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Guide to the Clayton Moore  
"Lone Ranger" Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Clayton Moore "Lone Ranger" Collection
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0727
<b>Date:</b>	1980-1999.
<b>Extent:</b>	0.5 Cubic feet (5 boxes)
<b>Creator:</b>	Moore, Clayton, 1914-1999 Moore, Dawn A.
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Clayton Moore "Lone Ranger" Collection</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by Dawn A. Moore in 2000.

### Ownership and Custodial History

The archival collection was donated along with artifacts, including the Lone Ranger mask and a bullet. The artifacts were donated to the Division of Cultural History.

### Processing Information

Collection processed by NMAH Staff, undated.

### Preferred Citation

Clayton Moore "Lone Ranger" Collection, 1980-1999, Archives Center, National Museum of American History. Gift of Dawn A. Moore.

### Restrictions on Access

UNPROCESSED COLLECTION.

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## Biographical / Historical

Actor who portrayed "The Lone Ranger" on television and in motion pictures.

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## Scope and Contents

Archival materials documenting Moore's career as television's "Lone Ranger": biographical information; photographs, including appearances made by Moore, publicity photographs, and film stills; letters, financial and legal papers relating to Moore's work in endorsements after his retirement from television; and assorted papers, such as court documents, relating to a 1987 theft that Moore experienced; 24 tapes of oral history interviews conducted with Moore, and a copy of his published autobiography.

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## Arrangement

2 series.

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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:

- Cowboys -- 20th century
- Television programs

Types of Materials:

- Audiotapes
- Autobiographies
- Books
- Contracts
- Film stills
- Financial records -- 1980-2000
- Legal documents
- Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century.
- Oral history -- 1980-2000
- Publicity photographs

Names:

- Lone Ranger (fictional character)

Preferred Titles:

*Lone Ranger (Television program)*

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## Container Listing

I was that masked man / Clayton Moore with Frank Thompson. [Book.], 1996  
*1 Item (xiv, 266 p; ill.; 24 cm.)*

[Image\(s\)](#)

Moore, Clayton, 1914-1999, Author  
Thompson, Frank T., 1952- (co author)  
English.

Local Numbers

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Publication

Dallas, Tex. : Taylor Pub. Co., c1996

Bibliography

Includes bibliographical references (p. 255) and index.

Bibliography

Filmography: p. 243-255.

Topic: Cowboys -- 20th century  
Lone Ranger (Television program)  
Television programs

Occupation: Actors -- United States -- Biography

[The Lone Ranger and Tonto with their horses : black-and-white photoprint], ca.  
1950-1960  
*1 Item (7.5" x 10").*

[Image\(s\): \[The Lone Ranger and Tonto with their horses : black-and-white photoprint\].](#)

English.

Clayton Moore as the Lone Ranger and Jay Silverheels as Tonto; photographer unidentified.

Unrestricted research use on site by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Silver gelatin on paper.

Local Numbers

AC0727-0000001.tif (AC Scan)

In Box 4.

Names: Moore, Clayton, 1914-1999  
Silverheels, Jay, 1919-1980

Topic: Cowboys -- 20th century

Horses in television programs  
Lone Ranger (Television program)  
Television programs

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1950-1960 -- Black-and-white photoprints --  
Silver gelatin