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interview of Waldo R. Wedel

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Collection Overview

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Title:	MS 2011-29 Oral history interview of Waldo R. Wedel
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Received from Dennis Stanford.

Other Archival Materials

See also Waldo R. Wedel and Mildred Mott Wedel Papers

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Biographical / Historical

Waldo R. Wedel was an archaeologist, best known for his contributions to Plains archaeology. He worked at the Smithsonian Institution from 1936 to 1977. He began his career at the Smithsonian as an assistant curator under Neil M. Judd in the Division of Archeology in the United States National Museum. He later became curator of archeology in 1950, and in 1962, he became head curator of the Department of Anthropology. In 1964-1965, he was acting head of the newly organized Smithsonian Office of Anthropology. Wedel also established and directed the Missouri Basin Project (1946-50) of the Bureau of American Ethnology's River Basin Surveys.

Scope and Contents

Interview of Waldo R. Wedel conducted by Larry D. Banks and Douglas Givens on June 17, 1996 in Boulder, Colorado. The interview was conducted at Wedel's nursing home, a couple of months before he

died. This interview is part of a series of oral histories of archaeologists recorded by Givens. Topics include Wedel's youth, career, fieldwork, colleagues, the Smithsonian Institution, and the River Basin Surveys.

Local Numbers

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General

Date on box insert incorrectly listed as July 18, 1996.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Archaeology

Types of Materials:

Interviews

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Names:

Boas, Franz, 1858-1942

Bushnell, David I., Jr. (David Ives), 1875-1941

Evans, Clifford, 1920-1981

Haury, Emil W. (Emil Walter), 1904-1992

Hrdlička, Aleš, 1869-1943

Lehmer, Donald Jayne, 1918-1975

River Basin Surveys

Roberts, Frank H. H. (Frank Harold Hanna), 1897-1966

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Stephenson, Robert L. (Robert Lloyd), 1919-

Stewart, T. D. (Thomas Dale), 1901-1997

Stirling, Matthew Williams, 1896-1975

Strong, William Duncan, 1899-1962

Wedel, Mildred Mott