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Abstract: Ronald Allen Brooks (1937-circa 1986) was an anthropologist and exhibit designer, including a year of employment in the exhibits department of the Southwest Museum in 1985. This collection includes correspondence, manuscripts, notes, and photocopied articles Brooks wrote or collected from 1932-1986, covering anthropological and linguistic topics, such as orangutans, Niska Indians of the Nass River, Northwest Coast art and archaeology, Northwest Coast fishery history and eulachon or candlefish. This collection includes copies and drafts of the paper "Box of Daylight: Myths of Invention" which Brooks presented at the Third Annual Meeting of the Canadian Ethnology Society in Victoria, British Columbia in February of 1976.
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Scope and Contents
This collection includes correspondence, manuscripts, notes, and photocopied articles from Ronald A. Brooks’ anthropological and linguistic studies from 1962-1986. Research materials include collected articles and class notes covering many topics in archaeology and linguistics, such as orangutans, Niska Indians of the Nass River, Northwest Coast art and archaeology, Northwest Coast fishery history and eulachon or candlefish.
This collection includes papers regarding Brooks’ participation in the Third Annual Meeting of Canadian Ethnology Society in Victoria, British Columbia in February 1976, copies and drafts of the paper Brooks presented there, “Box of Daylight: Myths of Invention,” and correspondence and edits of this manuscript. This collection also includes all of Brooks’ university correspondence and paperwork from his attendance at various institutions, including applications and transcripts, as well as notes and exams from lectures and classes. This collection also includes a 1985 resume for exhibition work, listing Dr. Patrick Houlihan as a reference.
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