Descriptive Summary

Creator: Richardson, Gladwell
Collection Name: Gladwell Richardson Collection,
Inclusive Dates: ca. 1925-1980
Physical Description: 106 linear feet
Abstract: The bulk of this collection is articles from newspapers and magazines gathered by Richardson in the process of researching materials for his numerous published works. Also included are a few first drafts of articles, some reference books, and an edited manuscript of the Navajo Trader as well as several thousand photographic images. This collection is widely accessed for its Western lore and ephemera. Date ranges for this collection, ca. 1925 to 1980. For a complete item [container] list of materials in the Richardson Collection (AHS #48), contact the reference department at Northern Arizona University, Cline Library Special Collections and Archives, or contact the Arizona Historical Society/Flagstaff Archivist.

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Biographical Note

Gladwell Toney Richardson was born in Alvarado, Texas, September 4, 1903. He came from a family which owned and operated trading posts throughout the American Southwest (surnames: Smith, McAdams, and Richardson). His father, Samuel I. Richardson, began his
career as a trader in Arizona, 1896 (also owned cattle ranches in Oklahoma and Arizona). Gladwell Richardson began his own trading post career at sixteen years old with a job in Houck, New Mexico. After a stint in the Navy, 1921-1924, (later serving from 1942-45, and 1946 through the Korean conflict, ca. 1952) he worked at the Shonto Trading Post, Arizona (1925). He also began his writing career in 1925. His first published works were sea adventures (Street and Smith's Sea Stories magazine). However, the bulk of Richardson's work is western novels and magazine series, some 300 publications totaling an estimated sixty million published words. Despite an active writing career, Richardson continued to work as a trader at the Two Guns Trading Post, east of Flagstaff, while maintaining a house in Flagstaff, Arizona for himself and family, wife Millicent, daughters Cecile [Cobb] and Toni [Davis].


Richardson died in 1980 after a short stay at the Fort Whipple Veterans Administration Center, Prescott, Arizona.

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Scope and Content Note

The bulk of this collection is articles from newspapers and magazines gathered by Richardson in the process of researching materials for his numerous published works. Also included are first drafts of articles; an unpublished manuscript with photographs regarding the Navajo "anti-witchcraft" cult, ca. 1941; some reference books; as well as published magazine articles and an edited manuscript of the "Navajo Trader." This collection is widely accessed for its Western lore as well as the wide range of information gathered regarding personal and professional interests. Date ranges for this collection are ca. 1925 to 1980.

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Organization

3 Series. I. Publications. II. Research Files. III. Photographs.
Restrictions

None.

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Related Material

Richardson, Gladwell, AHS Photographic Collection #666
Arizona Historical Society/Flagstaff, Photographic Collections, AHS #900

Access Points

Personal Name(s)
Richardson, Gladwell--Archives.

Corporate Name(s)
United States. Navy.

Geographic Name(s)
West (U.S.)--History.

Subject(s)
Folklore West (U.S.)
Hopi Indians.
Indians of North America--Folklore.
Navajo Indians.
Navajo trading posts.
Trading posts--Arizona.

Genre Form(s)
Magazines (periodicals)
Manuscripts.
Maps.
Newspaper clippings.
Pamphlets.
Administrative Information

Credit Line


Container List

Series I, Publications. , 1925-1980

20 linear feet. Publications by Gladwell Richardson in the form of books and magazines; some manuscript drafts. Publications collected by Richardson of other western genre writers

Box-folder

1 Western and Detective genre books by Gladwell Richardson and other writers. , ca. 1940-1960.

Box-folder

1-A Photocopies of Gladwell Richardson published stories and articles, ca. 1940-1970

Box-folder

1-B Photocopies of Gladwell Richardson published stories and articles, ca. 1940-1970

Box-folder

1-C Photocopies of Gladwell Richardson published stories and articles, ca. 1940-1970

Box-folder

2 Western and Detective genre books by Gladwell Richardson and other writers. , ca. 1940-1970

Box-folder


The official publication of the New Mexico law enforcement department.

Articles by Gladwell Richardson, often under the alias, Maurice Kildare.

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The official publication of the New Mexico law enforcement department. Articles by Gladwell Richardson, often under the alias, Maurice Kildare.

Box-folder 5
The official publication of the New Mexico law enforcement department. Articles by Gladwell Richardson, often under the alias, Maurice Kildare.

Box-folder 6
Magazines, 1947-1970
Articles by Gladwell Richardson, often under aliases.

Box-folder 7
Magazines, 1950-1980
Articles by Gladwell Richardson, often under aliases.

Box-folder 8
Miscellaneous, ca. 1939-1960
Indian Claims Commission Reports; U.S. Navy Publications; Department of Interior Annual Report, 1939; Western apparel catalogs; various other magazines, ca. 1939-1960.

Box-folder 9
Miscellaneous, ca. 1939-1950
National Geographic(s) with Arizona articles (1917-1947, not inclusive); Sunset Magazines regarding Alaska and Baja California (Mexico); University of Arizona Bulletin regarding Hopi culture (1939); books; Senate Subcommittee hearing bulletin regarding the Hopi and Navajo (1948); etc.

Box-folder 77
Manuscript: "Navajo Trader", ca. 1985
Book manuscript by Gladwell Richardson.

Box-folder 78
Photocopies of Gladwell Richardson published stories and articles, ca. 1940-1970

Box-folder 79
Photocopies of Gladwell Richardson published stories and articles, ca. 1940-1970
Box-folder
80  Report on "Navajo Anti-Witchcraft Cult", ca. 1941
    An unpublished report by Gladwell Richardson on a Navajo anti-witchcraft cult.
    Includes photographs of the group's activities.

Box-folder
81  Indices of Gladwell Richardson Collection materials, ca. 1930-1970
    These are the indices to the collection itself; also available in the reference area
    of the NAU Cline Library SCA.

Series II, Research Files, 1925-1980
76  86 linear feet. Research materials and topics of interest. These materials are in alphabetic
    order. For a complete item [container] list of materials in the Richardson Collection (AHS
    #48), contact the reference department at Northern Arizona University, Cline Library
    Special Collections and Archives, or contact the Arizona Historical Society/Flagstaff
    Archivist.

Box-folder
10-76  Research materials and topics of interest, ca. 1925-1980
    These materials are in alphabetic order by subject. For a complete item
    [container] list of materials in the Richardson Collection (AHS #48), contact the
    reference department at Northern Arizona University, Cline Library Special
    Collections and Archives, or contact the Arizona Historical Society/Flagstaff
    Archivist.

Series III, Photographs, 1925-1980
76  10,000 images (approximately). See: Gladwell Richardson Photographic Collection #666.

Box-folder
See: Gladwell Richardson Photographic Collection #666. Many of these images are
    held at the Arizona Historical Society/Pioneer Museum.