
Finding Aid to the Chief Dan Katchongva Collection MS.502

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Title: Chief Dan Katchongva Collection

Identifier/Call Number: MS.502

Contributing Institution: Autry National Center, Braun Research Library

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 0.25 Linear feet(3 folders, 1 oversized folder)

Date (inclusive): 1970-1971

Abstract: Chief Dan Katchongva (1860-1972) was born in Old Oraibi, Arizona. He was a traditional leader and Hopi Chief at Hotevilla, Arizona. This collection consists of material primarily created between 1970-1971. They include photocopies of correspondence from Chief Dan Katchongva to tribal, church, and government leaders; press clippings; and posters related to unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings near Prescott, Arizona and its relation to a Hopi prophecy.

creator: Katchongva, Dan, Chief

Access

Collection is open for research. Appointments to view materials are required. To make an appointment please visit <http://theautry.org/research/research-rules-and-application> or contact library staff at room@theautry.org.

Biographical/Historical note

Chief Dan Katchongva, birth 1860 January 1 and death 1972 February 22, was born in Old Oraibi, Arizona. He was a traditional leader and Hopi Chief at Hotevilla, Arizona.

Scope and contents

This collection consists of photocopies of correspondence from Chief Dan Katchongva to tribal, church, and government leaders; press clippings; and posters. The press clippings and posters relate to unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings near Prescott, Arizona and its relation to a Hopi prophecy.

In the letters, Katchongva demands return of stolen lands, opposes the Hopi Tribal Council and the Peabody Coal Company, and describes true Hopi religion and warns of the "Great Day of Purification" coming soon. All letters written and signed via Katchongva's secretary, Nonnie Skidmore.

Preferred citation

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Related Archival Materials note

Hopi Prophecies Collection, 1961-1974, Braun Research Library Collection, Autry National Center, Los Angeles; MS.1136.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Goldwater, Barry M. (Barry Morris), 1909-1998

Hermequaftewa, Andrew, d. 1961

Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994

Peabody Coal Company (Flagstaff, Ariz.).

Steiger, Sam, 1929-2012

United States. Indian Claims Commission.

Albuquerque Journal

Booklets

Clippings

Correspondence

Hopi Action News

Hopi Indians -- Land tenure
Hopi Indians -- Religion
Indian land transfers
Photocopies
Posters
Prescott (Ariz.)
Prescott Courier
Unidentified flying objects -- Folklore
Unidentified flying objects -- Religious aspects
Winslow (Ariz.)

**Correspondence from Chief Katchongva to community and government leaders
1970-1971**

Scope and contents

All correspondence in this folder are photocopies.

Folder 1 **Mr. Cox, acting Commissioner Bureau of Indian Affairs 1970 December 27**
Folder 1 **Roger Morton, Department of Interior 1970 December 27**
Folder 1 **Frisco Johnson, Hopi Tribal Council 1970 December 29**
Folder 1 **Peter McDonald, Chairman Navajo Tribal Council 1970 December 30**
Folder 1 **John S. Boyden, attorney Hopi Tribal Council 1970 December 31**
Folder 1 **Joseph F. Smith, President Latter Day Saints 1971 January 5**

creator: Smith, Joseph Fielding, 1876-1972

Folder 1 **Richard Nixon, United States President 1971 January 5**
Folder 1 **David Kennedy, State Department Roving Ambassador 1971 January 6**
Folder 1 **Honorable Chairman Indian Claims Commissioner 1971 January 8**
Folder 1 **Councilman Honanie, Hopi Tribal Council 1971 January 10**
Folder 1 **J. Edgar Hoover 1971 January 11**
Folder 1 **J.C. Montford, Plant Manager, Peabody Coal Company 1971 January 14**
Folder 1 **Logan Koupee, Hopi Tribal Council 1971 January 15**
Folder 1 **Senator Sam Stieger 1971 January 15**
Folder 1 **Senator Barry Goldwater 1971 January 16**
Folder 1 **Legrand Richards, Latter Day Saints 1971 January 20**
Folder 1 **Senator Wallace Bennett 1971 January 21**
Folder 1 **Oswald Wild Bear Fredericks, author 1971 January 22**
Folder 1 **Warren E. Burger , Chief Justice 1971 January 26**
Folder 1 **Abbott Secaquaptewa, editor of *Hopi Action News* 1971 January 26**
Folder 1 **Homer Gilliland, Superintendent Bureau of Indian Affairs 1971 January 27**
Folder 1 **Thomas Banyuca, Hopi "traitor" 1971 February 8**
Folder 1 **U. Thant, United Nations Secretary 1971 February 8**
Folder 1 **John Lansa 1971 March 3**

Press Clippings and Ephemera

Access

An item-level inventory of the articles is available from library staff.

Location note

Posters and oversized articles located in "MS Oversized", Box 2.

Folder 2 ***Prescott Courier* articles 1971 March-October**

Location note

Articles from August 10, 12, 21 and September 17 in "MS Oversized", Box 2.

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Hopi Action News articles 1970 September

Location note

Article from September 17 in "MS Oversized", Box 2.

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The New Mexican article 1970 October 11

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Albuquerque Journal article 1970 October 10

Prescott Courier special edition issue 1971 Spring

Posters about Hopi prophecy and flying saucer meetings undated

Location note

In "MS Oversized", Box 2.

Folder 3

Thomas Banyacya reprinted letter 1970 June

Scope and contents

Letter is addressed to "M. Muller-Fricken (White Star)" in Frankfurt Germany. The reprint was made in 1970. The original letter was created 1961 January 12 from the Independent Hopi Nation, Hotevilla, Arizona.