George A. Boyce papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: George A. Boyce papers
Date (inclusive): 1936-1971
Date (bulk): 1936-1949
Collection Number: MS 167
Creator: Boyce, George A., 1898-1976
Source: United States. Bureau of Indian Affairs
Extent: 1.71 linear feet(4 boxes, 2 flat file folders)
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Abstract: The George Boyce papers consists of the professional papers and manuscripts of George Arthur Boyce, a Native American historian and former Director of Navajo Education for the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs. This collection documents his work with Navajo education, and includes materials from his research and photographs depicting Navajo schools and students. Additionally, the collection includes oversize posters of day school budgets and Navajo translated newsletters.

Languages: The collection is in English and Navajo.

Access
The collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note
George Arthur Boyce was born January 20, 1898, in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Boyce received his bachelor's degree at Trinity College in 1921 and received his master's degree from Cornell in 1926. He would later receive his doctoral degree in Education at Columbia University where he wrote his doctoral thesis, Economic Education for the Navajo Indians.
Boyce then took a position at the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs where he would later become the Director of Navajo Education. Throughout his career he also held positions as Superintendent of the Intermountain Indian School, a member of the board of directors of Verde Valley School, and as Chairman of Long-range Social Economic Planning on Navajo Reservations for the U.S. Navajo Services.
Boyce was also a prolific writer, publishing and editing a number of Navajo related books and newspapers throughout his career. His most notable titles include When Navajoes Had Too Many Sheep, Some People are Indians, and Alcohol and American Indian Students. He believed strongly in nurturing rather than destroying cultural differences, which is evident in his writings.
He married Elizabeth A. Coleman in 1933, and they had two sons, George A. Jr. and Robert. Elizabeth passed away in 1962 and George remarried in 1964 to Oleta Merry. George A. Boyce died on November 5, 1976.

Collection Scope and Contents
The collection contains the personal and professional papers of George Arthur Boyce, and consists of government reports on Navajo education, a manuscript of his doctoral thesis, correspondence, and photographs. Notable files in the collection include clipping files containing newspaper clippings and related documents covering Boyce's work, as well as "Letters and documents" files containing correspondence between Boyce and his colleagues with related brochures on Navajo life. Other areas of significance in the collection include materials documenting the budget of Navajo day schools, auction posters, and items related to his career as the Director of Navajo Education for the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, which was chronicled in the Navajo Language Newspaper and the Adahooniligi News Series.

**Collection Arrangement**

The collection is arranged topically, and the original folder titles have been maintained.

**Indexing Terms**

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

**Subjects**

United States. Bureau of Indian Affairs
Indians of North America -- Education
Navajo Indians -- Education
Navajo language -- Periodicals

**Genres and Forms of Materials**

Clippings (information artifacts)
Correspondence
Photographs

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