

Register to the Records of the
American Society for Ethnohistory

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

These papers reflect the history of the American Society for Ethnohistory from its inception in 1953 until about 1971. The bulk of the material covers the years 1953-1964, with a significant gap for 1955-1957.

In addition to covering the day-to-day activities of the Society, such as plans for annual meetings, suggested speakers and publicity problems, the meeting correspondence also includes some rather extensive discussions regarding the goals and potential impact of the organization's effort. Particularly important in this regard are letters sent and received by Erminie Wheeler-Voegelin, the Society's first chairperson and the editor of its major publication, *Ethnohistory*, until 1964. Many documents, such as the constitution and by-laws have been annotated and are accompanied by preliminary drafts and proposed amendments. The minutes of annual meetings are complete for the years 1953-1964, and after that date they may be found in each volume of *Ethnohistory*.

Among the Society's records are the correspondence and papers of Bernard Fontana. Retired professor at the University of Arizona, Fontana was elected president of the Society in 1965, and during most of that decade, he served either on the executive committee or on the editorial staff of *Ethnohistory*. A distinguished authority on contemporary American Indian affairs, the history of North American Indians, and the methodology of historical archaeology, Fontana played a key role in revitalizing and expanding the Society's activities after a period of internal reorganization and financial trouble in the mid-1960s. His correspondence especially reflects these problems, and in addition, describes in detail the transfer of the Society's headquarters from Buffalo to Tucson, AZ.

The records regarding *Ethnohistory* may be divided into two distinct categories. On the one hand, there are the invoices and correspondence of past and present subscribers, which are of value in understanding the Society's finances. On the other hand, several files describe the fate of manuscripts and review articles submitted for publication. These have importance in indicating the scope of the Society's activities and the editorial and scholarly outlook of its chief officers. Among the correspondents whose letters are included in the various series in this collection are Wilcomb Washburn, William T. Hagan, Richard C. Knopf, Harold Hickerson, Henry F. Dobyns, Robert C. Euler, John Witthoft, Raymond S. Baby, Dwight L. Smith, William S. Webb, and August C. Mahr.

The financial records of the Society include *Ethnohistory*'s payroll, 1956-1964; budget statements; paid and unpaid invoices, 1963-1965; old requisitions, 1955-1962; deposit vouchers, 1955-1962; Faxon claims, 1962-1965; fund control and budget ledgers, 1958-1961; and inventories, 1965-1967.

A miscellaneous series includes *American Indian Ethnohistoric Conference Newsletter* information, membership lists, printers and publishers' materials, periodical exchanges, 1962-1966, news releases, 1958-1960, and *Ethnohistory*'s office procedures and instructions, 1955-1964.

CHRONOLOGY

- 1953 Founding of the American Society for Ethnohistory under its earlier name of Ohio Valley Historic Indian Conference.
- 1954 First issue of *Ethnohistory* published in April.
- 1955 Name of the Society changed to American Indian Ethnohistoric Conference.
- 1956-1963 A.I.E.C. Newsletter issued.
- 1966 Name changed to its present title, American Society for Ethnohistory.
- 1969 Headquarters moved to its present location at the Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721

Present membership in the Society is about 1,000 and includes anthropologists, historians, libraries, universities and colleges and institutions in the social sciences. Its purpose is to promote and encourage original research in the documentary history of the cultures and movements of primitive peoples and related problems of broader scope.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

SERIES 1: MINUTES OF MEETINGS, BY-LAWS & RELATED DOCUMENTS
1953-1966. Two inches. Arranged chronologically.

Included in this series in addition to minutes of meetings and by-laws are preliminary and final drafts of the Society's original constitution, suggested amendments to these drafts, and major proposals for revision, including those that lead to expanded goals in 1966. Other documents in this series are programs of annual meetings, publicity releases regarding these conferences, and occasional comments on speeches or topics for discussion. See series 2 and 3 for related material.

SERIES 2: CHRONOLOGICAL CORRESPONDANCE FILE REGARDING MEETINGS
1953-1959. Three inches. Arranged chronologically.

Describes the day-to-day business of the Society, especially such matters as plans for the annual conferences, proposed speakers, selection of officers, finances and other related subjects. Most letters were written in early Spring or late Fall, and very little correspondence is available for the years 1955-1957. While the arrangement is for the most part chronological by month, some

letters dealing with a specific subject or addressed to the same individual remain attached together as they were in the original filing system.

**SERIES 3: ALPHABETICAL CORRESPONDENCE FILE REGARDING MEETINGS
1960-1964. Two and a half inches.**

Concerns essentially the same subjects that were described in series 1, except that here the arrangement is alphabetical by the name of the individual writing to or receiving correspondence from the Society. Most of the material is for 1960-1961, and there are large gaps for the period after that. See series 5 for related material.

**SERIES 4: BERNARD FONTANA CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING BUSINESS
MEETINGS AND THE SOCIETY'S MOVE FROM BUFFALO TO TUCSON
1967-1970. One and a half inches. Alphabetical arrangement by the name of the correspondent
with Fontana.**

In addition to discussing the usual business matters that were described in series 1 and 2, this file has much information regarding the editorial problems besetting *Ethnohistory*, the financial woes of the Society as a whole, and the need to find a permanent home for the Society's headquarters.

**SERIES 5: LETTERS SENT BY BERNARD FONTANA
1964-1965. One inch. Arranged chronologically.**

Continues series 1 and 2. The biggest concern facing Dr. Fontana as President in 1965, in addition to plans for the annual conference, was the question of broadening the Society's goals and amending its constitution. These problems are discussed extensively in this correspondence as well as the desire to make *Ethnohistory* a major anthropological journal.

**SERIES 6: LETTERS SENT TO BERNARD FONTANA
1963-1970. One and a half inches. Alphabetical arrangement by the name of the correspondent
with Fontana.**

Covers essentially the same subjects described in series 5 and 6, with the principal difference being the lack of treatment in depth. Some letters touch on *Ethnohistory*'s editorial problems, proposed changes in the Society's constitution and the suggested move to Tucson, Ariz., and should therefore be consulted in connection with series 4. The bulk of the material, however, is by librarians and scholars seeking more information about the Society and its publications.

SERIES 7: *ETHNOHISTORY* UNCANCELLED SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FINANCES
1953-1962. Twenty-five inches. Arranged alphabetically.

Included here are invoices, claim forms and letters to and from librarians and individuals regarding the subscription service. Primary value would seem to be in indicating *Ethnohistory's* scope of appeal and the efficiency of its operation.

SERIES 8: *ETHNOHISTORY* CANCELLED SUBSCRIPTIONS
1953-1962. Six and three-quarter inches. Arranged alphabetically.

A much shorter file than series 7, this contains the invoices and correspondence with universities, institutions and individuals whose subscriptions have expired.

SERIES 9: *ETHNOHISTORY* EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING UNUSED
MANUSCRIPTS

1964-1968. Five and three-quarter inches. Arranged alphabetically, with each manuscript having a separate folder.

Most of the material in this series are letters written to or by the editors of *Ethnohistory* regarding the reasons why certain manuscripts could not be published. In some instances, the actual manuscripts have been attached to the correspondence. Among the authors of such manuscripts are the following: Guy T. Ashton, George M. Blackburn, David E. Crawford, Roselene Dousset-Leenhardt, Martin Glassner, Sue A. Gross, B.C. Hedrick, Joyce Kayser, Russell Magnaghi, Mrs. Bill Mason, Donald H. Morris, Saul Rogolsky, Mrs. James P. Spradley, Jean Tweedle, Ben J. Wallace, and Joseph W. Whitecotton.

Series 10: *ETHNOHISTORY* EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING
PUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

1964-1968. One and a half inches. Arranged alphabetically.

Included here are documents and letters evaluating and tracing the history of published manuscripts. Filed with the letters is one manuscript, that written by Andrew P. Vayda. Most evaluation sheets are standard forms, and few have extensive comments.

SERIES 11: *ETHNOHISTORY* BOOK REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE
1964-1967. Two and a half inches. Arranged chronologically.

This file contains both form letters requesting review copies of books from publishers and correspondence with or by reviewers. Many of the documents repeat the same information, and only a few have extensive comments. Some deal with subjects other than book reviews.

SERIES 12: A.I.E.C. NEWSLETTER INFORMATION
1957-1963. One-half inch. Arranged chronologically.

Includes copies of the Newsletter, 1957-1963, letters by staff members regarding publishing problems, inquiries about subscription service, minutes of Society meetings and publicity statements. Incomplete.

SERIES 13: MISCELLANEOUS
Six and three-quarter inches.

Among the material contained in this series are Society membership lists, 1953-1966, correspondence with printers and publishers regarding matters of format, *Ethnohistory's* office procedures, news releases, instructions and memos for internal use and publishers' advertisements.

SERIES 14: FISCAL RECORDS
1954-1967. Fifteen inches.

SERIES 15: CORRESPONDENCE OF BERNARD FONTANA AND HAROLD
HICKERSON
1966-1973. Five inches.

Includes correspondence concerning published and rejected articles and reviews submitted for *Ethnohistory*.

SERIES 16: CORRESPONDENCE OF BERNARD FONTANA REGARDING ASE
BUSINESS
1969-1973. Two inches.

SERIES 17: ASE CORRESPONDENCE AND RECORDS OF JAMES E. AYRES,
SEC./TREAS.
1971-1979. Five inches.

SERIES 18: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER RECORDS OF MARY W. HELMS
1977-1979. Four inches.

Includes correspondence with James E. Ayres.

SERIES 19: MISCELLANEOUS EDITORIAL MATERIALS
1954-1976. Five inches.

Includes "Annotated Bibliography and Alphabetical Index of the Periodical, *Ethnohistory: Journal of the American Indian Ethnohistoric Conference*" by Ellis Ebaugh McDowell (January 1971).

SERIES 20: CORRESPONDENCE OF THOMAS B. HINTON
1973-1976. Two inches.

SERIES 21: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER RECORDS OF HAROLD HICKERSON
AND WILLIAM C. STURTEVANT
1960s. Five inches.

Includes copies of early Constitutions and By-Laws of the Society.

SERIES 22: MEETING RECORDS (KARL SCHWERIN)
1976. Five inches.

Contains meeting records and correspondence for the 1976 ASE Meeting, Albuquerque, NM and a copy of the preliminary program from the 1978 ASE Meeting, Austin, TX.

SERIES 23: MATERIAL TO BE INTERFILED
1950s-1960s.

Box 4 Series 7 *ETHNOHISTORY* UNCANCELLED SUBSCRIPTIONS & FINANCES,
1953-1962 (continued)
CA-CE
CH-CL
CO-CZ
D-DE
DI-DU
E
F-FLA
FLO-FU

Box 5 Series 7 *ETHNOHISTORY* UNCANCELLED SUBSCRIPTIONS & FINANCES,
1953-1962 (continued)
G
H-HE
HI-HY
I-IL
IN-IS
J
K-KI
KL-KU

Box 6 Series 7 *ETHNOHISTORY* UNCANCELLED SUBSCRIPTIONS & FINANCES,
1953-1962 (continued)
L-LI
LO-LU
M-ME
MI-MON
MOO-MU
N-NEL
NEW
NO-NU

Box 7 Series 7 *ETHNOHISTORY* UNCANCELLED SUBSCRIPTIONS & FINANCES,
1953-1962 (continued)
O
P-Q
R
S-SA
SE-SM
SO-SY
T-TH

Box 8 Series 7 *ETHNOHISTORY* UNCANCELLED SUBSCRIPTIONS & FINANCES,
1953-1962 (continued)
TO-TY
U-V
WA
WE-WH
WI-WR
Y
Z

Series 8 *ETHNOHISTORY* CANCELLED SUBSCRIPTIONS, 1953-1962
A
B

Box 9 Series 8 *ETHNOHISTORY* CANCELLED SUBSCRIPTIONS, 1953-1962
(continued)
C
D
E-F
G
H
I-K
L-M
N-P
Q-R

Box 10 Series 8 *ETHNOHISTORY* CANCELLED SUBSCRIPTIONS, 1953-1962
(continued)
S-SH
SM-SW
T-Z (none for U, X, Y, Z)

Series 9 *ETHNOHISTORY* EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING
UNUSED MANUSCRIPTS
A
Ashton, Guy T. –Ms
B
Blackburn, George M. –Ms
C
Crawford, David E. –Ms
D
Dousset-Leenhardt, Roselene –Ms
F
G
Glassner, Martin –Ms
Gross, Sue Anderson –Ms

Box 10 (continued) H
Hedrick, B.C. –Ms
I-K
Kayser, Joyce –Ms
M
Magnaghi, Russell–Ms

Box 11 Series 9 *ETHNOHISTORY* EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING
UNUSED MANUSCRIPTS (continued)
Mason, Mrs. Bill –Ms
Morris, Donald H. –Ms
O
Rogolsky, Saul –Ms
Spradley, Mrs. James P. –Ms
S-T
Tweedle, Jean –Ms
U-W
Wallace, Ben J. –Ms
Whitecotton, Joseph W. –Ms

Series 10 *ETHNOHISTORY* EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING
PUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS
A-D
F-L
S-W
Vayda, Andrew P.

Series 11 *ETHNOHISTORY* BOOK REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE
1964
Jan.-June 1965
July-Dec. 1965
1966-1967

Box 12 Series 12 A.I.E.C. NEWSLETTER INFORMATION, 1957-1963

Series 13 MISCELLANEOUS
Society Membership Lists:
1953-1958
1959
1960 (1)
1960 (2)
1961-1963
1964-1966
Correspondence With Printers and Publishers:
1955-1961

- Box 12 Series 13 MISCELLANEOUS (continued)
1962-1965
1966-1967
- Box 13 Series 13 MISCELLANEOUS (continued)
Ethnohistory Office Procedures
News Releases
Ethnohistory Instructions and Memos
Publishers Materials – 1
Publishers Materials – 2
- Box 14 Series 14 FISCAL RECORDS, 1954-1967
Accounts, 1954, 1958-59, 1964-65
Ethnohistory Payroll (IU), 1956-61
Deposit Vouchers, 1955-62 (IU) [*Ethnohistory*]
Cash Receipts Vouchers (IU) File Copies, 1957-61
Ethnohistory Unpaid Invoices, 1962-64 (IU)
Ethnohistory Intramural Invoices, 1958-63 (IU)
Ethnohistory Paid Invoices, 1964 (IU)
Ethnohistory Old Requisitions, 1955-June 1961 (IU)
Ethnohistory Old Requisitions, July 1961-June 1962 (IU)
- Box 15 Series 14 FISCAL RECORDS, 1954-1967 (continued)
Ethnohistory Accounts & Correspondence, 1965-66
Ethnohistory Budget Statements Current, July 1959-October 1964 (IU)
AIEC Expenses - Transfer to Vassar, 1964-65
Miscellaneous Subscription Records and Correspondence, 1964-65
Ethnohistory Inventory and Correspondence, 1965-67
Ethnohistory Business Accounts, 1965-66
Ethnohistory Old Payroll Records, 1958-62 (IU)
Ethnohistory Old Stores Requisitions, 1955-62 (IU)
Ethnohistory Old Budget Ledgers, 1955-59 (IU)
Ethnohistory Old Fund Control Ledgers, 1956-59 (IU)
Ethnohistory Billing Forms, 1960
Ethnohistory Payroll, 7/1962-7/1964 (IU)
Agents' Requests, etc. 1966-67
Back Stock Orders (sent 1965)
- Box 16 Series 14 FISCAL RECORDS, 1954-1967 (continued)
Ethnohistory dues receipts (carbon copies), 1956-1964 (3 folders)
- Box 17 Series 15 CORRESPONDENCE OF BERNARD FONTANA & HAROLD
HICKERSON RE. SUBMISSIONS PUBLISHED AND REJECTED
General Correspondence
General Correspondence II
Correspondence with authors published in *Ethnohistory* (3 folders)

- Box 18 Series 16 CORRESPONDENCE OF BERNARD FONTANA RE. ASE
BUSINESS, 1969-1973
General Correspondence (2 folders)
Mills, PS1
- Box 19 Series 17 CORRESPONDENCE AND RECORDS OF JAMES E. AYRES
SEC./TREAS.
Exchanges
Ethnohistory Adressograph Information
Reprint Information
Rental - Mailing List
- Box 19 Series 17 CORRESPONDENCE AND RECORDS OF JAMES E. AYRES,
SEC./TREAS. (continued)
Publishers Requests to Reprint *Ethnohistory*
Advertising
AIEC Newsletters (Back Issues) Vol. 1, nos. 1 & 2 (1956-57); Vol 4,
nos. 1 & 2 (1960); Vol 5, nos. 1 & 2 (1961); Vol 6, nos. 1 & 2 (1962);
Vol 7, no. 1 (1963)
Annual Meetings, 1965, 1970-77
Correspondence, 1971-79
- Boxes 20-21 Series 18 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER RECORDS OF MARY W.
HELMS
- Box 22 Series 19 MISCELLANEOUS EDITORIAL MATERIALS, 1954-1976
Ethnohistory – Editing
Editorial
Various Correspondence re: published materials (2 folders)
The Shasta and their Neighbors
Kinship Terms
The Shoshonean Peoples of Southern Idaho
The French on the St. Lawrence
- Box 23 Series 20 CORRESPONDENCE OF THOMAS B. HINTON, 1973-1976
Rejected Ms.
Miscellaneous Letters
Dobyns Letters
Book Review Editor Correspondence

- Box 24 Series 21 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER RECORDS OF HAROLD
HICKERSON AND WILLIAM STURTEVANT, 1965-1968
Material Concerning the American Society for Ethnohistory
(Constitution, By-laws, Treasurer's and Secretary's records)
(2 folders)
William C. Sturtevant Correspondence File re: American Society
for Ethnohistory and other misc. related papers, 1965-1967
(2 folders)
- Box 25 Series 22 MEETING RECORDS, 1976
Money Receipts
ASE Program (2 folders)
ASE '76 Convention
Albuquerque Pamphlets and Info
ASE – Registration
ASE – Misc. Correspondence
- Box 26 Series 23 MATERIALS TO BE INTERFILED
Complaints from Companies
G
Publishers Thanked
- Box 27 Series 23 MATERIALS TO BE INTERFILED
Duplicate Material
Complaints (2 folders)
- Box 28 MEETINGS
Papers re: Meetings of the ASE
AIEHC (American Indian Ethnohistoric Conference) – Tucson 1965