Finding Aid to the John Dewar Correspondence and Catalog MS.715

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Title: John Dewar Correspondence and Catalog
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Abstract: John Dewar received a B.A. and an M.A. from Mexico City College, and went on to curate in Western Art, History, and Film History at the Southwest Museum, William S. Hart Museum, and Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. This collection of papers includes John Dewar's correspondence, including some with Don C. Talayesva, and a hand-written catalog of Dewar's ethnographic collection which he deposited at the Southwest Museum in 1941.
creator: Dewar, John
creator: Talayesva, Don C., b. 1890
Custodial History
John Dewar deposited a collection of artifacts, photographs, and papers into the Southwest Museum's care upon his term of military service, beginning June 5, 1941. Dewar intended full donation at a future date, and continued to make donations to the Museum and Library through 1985.
Biographical Note
John Dewar received a B.A. and an M.A. from Mexico City College, and went on to curate in Western Art, History, and Film History at the Southwest Museum, William S. Hart Museum, and Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. Dewar published many articles and contributed to many books on Western American Art and History. Dewar was born in South Pasadena, lived most of his professional life in Los Angeles, and died in Arizona.
Scope and Contents
This collection of papers includes John Dewar's correspondence and photocopies of correspondence, as well as a hand-written catalog of Dewar's ethnographic collection which he deposited at the Southwest Museum in 1941. The catalog contains notations on provenance, original drawings and watercolors, photographs, and postcards. The correspondence in this collection consists mostly of photocopies made in 1987 of correspondence between John Dewar and Don C. Talayesva between 1935 and 1949. There is also one original piece of correspondence dated 1975.
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Acquisition
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Collier, John, 1884-1968
Catalog of Ethnological Collections of John Dewar
Catalogs
Correspondence
Hopi Indians
Indians of North America -- Southwest, New
Indians of North America -- Southwest, New -- Antiquities -- Collectors and collecting
Navajo Indians