Inventory of the Nancy Webb Papers D-020

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Abstract: This collection documents the work of linguistic anthropologist Nancy Matthews Webb (1922-1984). The collection includes materials on her research and professional activities studying the native languages of California, specifically Pomo and other Hokan group languages, and her broader work as a linguist. The collection includes glossaries and word lists of various central Native Californian languages, research and personal reference files, materials related to Webb's education, publications, language notecards, microfilm, and audio recordings of Webb's interviews with research subjects.

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Biography
Nancy Mathews Webb was born in Connecticut in 1922, and grew up in West Virginia until she moved to Berkeley, where Webb received her BA in zoology in 1942. After her graduation, Webb moved to Davis to work as a Technician and Research Assistant in the Zoology department. While at Davis, Webb met Albert Dinsmoor "Dinny" Webb, who she married in 1943. The couple moved to Tennessee where her husband, a chemist, worked on the Manhattan Project. Meanwhile, Webb served as substitute teacher in English and math rather than in the sciences because she refused to sign a certificate denying evolution, a practiced required by the state of Tennessee as a result of the Scopes Trial.

The couple moved back to Davis in 1945, where they had two children. After both children went off to college, Nancy Webb enrolled in the Anthropology Department at UC Davis. After receiving her Master's in with her thesis entitled "Phonology and Noun Morphology of the Kindibu Dialect of Kikongo” in 1965, she continued with her education. Webb would go on to receive the first Ph.D. awarded by the UC Davis Anthropology Department in 1969. Under the supervision of David L. Olmsted, Webb wrote her dissertation entitled "A Statement of Some Phonological Correspondences Among the Pomo Languages.” Her work involved field research on the reconstruction of the Pomo language, but would later encompass the Hokan language group of California. Webb stayed on as Research Associate for the Anthropology department.

Webb travelled significantly, often accompanying her husband, a distinguished faculty member of the Department of Viticulture and Enology, who left on sabbaticals to research wine aromas and flavors. Webb used these sabbaticals as an opportunity to remain engaged in the field of linguistics by studying the Bantu languages in South Africa and Finno-Ugric languages in Helsinki. The Hokan languages, however, remained her primary research topic.

Nancy Webb passed away in 1984 after succumbing to breast cancer. The Linguistics Department at UC Davis currently offers an endowed scholarship in her honor.

Scope and Contents
This collection documents the work of linguistic anthropologist Nancy Matthews Webb (1922-1984). The collection spans the years 1925-1984, with the bulk of the materials falling between 1964 and 1978. The materials cover her research and professional activities studying the native languages of California, specifically Pomo and other Hokan group languages, and her broader work as a linguist. The collection includes glossaries and word lists of various central Native Californian languages, research and personal reference files, materials related to Webb's education, publications, language notecards, microfilm, and audio recordings of Webb's interviews with research subjects.

Arrangement

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Hokan languages
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**Series 1 Glossaries and Word Lists 1925-1981**

**Physical Description:** 0.25 linear feet

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains glossaries and word lists of various central Native California languages translated into English. Though Pomo translations represent the bulk of this series, Achomawan, Chumash, Salinan, Esselen, and other languages are represented.

- Box 1, Folder 2: Achomawan - English February 1925
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- Box 1, Folder 5: Pomo - English undated
- Box 1, Folder 6: Pomo - English undated
- Box 1, Folder 7: Salinan-Esselen - English undated
- Box 1, Folder 8: Seri - English undated
- Box 1, Folder 9: Shasta - English undated
- Box 1, Folder 10: Southern Pomo - English January 1981
- Box 1, Folder 11: Unknown dialect - English undated
- Box 1, Folder 12: Washo - English undated

**Series 2 Research and Reference Files 1946-1980**

**Physical Description:** 0.75 linear feet

**Scope and Contents**

This series includes two major groupings: research files and reference files. The bulk of the research files contain her personal transliteration notes covering the Hokan language group, particularly Pomo. Reference files include journal articles and unpublished papers within the field of linguistic anthropology written by other scholars, with most of the material covering the Hokan language group. These materials include some hand-written notes. They are arranged alphabetically by author.

- Box 1, Folder 1: Correspondence, Interview Subjects 1965-1979
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Dissertation: A Statement of Some Phonological Correspondences Among the Pomo Languages, by Nancy M. Webb undated

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Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet
Scope and Contents
This series includes three major groupings: conferences and workshops, papers and publications, and general activities. The conferences and workshops group contains papers, handouts, and programs interfiled together by conference or workshop and arranged chronologically. Papers and publications include Webb’s published and unpublished materials arranged alphabetically by title. Correspondence regarding submissions for publication is interfiled with their corresponding articles whenever possible. The general activities group contains materials covering other professional activities such as manuscript reviews, memberships in professional societies, and teaching.

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Physical Description: 3 linear feet
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Series 6 Audio Visual Materials 1966-1971
   Physical Description: 0.3 linear feet
   Scope and Contents
   The bulk of this series includes interviews between Webb and her research subjects. Also
   present are recordings of the 1968 "Long Range Planning Committee" meeting, a currently
   inactive committee of the American Anthropological Association.

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Box 5  Microfilm: Eastern Pomo Lang. S. McLendon undated
   Scope and Contents
   Possibly "A grammar of Eastern Pomo", Sally McLendon, 1975

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   Scope and Contents
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