Guide to the L. Paul Mercer Papers

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Summary Information

Creator: Mercer, L. Paul
Title: L. Paul Mercer Papers
ID: MS-00066
Date [inclusive]: 1939-1970
Date [bulk]: 1965-1967
Physical Description: 0.9 Linear Feet (6 folders (shared box))
Language of the Material: English

Preferred Citation

Biographical Note
Author L. (Leslie) Paul Mercer was an enthusiast of spinning, dyeing, and weaving in the Native American tradition. Born October 2, 1903, Mercer was a former resident of Boulder City, Nevada where he worked for the Bureau of Reclamation for 16 years. Mercer was a former president of The Nevada Handweavers and Spinners Guild. He lived with a Navajo family in Arizona for three years to learn techniques in spinning, dyeing, and loom operation.

Scope and Contents Note

The L. Paul Mercer Papers contains materials dated 1939-1970 relating to Paul Mercer's interest in the arts of textile spinning, dyeing, and weaving. Collection includes both typewritten and some handwritten letters from a fellow spinning and weaving enthusiast, Fred A. Pennington, and his wife, Lulu. Also included is a manuscript of *Dye Formulas and Color Representations* from the notes of Paul Mercer, which contain samples of wool dyed various colors. Other materials include photographs and newspaper articles.

Arrangement Note

Materials remain in original order. Scrapbook housed separately.

Administrative Information

Access Note
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**Names and Subjects**

- Weaving
- Dyes and dyeing
- Spinning
- Nevada
- Pennington, Fred A.
- Pennington, Lulu
- Southern Nevada Weavers and Spinners

**Collection Inventory**

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