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# Harold W. Shunk papers

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## Collection Summary

### *Identifier*

MA 3

### *Title*

Harold W. Shunk papers

### *Creator*

Harold W. (Harold William) Shunk

### *Dates*

1911-1993

### *Extent*

1.26 linear feet -- 3 document cases, mounted steer horns

### *Language*

English

### *Repository*

South Dakota State University Archives and Special Collections, Hilton M. Briggs Library, Brookings, South Dakota.

### *Access note*

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### *Abstract*

Harold Shunk worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs as superintendent of the several Indian agencies in South Dakota. He was also active in many civic and fraternal organizations and served on the governing boards of several schools and universities. Shunk had a special interest in history, and in addition to his service to the South Dakota State Historical Society, he hosted radio and television programs in Rapid City. Composed of

collected stories, publications, speeches and typewritten transcripts of Wahehe Heirship hearing.

## **Biographical Note**

Harold W. Shunk was born in Philip, South Dakota on July 25, 1907. He married DeLilah E. Wood, a former classmate at Colome High School, in 1929. After graduating from Southern State College, Shunk taught school in Tripp County and later on the Rosebud and Cheyenne River Indian reservations. During World War II, he served as a tank driver in the South Pacific. He worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs as superintendent of the Sisseton, Turtle Mountain, Standing Rock and Rosebud Indian agencies beginning in the 1950s.

Upon retiring in 1968, Shunk devoted himself to public service. He was active in many civic and fraternal organizations and served on the governing boards of the Rapid City schools, South Dakota State University, University of South Dakota, and Black Hills State University. He was also a member of the South Dakota Board of Pardons and Paroles, Lower Brule Irrigation Board, and Pennington County Housing Board.

Shunk had a special interest in history, and in addition to his service to the South Dakota State Historical Society, he hosted radio and television programs in Rapid City.

Harold Shunk died on April 18, 1998 in Rapid City.

## **Arrangement**

Arranged into three series:

Series 1: General

Series 2: Wahehe Heirship Hearing [Original photostat copies]

Series 3: Wahehe Heirship Hearing [Preservation photocopy]

Folders are arranged in alphabetical order within each series.

## **Contents Note**

Composed of collected stories, publications, speeches and typewritten transcripts of Wahehe Heirship hearing. Collection also includes notebooks and manuscripts containing lists, definitions and transcriptions of many events related to Lakota history. Many stories told to Shunk when he was a United States Bureau of Indian Affairs agent are also rewritten in Shunk's own hand.

The papers in the Wahehe Heirship Hearing [photostat copy] series is restricted due to their fragile condition and poor quality. Preservation photocopies have been made of these papers and are available for researcher use. Please see Box 3 Wahehe Heirship Hearing [preservation photocopy].

## **Key Words**

Cities and towns -- South Dakota

Dakota Indians

Indians of North American -- Folklore

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Shunk, Harold W. (Harold William), 1970-1998 -- Archives

South Dakota -- History -- Sources

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*Arranged and Described by*  
 Crystal J. Gamradt, 1998 September 2.

## Container List

<b>Series</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1. General	1	1	Bureau of Indian Affairs - Retread Newsletter	undated
1. General	1	2	Bureau of Indian Affairs - Role with a tribe	undated
1. General	1	3	Collected stories - "Elizabeth Winyan's addresses" American Missionary Association	undated
1. General	1	4	Collected stories - "How Crow King Stopped the Medicine Man" by unknown	undated
1. General	1	5	Collected stories - "The Last Buffalo Hunt" by Thomas L. Riggs	undated
1. General	1	6	Collected stories - "Renegades: The Second Battle of Wounded Knee" by Susan L. M. Huck	undated
1. General	1	7	Collected stories - "Rodeo Memory Trail" by Jake Herman	undated
1. General	1	8	Dakota Indians - Beliefs	undated
1. General	1	9	Dakota Indians - The Brule, Teton or Lakota, Dacotah (Sioux)	undated
1. General	1	10	Dakota Indians - Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society	undated
1. General	1	11	Dakota Indians - Tiospaye system	undated
1. General	1	12	Harold W. Shunk writings as BIA superintendent	undated
1. General	1	13	Harold W. Shunk writings - notes, historical lists, stories	undated
1. General	1	14	Historical lists - Big Foot massacre at Wounded Knee	1890, undated
1. General	1	15	Historical lists - Ration roll Cheyenne Agency	1886, undated
1. General	1	16	Military posts - Fort Laramie	undated
1. General	1	17	Military posts - Fort Totten	1867, undated
1. General	1	18	Personal histories - Cheyenne River students	undated

<b>Series</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1. General	1	19	Personal histories - Colombe family	undated
1. General	1	20	Personal histories - Harold Jones	undated
1. General	1	21	Personal histories - Harold W. Shunk on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation	undated
1. General	1	22	Personal histories - Plenty Horses	undated
1. General	1	23	Personal histories - Spotted Tail	undated
1. General	1	24	Publications - "1985 Hall of Fame Inductees: Dakota West," vol. 11, no. 4 - Harold Shunk on page 14	1985
1. General	1	25	Publications - "Chauncey Yellow Robe," by Harold W. Shunk, Knight Templar, vol. 31, no. 1, p. 5-8	1985
1. General	1	26	Publications - "Chief Crazy Horse, His Career and Death," by E.A. Brininstool, et al., Nebraska History Magazine	1929
1. General	1	27	Publications - "A Rosebud Review"	1913
1. General	1	28	Publications - "Harold Shunk's Four R's: Reading, writing, 'rithmetic and ranching," by Bernie Hunhoff, South Dakota Magazine	1986
1. General	1	29	Publications - "Spalding's Athletic Library National Collegiate Athletic Association Official Intercollegiate Football Guide," Mention of Harold W. Shunk, p. 214	1931
1. General	1	30	Reservations - Allotment system	undated
1. General	1	31	Reservations - Rosebud - CC Camp	undated
1. General	1	32	Standing Rock	undated
1. General	1	33	South Dakota Hall of Fame	undated
1. General	1	34	Speeches - Hot Springs Historical Society	1987
1. General	1	35	Speeches - Northern State College	1970
1. General	1	36	Town histories - Agar, S.D.	undated

<b>Series</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1. General	1	37	Town histories - Miller, S.D.	undated
1. General	1	38	Town histories - Onida, Eureka, Wewala, Bison, LeBeau, Murdo, Forest City and Wasta, South Dakota	undated
1. General	1	39	Town histories - Onida, S.D.	undated
1. General	1	40	Five spiral notebooks - miscellaneous historical lists, notes, stories	undated
1. General	1	41	Mounted steer horns; 15 x 32.75 in.	undated
1. General	1	42	Correspondence	1947, 1959
1. General	1	43	Miscellaneous Collected Material	1960-1970
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	1	Correspondence	undated
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	2	Index to testimony	undated
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	3	Note from Harold W. Shunk	undated
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	4	Question of Divorce	undated
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	5	Testimony p. 1-20	undated
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	6	Testimony p. 21-53	undated
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	7	Testimony p. 54-94	undated
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	8	Testimony p. 95-147	undated
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	9	Testimony p. 148-194	undated

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2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	10	Testimony p. 195-232	undated
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	11	Testimony p. 233-277	undated
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	12	Testimony p. 277-306	undated
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	13	Testimony p. 307-334	undated
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	14	Testimony p. 335-360	undated
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	15	Testimony p. 361-400	undated
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	16	Testimony p. 401-422	undated
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	17	Testimony p. 423-439	undated
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	18	Testimony	1911
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	19	Testimony	1912
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	20	Testimony	1914
2. Wahehe Heirship hearing [photostat]	2	21	Testimony	1914
3. Wahehe Heirship hearing [preservation]	3	1	Correspondence	undated
3. Wahehe Heirship hearing [preservation]	3	2	Index to testimony	undated



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