Finding aid to the Ruth DeEtte Simpson Archaeological Research Papers and Notes MS.1312

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Abstract: Ruth DeEtte “Dee” Simpson (1919-2000) was an archaeologist and curator for the Southwest Museum from the 1940s to the 1960s. She conducted excavations in Arizona and California’s Mojave Desert and was the director of the Calico Early Man Archaeological Site. From 1964-1982, Simpson was the curator for the San Bernardino County Museum located in Redlands, California. The collections consists of research materials Simpson created or gathered regarding archaeology in California and the Southwest. The bulk of material is from 1942-1996 and includes archaeological reports, maps, tourist brochures, manuscripts, and published articles written by Simpson or other authors. The collection also consists of 6 spiral notebooks and photographs.
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Scope and Contents note
Collections consists of research materials Simpson created or gathered regarding archaeology in California and the Southwest. There are also notes and research material Simpson collected for her paper Archaeology of the Calico Early Man Site, 1964-1994: A Time of Change and Progress. The paper was published as Occasional Paper, number 16 in 1994 for the Friends of Calico.
The date span of the material range from 1906-1998, although the bulk of material is from 1942-1996. Types of items in this collection includes archaeological reports, maps, tourist brochures, manuscripts, and published articles written by Simpson or other authors. The collection also consists of 6 spiral notebooks and photographs.
Processing history
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Related Publication note
Acquisition
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Biographical/Historical note
Ruth DeEtte “Dee” Simpson (1919-2000) was an archaeologist and curator for the Southwest Museum from the 1940s to the 1960s. She conducted excavations in Arizona and California’s Mojave Desert and was the director of the Calico Early Man Archaeological Site. She also worked with Mark Raymond Harrington at the Tule Springs and Gypsum Cave sites in Nevada and Borax Lake and Little Lake in California.
From 1964-1982, Simpson was the curator for the San Bernardino County Museum located in Redlands, California, where she continued to direct the dig at Calico.
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