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Collection Summary

Repository: Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries

Creator: Bushnell, John H.

Title: John H. Bushnell Papers

Dates: 1950-1976

Quantity: 1.2 cubic feet (2 boxes)

Abstract: Field notes and manuscripts related to American anthropologist John Hempstead Bushnell's ethnographic work in Mexico.

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Biographical Note

John Hempstead Bushnell, anthropologist, was born in Minneapolis May 3, 1922. He did both his undergraduate and Ph.D. work at the University of California, Berkeley. He taught at U.C. Berkeley, Sacramento State College, Vassar College, and New York University. His work at Vassar included a research position with the Mellon Foundation. He also worked for the New York State Commission for Human Rights. His partner in most of his field work was his wife, Donna Bushnell, who he met at U.C. Berkeley. Donna Bushnell earned an M.A. in Psychology from Vassar College in 1957. John Bushnell died in 1999. Donna Bushnell died in 2010.

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Scope and Content Note

The collection contains material related to American anthropologist John Hempstead Bushnell's ethnographic work in Mexico. Includes field notes, drafts of articles and presentations, and drafts of his Ph. D. dissertation.

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Access and Use

Access

This collection is open for research according to the [regulations of the Vassar College Archives and Special Collections Library](#) without any additional restrictions.

Restrictions on Use

Permission to quote (publish) from unpublished or previously published material must be obtained as described in the [regulations of the Vassar College Archives and Special Collections Library](#).

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Subject Headings

Subjects:

- Ethnology--Mexico

Places:

- San Juan Atzingo (Mexico)

Document Types:

- Audiocassettes
- Correspondence
- Drafts (documents)
- Maps (documents)
- Notebooks
- Notes (documents)
- Photographs

VCL Categories:

- Anthropology and Anthropologists
- Latin America

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Encoding Information

Encoded by Laura Streett, June 2012. Updated by Emma Gronbeck, May 2024.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

John H. Bushnell Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Processed by Laura Streett, June 2012.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Alan C. Bushnell and the Bushnell Family, June 2012. (M2012-007)

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Container List

Box 2	Field Notebooks, No. 2-15, 1950-1951 (14 volumes)
Folder 1.1	Notebook, 1951 Feb-Mar
Folder 1.2	Notebook, 1951 May-Nov
Box 2	Notebook, 1967 Dec
Folder 1.3	Field Notes, 1970 Summer
Folders 1.4-1.9	Notes, undated
Folder 1.10	San Juan linguistic notes, undated
Folder 1.11	Census, Book 1, undated
Folder 1.12	Census, Book 2, undated
Folder 1.13	[Census], undated
Folder 1.14	Rojas Journal, undated
Folder 1.15	Correspondence — Mexico, undated
Folder 1.16	"Atzingo After Two Decades: Areas and Agents of Change and Stability," undated
Folder 1.17	Cámara Chapter — "The Matlatzinca of San Juan Atzingo," undated
Folder 1.18	[Character, Cognitive Orientation and Children], undated
Folder 1.19	Food Paper, undated
Folder 1.20	"Graduate School and Beyond: The Art of Practicing Anthropology," 1974-1975
Folder 1.21	"La Virgen de Guadalupe as Surrogate Mother in San Juan Atzingo," 1955
Folder 1.22	"Mothers, Sacred and Profane: New Perspectives on the Virgin of Guadalupe," 1975-1976
Folder 1.23	"Polygyny in Mesoamerica: The Case of San Juan Atzingo," undated
Folder 1.24	Polygyny, undated
Folder 1.25	"Pseudoreality in a Mexican Village: The Generalized Virtue Myth," undated
Folder 1.26	"Psychocultural Dimensions of Health and Disease in a Mexican Village," undated
Folder 1.27	"Projective Doll Play Reconsidered...", undated
Folder 1.28	Doll Play, undated
Folder 1.29	"Some Observations on the Nature, Treatment and Prevention of Mental illness in a Mexican Village," undated
Folder 1.30	"The Two Faces of the Mexican Peasant: A holistic View," undated
Folder 1.31	Rorschach, undated
Folder 1.32	[Rorschach], undated
Folder 1.33	"San Juan Atzingo: An Interpretation of Folk Culture in Central Mexico," Ph.D. dissertation, draft, undated
Folder 1.34	[Dissertation notes?], undated
Folder 1.35	[Psychotherapy], undated
Folder 1.36	[Witchcraft], undated
Folder 1.37	Reprints, undated
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Folder 1.39	Maps, undated
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