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Collection Summary

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UA 6.14

Title

College of Arts and Sciences. Department of History Records

Creator

Department of History, College of Arts and Sciences, South Dakota State University

Dates

1967-1979

Extent

0.42 linear feet -- 1 document case, sound recordings

Language

English

Repository

Hilton M. Briggs Library, Brookings, South Dakota.

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Abstract

The Department of History curriculum is adaptable to personal interests and needs, allowing students to explore the past and make connections to the present. The collection is composed of oral interviews of various persons on topics such as South Dakota State University, South Dakota, and Brookings, SD region conducted by students for the Bicentennial Oral History Project.

Historical Note

The teaching of history at South Dakota State University developed alongside the college. From the beginning, students in all divisions of the college were required to take basic history courses. As time went on and the numbers of students and teachers multiplied, the Department of History was able to carve out its own niche. At times, other disciplines were taught through the department and the name was occasionally changed to reflect these areas. In 1905, the department was known as the Department of History and Political Science, this lasted until 1967. After a year as the Department of History, in 1968 the name changed to the Department of History and Geography to reflect the number of geography courses taught. In 1973, a separate geography department was established and the history department was reorganized into a resemblance of today's department.

The courses offered by the Department of History are intended to prepare majors for careers in teaching, government, and service oriented occupations, and to provide a necessary background for graduate work or other specialized training.

History is now merged into the Department of History, Political, Sciences, Philosophy, and Religion.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into two series:

Series 1. Bicentennial Oral History Project

Series 2. Departmental records

Contents Note

This collection is composed of oral interviews of various persons on topics such as South Dakota State University, South Dakota, and Brookings, SD region conducted by students for the Bicentennial Oral History Project. Also included is a pamphlet about the History program.

Series 1. Bicentennial Oral History Project.

The Bicentennial Oral History Project occurred during 1976, at the time of the national Bicentennial, the Department of History at South Dakota State University obtained funds to purchase reel-to-reel audiotapes and interview people about local history. Dr. John Miller, professor of history, conducted several of the interviews with the remaining interviews being conducted by students. Dr. Miller created transcripts of many of these audio reels. These transcripts are mainly notes, which indicate interview questions, responses of the informant and the topics covered in the interview. Also included are other oral interviews both prior to and following 1976 conducted by students and faculty that were included with this project.

This series is arranged alphabetically by the name of the informants. While most files contain notes or transcripts of the interview, a data form, and an audio reel, several contain only an audio reel. The data form includes the name, address and general biographical information of the informant, the date of the interview and the name of the researcher who conducted the interview. Signed release forms are found in a separate file. These forms allow the use of the audio reels by anyone for scholarly or research purposes. There are some release forms for which there is no transcript and/or audio reel available.

Series 2. Departmental records.

The Departmental records are composed of a single pamphlet describing the History program and South Dakota State University.

Key Words

Athletics

Brookings (S.D.) -- History

Brookings School District #1 (S.D.)

Frontier and pioneer life -- South Dakota

Great Depression

National Farmers Organization. (U.S.)

Oral history interview

Railroads -- South Dakota

South Dakota State University -- History

South Dakota State University -- Presidents

South Dakota State University. Department of History.

Volga (S.D.) – History

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