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Guide to the Bernard G. Hoffman papers, 1965-1987

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Bernard G. Hoffman papers
Date:	1965-1987
Identifier:	NAA.XXXX.0315
Creator:	Hoffman, Bernard G.
Extent:	25.35 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	The Bernard G. Hoffman papers mainly document Hoffman's research on the early cartography of North America, tribal distributions in eastern North America, and bibliographical research on eastern North American Indigenous groups. Included are manuscripts of Hoffman's works related to these subjects, maps, and 35 mm slides pertaining to Hoffman's personal life and courses on anthropology.

Administrative Information

Related Materials

George Mason University Libraries and the University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections holds additional Bernard G. Hoffman papers.

Preferred Citation

Bernard G. Hoffman papers, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

Access to the Bernard G. Hoffman papers requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

Bernard G. Hoffman (1926 – 1989) was an anthropologist who studied Indigenous groups located in the Northeastern United States and Eastern Canada. Hoffman's main focus was cartography, but he also collected broader ethnographic research of others on tribes located in these areas.

Hoffman received his BA in physics and mathematics from the University of Montana in 1946 and earned his PhD in anthropology from the University of California at Berkeley in 1955. After graduation Hoffman went on to work as a research analyst with the United States Department of Justice Indian Claims Section until 1957, after which he became a research associate at the American University Foreign Area Study Division for one year. From 1958 to

1964, Hoffman worked as a research analyst for the National Science Foundation (NSF) Foreign Service Information Program, going on to serve as head of the NSF's Course Content Improvement Program from 1964 to 1965.

In 1965, he joined the faculty of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Maryland at College Park. His area of focus concerned eastern North American tribes from Appalachia to eastern Canada. Hoffman served on the UMD faculty for 12 years before retiring in 1977. Following this, he conducted research and published on cartography relating to Indigenous communities of eastern North America.

Hoffman died of Hodgkin's disease in 1989.

Scope and Contents

The Bernard G. Hoffman papers concern Hoffman's research on the Indigenous groups of eastern North America. Hoffman's collection materials relate to the history of cartography of North America and include research on the history and distribution of tribes located around the east coast, particularly in and around Virginia. The collection contains copies of printed material, bibliographic and teaching materials, printed and hand-drawn maps, illustrations, photographs, and manuscripts.

Please note that the contents of the collection and the language and terminology used reflect the context and culture of the time of its creation. As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary 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.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into three series: Slides, Cartography, and Ethnographic research. Many original folder titles were retained; titles created by the archivist are placed in brackets.

Selected Bibliography

1961. *Cabot to Cartier: Sources for a Historical Ethnography of Northeastern North America 1497-1550*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1961.

1964. "Observations on Certain Ancient Tribes of the Northern Appalachian Province" *Bureau of American Ethnology Bulletin* 191, (1964): 191-246.

1975. *Historical Ethnography of the Micmac of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries: Volume I*. Oakland: University of California Press, 1975.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Algonquin
Cartography
Mi'kmaq (Micmac)

Cultures:

Mi'kmaq (Micmac)

Places:

North America
Virginia

Container Listing

Slides

Scope and Contents: This series contains photographs consisting of 35 mm slides. The personal slides mostly include images in and around Hoffman's home, family events, and vacations. The other images in this series were used for teaching in Hoffman's anthropology courses. There are a total of 3,238 slides in this collection.

Box 1, Folder 1	[Camera notes]
Box 1, Folder 2	[Personal (1 of 11)]
Box 1, Folder 3	[Personal (2 of 11)]
Box 1, Folder 4	[Personal (3 of 11)] Notes: Includes photographs of an archaeological excavation, contains images of human remains.
Box 1, Folder 5	[Personal (4 of 11)]
Box 1, Folder 6	[Personal (5 of 11)]
Box 1, Folder 7	[Personal (6 of 11)]
Box 2, Folder 1	[Personal (7 of 11)]
Box 2, Folder 2	[Personal (8 of 11)]
Box 2, Folder 3	[Personal (9 of 11)]
Box 2, Folder 4	[Personal (10 of 11)]
Box 2, Folder 5	[Personal (11 of 11)]
Box 2, Folder 6	[Indigenous objects (1 of 2)] Notes: This folder contains images of objects presumably from various indigeneous cultures used in Hoffman's teaching.
Box 2, Folder 7	[Indigenous objects (2 of 2)] Notes: This folder contains images of objects presumably from various indigeneous cultures used in Hoffman's teaching. Contains images of human remains.
Box 3, Folder 1	Museum of Man

Box 3, Folder 2	Evolution: Evidence for genetic components and process
Box 3, Folder 3	Evolution: Living primates
Box 3, Folder 4	Evolution: Fossil ancestors of modern man
Box 3, Folder 5	Evolution: Living races of man
Box 3, Folder 6	North Africa [1 of 2]
Box 4, Folder 1	North Africa [2 of 2]
Box 4, Folder 2	[Paleolithic culture]
Box 4, Folder 3	[People and Mesolithic objects]
Box 4, Folder 4	[Slide catalog]

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Cartography

Scope and Contents: This series contains copies of materials on the cartography of the Americas. These copies are organized by date of creation and seem to be intended as manuscripts.

Box 5	Guide to the Early Cartography of the Americas, 1200 AD - 1501 AD
Box 6	Guide to the Early Cartography of the Americas, 1502 AD
Box 7	Guide to the Early Cartography of the Americas, 1500 AD – 1516 AD
Box 8	Guide to the Early Cartography of the Americas, C. 1516 AD – 1529 AD
Box 9	Guide to the Early Cartography of the Americas, 1529 AD – 1544 AD
Box 10	Guide to the Early Cartography of the Americas, 1544 AD – 1559 AD
Box 11	Guide to the Early Cartography of the Americas, 1560 AD – 1589 AD
Box 12	Guide to the Early Cartography of the Americas, 1590 AD – 1616 AD
Box 13	Guide to the Early Cartography of the Americas, 1617 AD – 1688 AD
Box 14	Guide to the Early Cartography of the Americas, 1689 AD – 1703 AD
Box 15	Guide to the Early Cartography of the Americas, 1704 AD – 1733 AD
Box 16	Guide to the Early Cartography of the Americas, 1740 AD – 1835 AD
Box 17	Guide to the Early Cartography of the Americas, 1836 AD – 1988 AD, [and selected texts]
Box 18	Guide to the Early Cartography of North America, 1400 AD – 1507 AD
Box 19	Guide to the Early Cartography of North America, 1508 AD – 1549 AD
Box 20	Guide to the Early Cartography of North America, 1550 AD – 1640 AD
Box 21	Guide to the Early Cartography of North America, 1680 AD – 1980 AD
Box 22	Guide to the Early Cartography of North America: [Selected texts]
Box 23	[Portolan mapping and the cartography of Newfoundland – Labrador], 1987
Box 24	Maps for Early Cartography of Native Americans and European Colonization, [language groups and world maps], C. 1500 AD - C. 1980 AD

Box 25

[Assorted texts and world maps] 1500 AD – 1545 AD

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Ethnographic research

Scope and Contents: This series contains ethnographic research by others collected by Hoffman and some manuscripts written by him. Folders titled, "Calendar of Documents", refer to a collection of bibliographical references used by Hoffman in his research.

Box 26, Folder 1	Calendar of Documents I [1 of 3] Notes: Bibliographical references and notes from 1570 AD – 1589 AD about Indigenous populations in and around Virginia.
Box 26, Folder 2	Calendar of Documents I [2 of 3] Notes: Bibliographical references and notes from 1589 AD – 1603 AD about Indigenous populations in and around Virginia.
Box 26, Folder 3	Calendar of Documents I [3 of 3] Notes: Bibliographical references and notes from 1603 AD about Indigenous populations in and around Virginia
Box 26, Folder 4	Calendar of Documents II [1 of 3] Notes: Bibliographical references and notes from 1605 AD – 1607 AD about Indigenous populations in and around Virginia.
Box 26, Folder 5	Calendar of Documents II [2 of 3] Notes: Bibliographical references and notes from 1606 AD – 1609 AD about Indigenous populations in and around Virginia
Box 26, Folder 6	Calendar of Documents II [3 of 3] Notes: Bibliographical references and notes from 1609 AD – 1610 AD about Indigenous populations in and around Virginia.
Box 27, Folder 1	Calendar of Documents III [1 of 2] Notes: Bibliographical references and notes from 1610 AD – 1612 AD about Indigenous populations in and around Virginia.
Box 27, Folder 2	Calendar of Documents III [2 of 2] Notes: Bibliographical references and notes from 1612 AD about Indigenous populations in and around Virginia.
Box 27, Folder 3	Calendar of Documents V [1 of 3] Notes: Bibliographical references and notes from 1616 AD – 1618 AD about Indigenous populations in and around Virginia.
Box 27, Folder 4	Calendar of Documents V [2 of 3] Notes: Bibliographical references and notes from 1618 AD – 1620 AD about Indigenous populations in and around Virginia.
Box 27, Folder 7	Calendar of Documents V [3 of 3] Notes: Bibliographical references and notes from 1619 AD – 1620 AD about Indigenous populations in and around Virginia.

Box 28, Folder 1	[Ancient Tribes Revisited: tribal distribution in the United States northeast from 1534 – 1779] , 1965
Box 28, Folder 2	[Notes on tribal distribution in northeastern United States and Canada]
Box 28, Folder 3	[Atlas of northeastern United States and lower Canada tribal distribution up to 1779 (1 of 4)]
Box 28, Folder 4	[Atlas of northeastern United States and lower Canada tribal distribution up to 1779 (2 of 4)]
Box 28, Folder 5	[Atlas of northeastern United States and lower Canada tribal distribution up to 1779 (3 of 4)]
Box 28, Folder 6	[Atlas of northeastern United States and lower Canada tribal distribution up to 1779 (4 of 4)]
Box 29, Folder 1	[Notes on the distribution of the Algonquin]
Box 29, Folder 2	[Vocabularies for linguistic comparison of Algonquian languages]
Box 29, Folder 3	[Northeastern tribal ethnology (1 of 2)]
Box 29, Folder 4	[Northeastern tribal ethnology (2 of 2)]
Box 29, Folder 5	[Cartography notes (1 of 2)]
Box 29, Folder 6	[Cartography notes (2 of 2)]
Box 29, Folder 7	Old Acadia: A study of origins [1 of 3]
Box 29, Folder 8	Old Acadia: A study of origins [2 of 3]
Box 30, Folder 1	Old Acadia: A study of origins [3 of 3]
Box 30, Folder 2	Old Acadia: A study of origins I [1 of 2]
Box 30, Folder 3	Old Acadia: A study of origins I [2 of 2]
Box 30, Folder 4	Old Acadia: A study of origins II [1 of 2]
Box 30, Folder 5	Old Acadia: A study of origins II [2 of 2]
Box 31, Folder 1	Old Acadia: A study of origins III [1 of 2]
Box 31, Folder 2	Old Acadia: A study of origins III [2 of 2]

Box 31, Folder 3	Old Acadia: A study of origins IV
Box 31, Folder 4	[Micmac ethnohistorical bibliography]
Box 31, Folder 5	[Plagiarism of ethnography of the Micmac (1 of 2)] Notes: Includes a manuscript plagiarized from Hoffman's work on the Micmac. Also includes some correspondence about the ordeal.
Box 31, Folder 6	[Plagiarism of ethnography of the Micmac (2 of 2)] Notes: Includes a manuscript plagiarized from Hoffman's work on the Micmac.
Box 32, Folder 1	Virginia Colonial Records Project
Box 32, Folder 2	[Checklist of deeds and treaties made with the frontier tribes]
Box 32, Folder 3	[Ethnographic reconstruction for the Kwakwaka'wakw]
Box 32, Folder 4	Sample of Northwest Coast shredded cedar bark
Box 32, Folder 5	[Anthropology course 102] Notes: Contains teaching materials.
Box 32, Folder 6	[Anthropology course 124] Notes: Contains teaching materials.
Box 33	"Bibliography for North America" Notes: Contains Hoffman's compiled bibliographic resources.

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