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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Society for Historical Archaeology records
Date:	1953-2007
Identifier:	NAA.1974-30
Creator:	Society for Historical Archaeology Armour, David A. (Correspondent) Campbell, J.D. (Correspondent) Cotter, John Lambert (Correspondent) Swannack, Jervis D. (Correspondent) Ahlborn, Richard E., 1933-2015 (Correspondent) Pilling, Arnold R. (Correspondent) Little, J. Glenn (Correspondent) Sprague, Roderick (Correspondent) Rodeffer, Michael (Correspondent) Hanson, Lee H. (Correspondent) Foley, Vincent P. (Correspondent) Karklins, Karlis (Correspondent) Jelk, E.B.
Extent:	70 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection contains the records of the Society for Historical Archaeology and documents the activities of its officers and board of directors. Also included are copies of the SHA's publications.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Society for Historical Archaeology records, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

Portions of this collection is stored off-site. Advance notice must be given to view the collection.

Historical

As early as the 1950s, discussions were underway concerning the establishment of an organization dedicated to historical archaeology. In 1967, the Society for Historical Archaeology was founded at the International Conference on Historic Archaeology, which met in Dallas, Texas. The Society was incorporated in 1968 in Pennsylvania and its constitution was adopted that same year at the first annual meeting, with the stated mission of serving as "an educational organization to promote scholarly research in and dissemination

of knowledge concerning historical archaeology." Its focus is "the era since the beginning of exploration of the non-European parts of the world by Europeans, with the prime concern in the western hemisphere."

The chief concerns of the society have included its annual meetings and publications. The latter are the scholarly *Historical Archaeology* and the *Society for Historical Archaeology Newsletter*, which reports developments in the society and keeps members informed of news within the field. Since the early 1970s, the society has also become increasingly concerned with the qualifications and ethical behavior of historical archeologists and with government activities to protect historical sites and to promote scientific work at them.

Arrangement

Portions of this collection are unprocessed. Please contact the archivist for further information. Earlier accessions, containing records dating from 1953-1979, have been arranged in the following proposed series:

(1) Organizational correspondence, 1966-1967; (2) presidents' correspondence, 1967-1976; (3) president-elects' correspondence, 1971, 1974-1975; (4) board of directors' correspondence, 1968-1974; (5) committee records, 1968-1977; (6) records relating to annual meetings, 1968-1977; (7) editors' correspondence, 1967-1974; (8) records relating to historical archeology, 1968-1975; (9) copies of *Newsletter*, 1968-1977; (10) secretary-treasurer's correspondence, 1969-1977; (11) membership correspondence, 1967-1977; (12) returned mail, 1971-1977; (13) invoices, 1967-1975; (14) miscellany, undated; (15) sound recording tapes and photographs, undated; (16) secretary-treasurer's records, 1967-1978; (17) Edward B. Jelk's records of early meetings

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Archeology, historical
Language and languages -- Documentation
Professional associations

Types of Materials:

Audiotapes
Invoices
Letters
Lists
Photographs

Names:

Society for Historical Archaeology