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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Douglas Ralph Emlong Papers
Date:	1943-1980
Identifier:	Record Unit 7348
Creator::	Emlong, Douglas R., 1942-1980
Extent:	1.5 cu. ft. (1 record storage box) (1 document box) (1 oversize folder)
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Administrative Information

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Historical Note

Douglas Ralph Emlong (1942-1980) was an amateur collector of marine mammal fossils. He amassed a large collection of fossils from the vicinity of his home on the Oregon coast and later sold them to the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) in 1971. The collection included fifteen new species of marine mammals and two previously unknown families. He continued to collect for NMNH until his death, and for many years his work was supported by the Smithsonian Research Foundation. Emlong was also an amateur artist and lyricist.

Descriptive Entry

These papers document Emlong's work as a collector of marine mammal fossils, his association with NMNH, and his personal life. Included is correspondence between Emlong and NMNH paleontologists A. Remington Kellogg and Clayton E. Ray documenting his early interest in fossil collecting and the development and sale of his collection; field notes and collecting records; photographs and slides of Emlong, his family, and his art work; manuscripts, mostly fictional, written by Emlong; tapes and sheet music of songs written and performed by Emlong; biographical information, newspaper clippings, and obituaries; high school papers; oversize oil paintings by Emlong; and a copy of the NMNH accession record for the Emlong collection.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Fossils
Marine mammals

Paleontology

Types of Materials:

Art objects
Audiotapes
Black-and-white photographs
Clippings
Field notes
Manuscripts

Names:

Emlong, Douglas R., 1942-1980
Kellogg, Remington, 1892-1969
National Museum of Natural History (U.S.)
Ray, Clayton Edward
Smithsonian Research Foundation

Container Listing

Box 1

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| Box 1 of 2 | Notes and Correspondence, 1958-1980 (5 folders) |
| Box 1 of 2 | Field Inventories, circa 1957-1980 (8 folders) |
| Box 1 of 2 | Locality Notes, 1962-1980 (7 folders) |
| Box 1 of 2 | Agreement of Sale of Fossil Vertebrates with Smithsonian Institution, 1967 |
| Box 1 of 2 | Douglas Emlong Term Papers, 1958-1959 |
| Box 1 of 2 | Douglas Emlong Aetiocetus Manuscript, 1968 |
| Box 1 of 2 | "Morning of Immortality" and "Love and the Immortals," by Douglas Emlong |
| Box 1 of 2 | "Advent of Immortality," by Douglas Emlong (2 folders) |

Box 2

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| Box 2 of 2 | Douglas Emlong Music |
| Box 2 of 2 | Douglas Emlong Music (audiotape) |
| Box 2 of 2 | Newspaper Clippings, 1957-1977 and undated (2 folders) |
| Box 2 of 2 | Photographs, 1942-1963 and undated |
| Box 2 of 2 | Slides, 1980 (2 folders) |
| Box 2 of 2 | Negatives, 1975 and undated |
| Box 2 of 2 | Douglas Emlong Memorabilia, 1959-1980 |
| Box 2 of 2 | Henry Emlong Death Certificate and Ralph Emlong Birth Certificate |
| Box 2 of 2 | Douglas Emlong's Death, 1980 |
| Box 2 of 2 | Douglas Emlong Obituaries, 1980 |
| Box 2 of 2 | Condolence Letters to Jennie Emlong, 1980 |
| Box 2 of 2 | Jennie Emlong Correspondence, 1981 |

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Three paintings and one watercolor showing the different stages of marine life on earth, painted by Douglas Emlong