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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Leonard Bloomfield papers
Date:	undated
Identifier:	NAA.1981-04
Creator:	Bloomfield, Leonard, 1887-1949
Extent:	8 Linear feet (6 document boxes and 13 card file boxes)
Language:	Multiple languages .
Summary:	Bloomfield was one of America's foremost scientific linguists, concerned with theoretical, descriptive, and applied aspects of his field. A teacher of German and an accomplished Indo-European scholar, he also carried out reserch on the languages of non-literated peoples on Algonquian languages.

Administrative Information

Related Materials

The Yale University Library and the Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center at the University of Chicago Library hold additional Leonard Bloomfield papers.

Preferred Citation

Leonard Bloomfield papers, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

The Leonard Bloomfield papers are open for research.

Access to the Leonard Bloomfield papers requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Scope and Contents

The collection concerns Bloomfield's work and the work of his students and colleagues--Charles Frederick Voegelin, Morris Swadesh, and Bernard Bloch--on Algonquian languages, particularly Menoninee, Chippewa, Shawnee, Delaware, Fox, Mahican, and Cree. Included are manuscript word lists, grammar notes, and texts together with some related printed and processed materials. In addition, the collection contains weekly summaries used in a Linguistic Institute course on (Oklahoma) Delaware, dated July-August, 1939. Voegelin was the linguist while the speaker was Willie Longbone. There are also a few letters of colleagues and informants (Ruth Landes, Joe Satterlee, Amos Striker, and Voegelin); an early draft of the 1946 publication Algonquian, Viking Fund Publications in Anthrology Number 6, pages 85-129; and other

writings. Also included, sometimes as waste materials on the backs of newer manuscripts, are materials relating to Bloomfield's work on European languages and on Turkish.

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 As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and terminology and considered offensive today.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 National Anthropological 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:

Subjects:

- Algonquin (Algonkin)
- Anishinaabe (Chippewa/Ojibwa)
- Cree
- Language and languages -- Documentation
- Lenape (Delaware)
- Linguistics
- Mahican
- Menominee (Menomini)
- Meskwaki (Fox)
- Sac and Fox (Sauk & Fox)
- Shawnee

Cultures:

- Algonquin (Algonkin)
- Anishinaabe (Chippewa/Ojibwa)
- Cree
- Lenape (Delaware)
- Mahican
- Menominee (Menomini)
- Meskwaki (Fox)
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