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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	William Pollitzer papers
Date:	1957-1997
Identifier:	NAA.1999-34
Creator:	Pollitzer, William S., 1923-
Extent:	11 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Received from William Pollitzer in 1999 and Margaret Pollitzer in 2002.

Processing Information

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

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

Access to the William Pollitzer papers requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

William S. Pollitzer taught anthropology, anatomy, and genetics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1957 through 1986 when he became an Emeritus Professor. Pollitzer earned an A.B. (1944) and a M.A. (1947) in Biology from Emory University and a Ph.D. in Human Variation from Columbia University in 1957.

Scope and Contents

The William S. Pollitzer Papers document his research into blood types and pedigrees as well as facial morphology among the Catawba, Cherokee, Lumbee, and Seminole tribes as well as the Gullah of South Carolina. Also included are correspondence files relating to Pollitzer's tenure as President of the Human Biology Council and a dermatoglyphic study in Hawaii.

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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:

- Biological anthropology
- Catawba
- Cherokee
- Gullahs
- Hawaiians
- Human genetics
- Language and languages -- Documentation
- Lumbee
- Seminole
- dermatoglyphics

Cultures:

- Catawba
- Cherokee
- Gullahs
- Hawaiians
- Lumbee
- Seminole