Hector Lee folklore collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Hector Lee folklore collection

Dates: 1850-1983

Collection Number: Consult repository

Creator/Collector: Lee, Hector, 1908-1992

Extent: 6 boxes

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Abstract: Dr. Hector Lee (1908-1992) came from Chico State University to SSU at its inception. He was a nationally known authority on western folklore and a true teller of tall tales. The Lee papers document Dr. Lee’s involvement with the folklore community at large and his activities in recording the folklore of Sonoma, Marin, Mendocino and Lake counties. Actual folktales are contained in the transcripts from Lee’s radio show Tales of the Redwood Empire and in the essays of W.C. Shipley. Researchers especially interested in Dr. Lee’s work in recording folktales might also want to consult the California Folklore Miscellany, a bound collection of folktales collected by Dr. Lee’s students which is housed in the Special Collections enclosure.

Language of Material: English

Access
Collection is open for research by appointment.

Publication Rights
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Scope and Content of Collection
The Hector Lee collection includes background material and recordings of the folklore of Sonoma, Marin, Mendocino, and Lake counties. Actual folktales are contained in the transcripts from Lee’s radio show, Tales of the Redwood Empire, and in the essays of W.C. Shipley. The collection also includes offprints and reprints of scholarly articles on subjects related to folklore and cultural studies.

Indexing Terms
Folklore
Lee, Hector, 1908-1992
Sonoma County (Calif.)
Marin County (Calif.)
Mendocino County (Calif.)
Lake County (Calif.)

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