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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 4465 Materials relating to the De Soto expedition
Identifier:	NAA.MS4465
Date:	ca. 1934-40
Creator:	Swanton, John Reed, 1873-1958
Extent:	8 Boxes 3 Items (map rolls) 6 Items (microfilm rolls)
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Deposited by Swanton, June 30, 1944.

Available Formats

Microfilm copy of 1st edition of Garcilaso de la Vega's "La Florida del Inca." 5 rolls, made 1936-7.
Fragmentary microfilm copy of unidentified Spanish documents (letters ?). 1 roll, incomplete.

Citation

Manuscript 4465, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Scope and Contents

Collected while Chairman of the De Soto Expedition Commission, 1935-39, and in the years immediately preceding and following. (ca. 1934-40).

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DeSoto Expedition Commission Materials. Box 1, folder 1 General records of the Commission: establishment, minutes (1936 only), photos of members, final published report (Swanton, John R. 1939. Final report of the United States DeSoto Expedition Commission. 76th Congress, 1st Session, House of Rep. Doc. Number 71 [Serial 10328]. 400 pages, 11 maps). 1 folder. Box 1, folder 2 Speeches of the Chairman, J. R. Swanton. 1 folder. Box 1, folder 3 Materials relating to DeSoto coat of arms and trail makers on which it was used. 1 folder. Box 1, folder 4 Photographs. 1 folder. Box 1, folder 5 Maps, small. 1 folder. Box 1, folder 6 Programs and brochures, chiefly from DeSoto commemorative ceremonies.

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Box 2 Correspondence and notes of John R. Swanton, 1934-40. Unarranged as to correspondent or date, except for separate folders on J. Y. Brame, Mark F. Boyd, Albert Woldert and Irene A. Wright. Includes maps, reports, photos submitted by correspondents; these relate to archeological site locations as well as historical records. 1 box. Box 2 last folder Swanton's reading notes, extracts from historical sources; some first drafts of material published in the Report as appendices, etc. (Found interleaved with correspondence but apparently unrelated.) Box 3, folders 1 and 2 Extracts, transcripts, translations and photocopies from historical sources, collected by J. R. Swanton. 2 folders. (Typed list of contents of folder 1 in that folder.) Box 3, folder 3 Short papers relating to the DeSoto expedition, published and unpublished. Various authors. 1 folder. Box 3, folder 4 Published volumes and periodicals relating to DeSoto. Sent to Bureau of American Ethnology Library. List placed in box.

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Boxes 4, 5, 6 Translations, transcripts and photocopies of documents in Spanish archives, especially Archivo de las Indias, Seville, collected by Miss Irene A. Wright 1936. 3 boxes. List of all material in 1st box. (15 page list). Box 7 Translation of Garcilaso de la Vega's "La Florida del Inca," by Charmion Shelby. Carbon copy. xvi and 894 p. (1 box.) (910 microframes required) Box 8 (photos shelf) Photographic slides, made and used for Swanton's lectures. 50 slides in 1 box. Map Section: Maps, large. Roll 1- Historical maps and reproductions Roll 2- Maps with archeological sites indicated (Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi) Roll 3- Maps on which DeSoto's route, as determined by the Commission is indicated. Working sections and final route.

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Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Expeditions -- DeSoto Commission

Names:

United States De Soto Expedition Commission