neil Merton Judd, archeologist and curator in the Smithsonian Institution United States National Museum, were deposited in the National Anthropological Archives at various times during the 1960's and 1970's. Much of Judd's own material was produced as part of his official duties and lie within the public domain. The collection occupies fourteen linear feet of shelf space.

Administrative Information

Related Archival Materials

Additional material in the National Anthropological Archives that relates to Judd can be found among the correspondence files of the Bureau of American Ethnology; files of the Department of Anthropology of the United States National Museum, especially those of the Division of Archeology; papers of Frank H.H. Roberts; papers of William B. Marye; American Antiquities permits records of the Anthropological Society of Washington; papers of John P. Harrington; papers of Frank M. Setzler; papers of Henry B. Collins; and records of the American Anthropological Association. Additional photographs that relate to the expeditions of which Judd was a member are in the cataloged and the uncataloged photographs. For example, negatives and other photographic material of the aerial surveys of ancient canals in the Gila River and Salt River valleys in Arizona are NAA photographic lot 3.

Biographical Note

Note: Biographical data and a bibliography of Judd's writings are in the series of miscellany among his papers. For an obituary, see Waldo R. Wedel, "Neil Merton Judd, 1887-1976." *American Antiquity*, volume 43, number 3 (July 1978), pages 399-404, and J. O. Brew, "Neil Merton Judd, 1887-1976." *American Anthropologist*, volume 80, number 2 (June 1978), pages 352-54. An obituary prepared by Judd is among the papers.

October 27, 1887	Born in Cedar Rapids, Nebraska
1907-08	Public school teacher in Utah
1907	Student archeologist on Byron Cummings' reconnaissance of White Canyon, Utah
1908	Student archeologist on Cummings' reconnaissance of Montezuma Canyon, Utah, and Segi Valley, Arizona.
1909	Student archeologist on Cummings' reconnaissance of Segi Valley, Arizona, and the Cummings- Douglass expedition to Rainbow Natural Bridge.

- 1910 Student assistant to Edgar L. Hewett on the Archeological Institute of America's expedition to El Rito del los Frijoles, New Mexico
- 1911 Bachelor of Arts, University of Utah
- 1911-1917 Aid, Division of Ethnology, United States National Museum, Smithsonian Institution
- 1913 Master of Arts, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- 1914 Member, Archeological Institute's Fourth Quirigua Expedition to Guatemala; supervised the fabrication of a reproduction model of ruins for the Pacific-California International Exposition, San Diego
- 1915 Archeological reconnaissance of Indian mounds in and near Willard, Beaver City, Paragonah, St. George, Kanab, and Cottonwood Canyon, Utah, and "Spanish Diggings" flint quarries in Wyoming for the Bureau of American Ethnology
- 1916 Reconnaissance and excavations of Indian mounds near Paragonah and in Willard County, Utah, for the Bureau of American Ethnology
- 1916-18 Treasurer, American Anthropological Association
- 1917 Director, project for partial restoration of Betatakin ruin, Arizona, for the United States Department of the Interior, and the excavations at Paragonah, Utah, for the Smithsonian and University of Utah
- 1918 Archeological reconnaissance of the Walhalla Plateau, Arizona, for the Bureau of American Ethnology
- 1918-19 Assistant Curator, Department of Anthropology, United States National Museum
- 1919 Archeological investigations in Cottonwood Canyon, Utah, for the Bureau of American Ethnology
- 1919-30 Curator, American Archeology, Division of Archeology, Department of Anthropology, United States National Museum
- 1920 Archeological investigations at Toroweap Valley, Mt. Trumbull, Pariah Plateau, House Rock Valley, Bright Angel Creak, Cottonwood Canyon, and Kanab Creek in Utah and Arizona for the Bureau of American Ethnology and reconnaissance of Chaco Canyon, New Mexico, for the National Geographic Society
- 1920-23 Vice President, Anthropological Society of Washington
- 1921-27 Investigations of Pueblo Bonito and nearby ruins in New Mexico for the National Geographic Society
- 1923 Led first Beam expedition to sites in Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado, and carried out explorations in San Juan County, Utah, for the Smithsonian Institution and the National Geographic Society
- 1925-27 Member, Board of Managers, Washington Academy of Science, and President, Anthropological Society of Washington
- 1925-28 Member, Division of Anthropology and Psychology, National Research Council
- 1926 Archeological Observations North of the Rio Colorado, Bureau of American Ethnology Bulletin 82, 1926
- 1927-36 Trustee, Laboratory of Anthropology, Santa Fe, New Mexico

- 1928 Investigations of Indian burials in rock shelter, Wolf Creek, Russell County, Kentucky, for the Bureau of American Ethnology
- 1929 Led Third Beam Expedition to sites in Arizona for the National Geographic Society and reconnaissance of the prehistoric canals in the Gila River and Salt River valleys for the Bureau of American Ethnology
- 1930 Aerial surveys of ancient canals in the Gila River and Salt River valleys for the Bureau of American Ethnology and the United States Department of War
- 1930-49 Curator, Archeology, United States National Museum
- 1931 Investigations on the Natanes Plateau, Arizona, for the Bureau of American Ethnology
- 1931-32 Member, Division of Anthropology and Psychology, National Research Council (second time)
- 1935 Smithsonian Institution's delegate to the second assembly, Pan-American Institute of Geography and History
- 1936-48 Advisory Board, Laboratory of Anthropology, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 1937-39 Member, Division of Anthropology and Psychology, National Research Council (third time)
- 1938 Married Anne Sarah MacKay
- 1938-40 Member, Board of Managers, Washington Academy of Science
- 1939 President, Society for American Archaeology, and Vice President and Chairman, Section H, American Association for the Advancement of Science
- 1945 President, American Anthropological Association
- December 31, 1949* Retired from the staff of the United States National Museum
- January 1, 1950* Honorary Associate in Anthropology of the Smithsonian Institution
- 1953 Awarded the Franklin L. Burr Award of the National Geographic Society
- 1954 The Material Culture of Pueblo Bonito, Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, volume 125
- 1958 Awarded Certificate of Award of the Smithsonian Institution
- 1959 Pueblo Del Arroyo, Chaco Canyon, New Mexico, Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, volume 138, number 1
- 1962 Awarded the Franklin L. Burr Award of the National Geographic Society (second time)
- 1964 The Architecture of Pueblo Bonito, Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, volume 147, number 1
- 1965 Awarded the Alfred Vincent Kidder Award of the American Anthropological Association
- 1966 Awarded Special Award of the United States Department of the Interior
- 1967 The Bureau of American Ethnology: A Partial History, University of Oklahoma Press

1968

Men met along the Trail: Adventures in Archeology, University of Oklahoma Press

December 19, 1976

Died

Scope and Contents

These papers reflect the professional life of Neil Merton Judd (1887-1976), archeologist and curator in the former United States National Museum of the Smithsonian Institution. Included are diaries of expeditions, correspondence, field notes, notes, financial records, copies of historical documents, maps, drawings, photographs, and other documents that cover the period from the 1870s to the 1970s. Most of the material, however, is dated between 1907 and 1965.

Of primary concern is Judd's archeological work in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah, especially at Pueblo Bonito and other sites in the area of Chaco Canyon, New Mexico, which he carried out for the National Geographic Society between 1920 and 1927. Appreciable material concerns the so-called Beam expeditions of 1923, 1928, and 1929 to locate study of tree-rings. Other documents relate to Judd's work in San Juan country, Utah; at Paragonah and other sites in southern Utah; and on the Walhalla Plateau in Arizona. Some correspondences, which Judd carried on with William B. Marye between 1932 and 1949, concern Indian bridges in Maryland and nearby states.

Several other expeditions of which Judd was a member are documented among the papers solely or primarily through photographs. There is little material that reflects Judd's personal life, daily curatorial duties at the United States National Museum, work at Rito de los Frijoles with Edgar L. Hewett in 1910, expedition to Guatemala in 1914, or aerial surveys of old canals in Arizona during the 1929-30.

Among correspondents whose letters are included among the papers are Glover M. Allen, Monroe Amsden, Bryant Bannister, James F. Breazeale, Harold S. Colton, Kenneth J. Conant, Fredrick V. Coville, Richard E. Dodge, Harold S. Gladwin, Gilbert Grosvenor, Edgar L. Hewett, Frederick Webb Hodge, William H. Jackson, Jean A. Jeancon, John O. La Gorce, Frank McNitt, Sylvanus G. Morley, Earl H. Morris, Nels C. Nelson, Jesse L. Nusbaum, Deric O'Bryan, George H. Pepper, Frederick Wilson Popenoe, Frank H. H. Roberts, Karl Ruppert, Carl S. Scofield, Hugh L. Scott, Harry L. Shapiro, Anna O. Shepard, Alfred M. Tozzer, and Clark Wissler. In addition to his own material, Judd also acquired some material from members of his expeditions, especially from Frans Blom, Karl Ruppert, and Oscar B. Walsh. He also collected historical documents and photographs. Among these are copies of documents relating to southwestern archeological explorations of the naturalist Edward Palmer. He also acquired photographs by Walter Hough made in Arizona between 1904 and 1920., photographs taken on the Hyde Exploring Expedition to Chaco Canyon, and miscellaneous photographs made on expeditions of William H. Jackson, Edgar A. Mearns, and others.

Arrangement

To a degree, the arrangement of the collection is Judd's own. The series titles in quotation marks are Judd's own.

- "Pueblo Bonito File"
- Chaco Canyon Notes, Notebooks, and Note Cards
- Material Relating to Judd's Bureau of American Ethnology Expeditions between 1915 and 1920
- "Utah File"
- Material Concerning Edward Palmer
- Correspondence with William B. Marye
- Miscellaneous Correspondence
- Manuscripts of Writings
- Miscellany

- Cartographic Material
 - Artwork and Photographic Enlargements
 - Photographs
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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:

Bridges -- American Indian
Dendrochronology
Language and languages -- Documentation
Shell heaps

Places:

Arizona -- Archeology
Chaco Canyon (N.M.) -- Archeology
Delaware -- Archeology
Maryland -- Archeology
New Mexico -- Archeology
North Carolina -- Archeology
Paragonah -- Utah -- archeology
Rainbow Natural Bridge
San Juan County (Utah) -- Archeology
Utah -- Archeology
Virginia -- Archeology
Walhalla Plateau -- Arizona -- archeology