Finding Aid to the Frank Waters Book of the Hopi Manuscript MS.581

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Title: Frank Waters Book of the Hopi Manuscript
Identifier/Call Number: MS.581
Contributing Institution: Autry National Center, Braun Research Library
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.25 linear feet (1 box)
Date (inclusive): 1961-1963
Abstract: Contains materials dated from 1961-1963, including drawings and source material, contents page, introduction of the book and typed carbon of 525 pages of the manuscript. Contains two pages of the Hopi alphabet and a list of the Hopi Indian spokesmen for the book.
creator: Waters, Frank, 1902-1995
Processing history
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Scope and Contents
Contains drawings and source material, contents page, introduction of the book and typed carbon of 525 pages of the manuscript which was first published by The Viking Press, Inc. in 1963. Contains two pages of the Hopi alphabet and a list of the Hopi Indian spokesmen for the book. There is information about the writing of the book and the evaluation of it by the Southwest Museum staff in MS.3 Southwest Museum Institutional Archives.
Biographical note
Frank Waters (1902, July 25 - 1995, June 3) was an American writer. He is known for his novels and historical works about the American Southwest.
Waters was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado to May Ione Dozier Waters and Frank Jonathon Waters. His father, who was part Cheyenne, was a key influence in Water's interest in the Native American experience. Frank Jonathon Waters took his son on trips to the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico in 1911, described by Frank in his book The Colorado.
Waters published numerous fiction and non-fiction works over the course of his life, many focused on Native Americans in the Southwest. In 1953, Waters was awarded the Taos Artists Award for Notable Achievement in the Art of Writing. He held a variety of other jobs, including writer for C.O. Whitney Motion Picture Co., Los Angeles (1957), writer-in-residence, Colorado State University, Fort Collins (1966); and director, New Mexico Arts Commission, Santa Fe, New Mexico, (1966-68). He lived alternately in the Arroyo Seco and Sedona, Arizona. Frank Waters died at his home in Arroyo Seco on June 3, 1995.
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Information about the writing of the Book Of The Hopi and the evaluation of it by the Southwest Museum staff in MS.3 Southwest Museum Institutional Archives.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Book of the Hopi
Drawings
Hopi Indians
Hopi Indians -- Rites and ceremonies
Hopi language -- Alphabet
Manuscripts
Typescripts