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Preliminary guide to the Roscoe H. Wilmeth
papers relating to Navajo Land Claim work

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Roscoe H. Wilmeth papers relating to Navajo land claim work
Date:	1953-1961
Identifier:	NAA.2017-17
Creator:	Wilmeth, R. Van Valkenburgh, Richard F. (Correspondent)
Extent:	0.75 Linear feet (2 boxes)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The papers were donated to the National Anthropological Archives by Wilmeth's daughter, Frances Wilmeth, in 2017 and 2019.

Restrictions

The collection is open for research. Access to the Roscoe Wilmeth papers relating to Navajo Land Claim work requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

Roscoe Hall Wilmeth (1922-1981) was an archaeologist whose research included work in the American Southwest, Kansas, and on Athabascan cultures. During his his graduate school years, Wilmeth worked for the Navajo Inter-Tribal Council documenting sites for land claim cases against the United States Federal Government.

Scope and Contents

The collection includes correspondence between Roscoe Wilmeth and various people regarding archaeological work for Navajo land claims, and diaries from the years he was carrying out this work. The bulk of the letters are with Richard F. Van Valkenburgh who oversaw Wilmeth's work.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Archaeology
Diné (Navajo)

Cultures:

Diné (Navajo)