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Guide to the Dennis J. Stanford and Margaret A. (Pegi) Jodry papers, [1873-2019 (bulk 1975-2015)]

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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | National Anthropological Archives |
| Title: | Dennis J. Stanford and Margaret A. (Pegi) Jodry papers |
| Date: | [1873-2019] (bulk [1975-2015]) |
| Identifier: | NAA.2022-05 |
| Creator: | Stanford, Dennis J. Jodry, Margaret A. (Pegi) |
| Extent: | [265] Linear feet |
| Language: | Multiple languages . |
| Summary: | The papers of Dennis J. Stanford and Margaret A. (Pegi) Jodry document the archaeological excavations and analysis of Paleoindigenous (also called Paleoindian) sites through the United States including sites within the San Luis Valley in Colorado and those on the Delmarva Peninsula in the Chesapeake Bay region. Stanford's career as curator of North American Archaeology and Jodry's career as project archaeologist and research associate at the National Museum of Natural History from the 1970s to 2010s as well as their collaboration with other researchers and professional organizations is also represented. The collection consists of field notes, data and analysis, manuscript drafts, publications, correspondence, illustrations and maps, photographic prints, negatives, slides, and recorded film and sound. |

Administrative Information

Processing Information

The collection primarily derives from the office of Dennis J. Stanford at the National Museum of Natural History. From 2019-2022, the Dennis Stanford Paleoindian Collections Project packed and shipped both collections and archives material from Stanford's NMNH office to the Museum Support Center. The archival material was initially surveyed and partially packed by Molly Kamph in 2019 and completed by Sidney Ascher from 2019-2022. Molly Kamph then partially processed the collection from February-September 2022, and NHRE intern Muna Ali processed photographic slides in the collection from May-August 2022.

The collection follows a roughly chronological arrangement, so the archivist has attempted to maintain that arrangement where sensible; however, the archivist imposed an arrangement for most of the material in order to make the collection more accessible for research. Weeding of materials was undertaken to remove duplicate material. Material was either transferred to the John Wesley Powell Library of Anthropology or destroyed. In Series 6: Research Files, only the material that was annotated or rare/unpublished was retained.

Some boxes are roughly sorted into a series-level arrangement; however, the majority of the collection remains unsorted and unprocessed.

Preferred Citation

Dennis J. Stanford and Margaret A. (Pegi) Jodry papers, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

Conditions Governing Use

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Biographical / Historical

Dennis Joe Stanford (1943-2019) was born on May 13, 1943 in Cherokee, Iowa. After moving to New Mexico and then to Wyoming, Stanford had an early interest in archaeology by finding artifacts starting at the age of 9. After volunteering on an archaeological dig at the Union Pacific Mammoth Site as a teenager, Stanford received a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Wyoming in 1965 as a student of Dr. William Mulloy. Stanford then received a M.A. in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico in 1967, and then subsequently began his doctoral research, which focused on the excavation (conducted in 1968-1969) and analysis of the Walakpa site in Alaska. He then received a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico in 1972. That same year, Stanford was hired by the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) as an Associate Curator of Archaeology and Director of the Paleoindian/Paleoecology Program. By 1978, he was promoted to Curator of Archaeology and served as Head of the Division of Archaeology from 1990-1992 and again from 2004-2011. He also served as Chairman of the NMNH Department of Anthropology from 1992-2000. During his 47 years at NMNH, Stanford also conducted extensive research on topics and methods such as experimental archaeology, lithic analysis, the peopling of the Americas, and paleoecology and published over 150 works, including several books such as *Across Atlantic Ice: The Origin of America's Clovis Culture* (2012), which he coauthored with archaeologist Bruce Bradley. A few notable sites, experiments, and concepts examined by Stanford and colleagues include the Jones-Miller, Selby, Dutton, Lamb Spring, and sites within the San Luis Valley in Colorado; the Ginsberg elephant butchery experiment; and the Solutrean Hypothesis. Stanford also contributed over one million objects to NMNH's collections, comprising the Dennis Stanford National Paleoindian Collection. Dennis J. Stanford died on April 24, 2019 at Georgetown Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Chronology of the Life of Dennis Stanford

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| <i>1943 May 13</i> | Born in Cherokee, Iowa, USA |
| <i>1960-1961</i> | Volunteered at excavations of the Union Pacific Mammoth site in Wyoming |
| <i>1965</i> | B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Wyoming |
| <i>1967</i> | M.A. in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico |
| <i>1968-1969</i> | Led survey and excavations at the Walakpa site near Point Barrow, Alaska |
| <i>1972</i> | PhD in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico Began at the Smithsonian Institution as Associate Curator of Archaeology and Director of the Paleoindian/Paleoecology Program at the National Museum of Natural History |
| <i>1973-1975</i> | Excavations at the Jones-Miller Bison Kill site in Wray, Colorado |
| <i>1975-1978</i> | Excavations at the Selby and Dutton sites in Wray, Colorado |
| <i>1977</i> | Excavations at the Linger site (5AL91), Colorado |
| <i>1978</i> | Promoted to Curator of Archaeology at NMNH |
| <i>1978-1979</i> | Conducted the Ginsberg Elephant Butchery Experiment |

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| 1980-1981 | Led second excavation of the Lamb Spring site, Colorado |
| 1981-1983 | Excavations at the Stewart's Cattle Guard site, Colorado |
| 1983 | Excavations at the Reddin site (5SH77), Colorado |
| 1990-1992 | Named Head of the Division of Archaeology at the National Museum of Natural History |
| 1992 | Coedited <i>Ice Age Hunters of the Rockies</i> with Jane Day Recipient of the C. T. Hurst Award for Outstanding Contributions to Colorado Archaeology, Colorado Archeological Society |
| 1992-2000 | Served as Chair of the National Museum of Natural History Department of Anthropology |
| 2004-2011 | Head of the National Museum of Natural History Division of Archaeology |
| 2005 | Coedited <i>Paleo-American Origins: Beyond Clovis</i> with Robson Bonnicksen, Bradley T. Lepper, and Michael R. Waters |
| 2012 | Coauthored <i>Across the Atlantic Ice: The Origin of America's Clovis Culture</i> with Bruce Bradley |
| 2019 April 24 | Died in Georgetown, Washington, District of Columbia, USA |

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Archaeologists
- Archaeology
- Archaeology -- Colorado
- Archaeology -- United States
- Excavations (Archaeology)
- Human remains (Archaeology)
- Lithics -- American Indian
- Paleo-Indians -- North America

Places:

- Alaska -- Archaeology