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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Ellis Kerley papers
Date:	1955-1997
Identifier:	NAA.1999-29
Creator:	Kerley, Ellis R., 1924-1998
Extent:	11.5 Linear feet
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Received from Mary Kerley in 1999 and Mark P. Leone in 2000.

Processing Information

The collection is unprocessed. Contact the repository for more information.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

Access to portions of this collection is restricted.

Access to the Ellis Kerley papers requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical / Historical

Ellis Kerley earned a B.A. from the University of Kentucky and a M.A. and a Ph.D from the University of Michigan. He devised a way to identify human remains from a bone fragment. He taught forensic science at the University of Kansas and the University of Maryland.

Scope and Contents

The Ellis Kerley papers document his forensic work both nationally and internationally including his research at the Army Central Identification Lab. In addition to case files relating to his studies of the remains of U.S. servicemen are files relating to the assassination of Presidents Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy. This collection includes correspondence, newspaper clippings, notes, reports, slides, video, and x-rays. The slides include a set related to Kerley's lectures on dried blood stains. The collection also contains information on underwater archeology.

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Names and Subject Terms

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Subjects:

Biological anthropology
Forensic anthropology

Names:

U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory