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**Manuscript Group 78
Professor Donald J. Ballas Collection, 1962-1979**

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5 box, 5 linear feet

Biographical Note

Dr. Donald J. Ballas (July 28, 1930-August 24, 1992) was a Professor of Geography in the Department of Geography and Regional Planning at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) from 1961-1992. His parents were Joseph G. and Clara Mae Fenton Ballas. Donald J. Ballas earned his BS from Clarion State College in 1952.

He was an airman in the Korean War, and after four years of service in the United States Air Force, he worked as a Reference Librarian and Geography Instructor at the University of Pittsburgh while completing requirements for his MA in Geography and Anthropology/Sociology (1958). Dr. Ballas later earned his PhD in Geography at the University of Nebraska (1970). Among his published works on Native Americans are *Notes on the population settlement and ecology of the Eastern Cherokee Indians* (1960) and *The livelihood of the Eastern Cherokee* (1962). He was actively involved in the Indiana County Humane Society, the Association of American Geographers, and he served on the editorial boards of *Geographical Survey* and the *Journal of Geography*. He was a member of the honorary geography society Gamma Theta Upsilon and the Society for Aerospace Education.

Upon his retirement from IUP in 1992, Dr. Ballas was awarded the status of Emeritus Professor for his 31 years of service. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Scope and Content

The Professor Donald J. Ballas Collection is housed in five archival boxes. This collection contains Dr. Ballas' personal correspondence, articles by Ballas, research material on Native Americans and some other miscellaneous classroom material. The collection dates from 1962 to 1979.

Provenance

Upon his death, his wife Barbara LeQuieu Ballas and his sons donated the contents of this collection to IUP Special Collections and University Archives.

Restrictions

None

Processor

Revision and rearrangement for the encoded version of the finding aid provided by Jason Hutchins on November 30, 2001; and the collection finding aid was updated by Harrison Wick in 2014.

Container List

Box 1 Correspondence and Course Materials

1. Correspondence, 1962, Academic & Business

2. Correspondence, 1964
3. Correspondence, 1965
4. Correspondence, 1966
5. Correspondence, 1969
6. Correspondence, 1970-1971
7. Correspondence, 1972
8. Correspondence, 1973
9. Correspondence, 1976-1977
10. Correspondence, 1978-1979
11. Advanced Human Geography, Course Summary & Notes
12. Pittsburgh Association of American Geographers, March 1959
13. Donald J Ballas, Personal & Professional Records

Box 2 Publications and Course Materials

1. Cultural Geography Study Manuals
2. Mini-Essays In Geography
3. Classroom Handouts
4. Published Articles by D. Ballas
5. Places Magazine (9 issues), D. Ballas (ed.)
6. Archeology Journals, Publications
7. Carnegie Magazine (4 issues)
8. China Maps
9. China History Seminar
10. Africa Seminar Information, Maps, Bibliographies

Box 3 Publications and Course Materials

1. Drainage and Water Resources of Buffalo County (Nebraska) Paper by Robert Beavers
2. Article "McDonald's: The New American Landmark"
3. Nebraska- Cultural Geography: Maps and Papers
4. Irrigated Lands- World Vista Map
5. Generalized Types of Farming in the U.S 1950
6. Pennsylvania Ground Water Programs
7. Articles "Landscape: Ecosystem and Environmental Perception Concepts in Cultural Geography"
8. Topographic Maps-Variou States
9. Pennsylvania Canal-Pittsburgh & Vicinity Map and Articles
10. Teaching Material : Native Americans, Post Cards, Booklets, Articles, Book Lists, References
11. Native Americans : Pima, Mesquakie, Eastern Seaboard, Cheyenne, and Kootenai
12. The Montana-Wyoming Indian
13. Papers : "The Ohio River, The Great Trail to the West", "Lakota and English", "The Ohio, The Indian Land"
14. Bayano Cuna of Panama: Article, and Report
15. Choctaw: Bureau of Indian Affairs Report
16. Fort Belnap: Information, Photos
17. Pueblo : Maps, Information, History, Traditions, Statistics

18. The Yankton Article

Box 4 Publications and Course Materials

1. Reservations - Great Lakes Area: Copy of Department of the Interior Publication
2. Reservations – Information & Statistics
3. Reservations - Maps, Information, Constitutions, Histories
4. Reservations - Various Tribes : Maps, Articles, Photos, Notes, and Newsletters
5. Bureau of Indian Affairs: General Information on Native Americans
6. Sioux Information, Articles, Brochures, Recipes
7. Rosebud Sioux Reservation Information, and Articles
8. Rosebud Sioux Reservation Photos, Negatives
9. Rosebud Sioux Reservation Photos
10. Class Notes: "Indian Survival in the Great Plains"
11. Information Packet: Smithsonian Institution Native American Photo Collection, 1965
12. Jicarilla Apache: Maps, Information, and Photos
13. Seminole: Maps, Information, and History

Box 5 Maps and Course Materials

1. Bibliographies
2. Maps: American Southwest
3. Navaho Maps, Information, Geography
4. Hopi Information
5. Blackfeet Information
6. Mississippi Choctaw Information Packet
7. Cherokee Map, Information
8. Cherokee, Class Notes
9. Indians of the Great Lakes Areas, Indians of the Dakotas
10. Institute of Indian Studies: Articles, Program from Conference on Indian Affairs, 1959