Finding Aid to the Constance Goddard DuBois Mission Indian Papers MS.859

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**Abstract:** This is a collection of notes made by Constance Goddard DuBois regarding Mission Indian games, history, language, music, and names. Notes are undated.

**creator:** DuBois, Constance Goddard, 1889-1934

**Scope and Contents**

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**Biographical note**

Constance Goddard Du Bois (1889-1934) was a successful novelist who lived in Connecticut, became interested in the Indians of southern California on a visit there around the turn of the century. From 1897 to 1907 she became increasingly involved in efforts to assist the Luiseño and Diegueño peoples of the area, spending many of her summers with them. At home in the winter she worked vigorously to bring the situation of these desperately poor people to the attention of her neighbors and officials of the Indian Bureau, through correspondence and lectures. Her efforts put her in touch with anthropologists and other scholars with similar interests, and she began to publish some of the many myths and legends she collected from her Diegueño and Luiseño friends in southern California.

DuBois' longest ethnographic work was a detailed monograph on "The Religion of the Luiseño Indians of Southern California" (1908), edited by Alfred L. Kroeber. In addition, she published 23 shorter articles about the region's native peoples, with particular emphases on their mythology, ceremonies, and crafts.

**Preferred citation**

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