Marjorie and Edna R. Webster papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Marjorie and Edna R. Webster papers
Date (inclusive): 1928-1973, undated
Collection Number: MS 147
Creator: Webster, Edna Robb
Creator: Webster, Marjorie Ellen
Extent: 1.94 linear feet (2 boxes)
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Abstract: The collection contains photographs, notes, articles, and other materials from explorer Edna R. Webster and her daughter Marjorie Webster. The majority of materials in the collection relate to Edna’s exploration and study of Mayan ruins on the Yucatán Peninsula in Mexico, and Marjorie’s interest in Atlantis and its possible connection to Mexico.

Languages: The collection is in English.

Access
The collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note
Edna Robb Webster was an early explorer of Mayan ruins on the Yucatán Peninsula. She was also an author, writing over 17 published novels, including an account of her trips to Mexico published in 1973, Early Exploring in Lands of the Maya.
Her daughter, Marjorie Ellen Webster, was a photographer, writer, artist, and educator. She married archaeologist and architect Robert Stacey-Judd in 1949.

Collection Scope and Contents
The collection contains materials related to Edna and Marjorie Webster’s exploration and study of Mayan ruins in the Yucatán Peninsula, including photographs from Edna’s visits to multiple Mayan sites in the 1930s, and binders compiled by Marjorie of photographs and articles related to those sites. The collection also includes materials collected by Marjorie on the legendary ancient civilization Atlantis, and the possibility of its connection to Mexican ancient civilizations.

Collection Arrangement
The collection is arranged alphabetically, maintaining original folder titles when possible.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

Subjects
Atlantis (Legendary place)
Chichén Itzá Site (Mexico)
Dzibilchaltún Site (Mexico)
| Box 1, Folder 1 | Ancient Mediterranean Research Association 1973 |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Atlantis - Articles and Newspaper Clippings 1951-1973 |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | Atlantis - Notes and Other Documents 1972, undated |
| Box 1, Folder 4 | "Atlantis - Old Chichen, High Priest Grave" 1928-1968 |
| Box 2, Folder 1 | Atlantis Restaurant - Menus and Information undated |
| Box 1, Folder 5 | Books on Mexico undated |
| Box 1, Folder 6 | "Dzibilchaltun - The Cenote" circa 1959 |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | "Dzibilchaltun: The City" circa 1959 |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | Dzibilchaltun - Notes 1959 |
| Box 1, Folder 9 | Early Exploring in the Lands of Maya - Photographs 1928-1973 |
| Box 1, Folder 10-11 | Edna Robb Webster - Photographs 1930-1936 |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | "Found: A Key for the Maya Arch" by Edna Robb Webster 1951 |
| Box 1, Folder 13 | "Mayan Art" undated |
| Box 1, Folder 14 | Sorrento - Imperial Hotel Tramontano 1962 |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | Tzompantli - Chichen Itza circa 1930 |
| Box 1, Folder 16 | "Uxmal" 1928-1972 |
| Box 1, Folder 17 | Uxmal - Notes and Legends 1967 |
| Box 1, Folder 18 | "Uxmal: Nunnery" 1930-1964 |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | Uxmal - Pyramid Photograph undated |