
Finding Aid to the Raymond M. Gilmore Collection LA.1984.1.65

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Title: Raymond M. Gilmore Collection

creator: Gilmore, Raymond M. (Raymond Maurice), 1907-1983

Identifier/Call Number: LA.1984.1.65

Physical Description: 65.0 Linear feet65 Boxes of archival material including files, manuscripts, correspondence, realia.

Date (bulk): 1977-1983

Date (inclusive): Between 1955 and 1983

Abstract: The Raymond M. Gilmore Collection consists of material related to Gilmore's work in the field of marine mammals as Research Associate and Chair of the Office of Marine Mammal Information at the San Diego Natural History Museum.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of 65 boxes of material relating to Gilmore's research on marine mammals. It includes lecture notes, clippings, correspondence, published articles, sketches; research notes on coastal migration and census data of whales, conference materials, abstracts, and notes from speeches; cruise reports; rough work copies of *The Fauna and Ethno Zoology of South America*; whale sightings reports; notes on Antarctic research, biology, and comparative anatomy; miscellaneous writings and articles.

Biographical/Historical note

Raymond Maurice Gilmore (1907-1983) was an American zoologist and a recognized authority on whales. Born in Ithaca, New York on January 1, 1907, Gilmore was raised in Honolulu, Hawaii and Berkeley, California. His father was the agronomist John W. Gilmore, first president of the University of Hawaii. Educated at the University of California, Berkeley (A.B. 1930, M.S. 1933), Harvard University (Virginia Barret Gibbs Scholar, 1934-1935), and Cornell University (PhD 1942), Gilmore conducted epidemiological research for the Rockefeller Institute in South America before joining the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1946. A research associate at the San Diego Natural History Museum from 1955, Gilmore was director of the Museum's Office of Marine Mammal Information from 1977. He conducted the first census of California gray whales and is credited with promoting public interest in their conservation by leading whale-watching excursions for the Museum. Gilmore died on December 31, 1983.

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Processing Information

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Cetology

Gray whale -- California

Gray whale -- Mexico -- Baja California (Peninsula)

Marine biology

Whale watching

Whales -- California, Gulf of.
