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**Abstract:** Albert H. Schroeder (1914-1993) oversaw the Salt River Valley Stratigraphic Survey, a WPA project for which he trained the crew and which recorded 104 sites. He served in the army during World War II and following the war was hired as an archaeologist by the National Park Service. When he retired 30 years later, he was Chief of the Park Service's Division of Interpretation in the Southwest Regional Office in Santa Fe. In addition to his archaeological work, he was an expert on Spanish Colonial and American Territorial documents, and served as an expert witness on the subject for the Department of Justice. This collection consists of unedited manuscripts for *A Study of the Apache Indians*, written by Schroeder and published by Garland Press, 1974. The parts included in this collection are of Parts I, III, and V and were created circa 1960 to 1964.

**creator:** Schroeder, Albert H.

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**Biographical note**
Albert H. Schroeder, 1914-1993

Schroeder was born on 1914 March 23 in Brooklyn, New York, but spent most of his adult life in New Mexico. After listening to a lecture by Byron Cummings in New York in the early 1930s, he was invited by Cummings to attend the University of Arizona, where he obtained both his Bachelors and Masters degrees. His Master's thesis was on the stratigraphy of Hohokam trash mounds in the Salt River Valley region. He then oversaw the Salt River Valley Stratigraphic Survey, a WPA project for which he trained the crew and which recorded 104 sites. He served in the army during World War II and following the war was hired as an archaeologist by the National Park Service. When he retired 30 years later, he was Chief of the Park Service's Division of Interpretation in the Southwest Regional Office in Santa Fe.

Schroeder was a prolific writer, authoring or contributing to over 200 publications on a wide variety of topics. In addition to his archaeological work, he was an expert on Spanish Colonial and American Territorial documents, and served as an expert witness on the subject for the Department of Justice. He was a member of the Society for American Archaeology for more than 30 years, President of the Historical Society of New Mexico and the Archaeological Society of New Mexico, on the Board of Trustees for the Old Santa Fe Association and the Board of Managers for the School of American Research, on the Editorial Board of the Museum of New Mexico, a Research Associate for the Museum of Northern Arizona, founding member of the New Mexico Cultural Properties Review Committee and a member of several other professional organizations and advisory committees. He received numerous distinguished service and lifetime achievement awards and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from New Mexico State University in 1980. He died of complications from lung cancer on 1993 July 19.


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Scope and Contents note
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