DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of documents relating to an ethnohistory project completed by the Center for Desert Archaeology with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Materials included in the collection document the evolution and history of the project. The collection is comprised of administrative records, conference papers, slide presentations, photos, project correspondence, research notes, field notes, cassette tape recordings, CDs, and final documents relating to the project.

The collection is highlighted by the final report “Tohono O’odham, Hopi, Zuni, and Western Apache Ethnohistory in the San Pedro Valley of Southeast Arizona.” The report, the first of its kind dealing with the San Pedro Valley, blends traditional knowledge, traditions, and oral histories with results of previous archaeological research. Research themes explored in the project are migration, warfare, social identity, subsistence ecology, and population dynamics. Emphasis of research was on discovering the meaning attached to archaeological sites by the presumed descendents of the land’s original inhabitants.

The collection also includes a large body of photographic images in various forms, including CDs, prints, and inkjet copies, which document the research area at the time of the study. Original research notebooks with the researcher’s field notes are included along with transcriptions of the notes in a more readable format.

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HISTORICAL NOTE

The San Pedro Ethnohistory project was inspired by the vision of William H. Doelle, President of the Center for Desert Archaeology as presented in 1999 to T. J. Ferguson and Roger Anyon while indulging in “libations” after work. Doelle explained that although the center had significant archaeological evidence of inhabitation during the Hohokam Classic Period from A.D. 550 to A.D. 1500, they were still lacking in understanding of what the evidence meant to the descendents of the original inhabitants. This collection documents the results of the project that started from the 1999 meeting. Field research for the project lasted from its initial funding by NEH in 2001 until publication of the final report in April 2004.

The San Pedro Valley is a site of importance to four different groups of people indigenous to the state of Arizona. Members of the Tohono O’odham, Hopi, Zuni, and Western Apache tribes claim ancestral connections to the area. All four tribes contributed stories and personal knowledge to the project.

ACQUISITION

Donated by the Center for Desert Archaeology in April 2004.
ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Jason Patrick in January 2006.
Box and Folder Listing

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- f.65 Article: “Oro Valley, Many Histories”
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