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MARC: DEVELOPED 1960s

Home below Hell's Canyon / Grace Jordan.

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600 10|a Jordan, Grace Edgington.
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Dewey Decimal System: Developed 1876

“What, haven’t you heard of the Dewey Decimal System?!?!?”
Now that we’ve discussed widely-adopted historical metadata schemas and content standards for libraries, let’s look at the field of archives........
Overview of the Collection

Creator: Langner, William R.
Title: William Langner Papers
Inclusive Dates: 1935-1996
Quantity: 94 linear ft.
Abstract: William Langner worked for the Department of Education’s Division of Adult Education and Literacy (a paraplegic from the age of 18 due to a car accident). Collection includes correspondence, reports, handbooks, manuals, etc. concerning adult education.

Language: English
Repository: Special Collections Research Center,
Syracuse University Library
222 Waverly Avenue
Syracuse, NY 13244-2100
http://scrc.syr.edu

Biographical History

William Langner (1932-1998) was born in Morrisville, New York. He attended Morrisville-Eaton Central Schools and, after a family move to Virginia, attended William and Mary, while hitchhiking south to Florida for spring break, he was involved in a car accident which left him paralyzed from the waist down. He attended the University of Virginia where he earned a bachelor’s degree in economics in 1957.

Despite his qualifications, Langner struggled for several years to support himself with a series of jobs including advance sales for circuses, a teacher at the Blue Ridge School in St. George, Virginia. In the early 1960s he served on the Board of Directors of Cordel Foundation. In 1964 he opened Commonwealth Tutoring Center in Richmond. Over the next decade Commonwealth Tutoring and its successor organizations served hundreds of special education students from the local school districts as well as offering foreign languages and other training to local executives.

In addition to operating his tutoring schools, Langner served on the Virginia Board of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Governor’s Commission on the Commission on the education of the physically handicapped, and directors of numerous social and civic organizations including the local branches of Easter Seals and Goodwill. In 1973, President Nixon appointed him to the President’s Committee on Education. He received an M.Ed. from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1977 and was an adjunct faculty member there for two years. He also traveled several times to Central and South America which stimulated a lifelong interest in the region.

Persistent health problems due to old and new medical expenses and intermittent hospitalizations had for years prevented Langner from traveling. He died on June 21, 1998.
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Scope and Contents of the Collection

The William Langner Papers spans nearly sixty years and includes correspondence (both personal and professional), writings, memorabilia, and large amounts of printed material related to adult education. The collection illuminates the growth of interest in adult education of the disabled both at the federal level and at the state and local level. In addition, the large and comprehensive files of correspondence and papers that Langner kept throughout his entire life, highlights Langner's refusal to be discouraged or hindered by his disability and illuminates the challenges faced by the disabled during this period. Throughout his life, Langner exhibited impressive perseverance, drive, and integrity; despite recurrent illnesses due in large part to his paraplegia, he not only worked full-time but raised eleven foster sons over the years -- including a trip to the Amazon which required his wheelchair be lashed to poles and carried through the jungle on the shoulders of native guides.

Biographical and personal material contains material relating to Langner's personal life, including correspondence with family and friends; correspondence with and records relating to various business ventures; medical records; resumes and biographical sketches along with genealogical material on the La
gner family; and books, brochures, clippings, maps, newsletters and reference material on Langner's two main avocations: tropical agriculture and travel. Included are materials from Langner's secret societies, including the secret society "The Society," the most secretive of the University of Virginia's secret societies and known for its generosity. The letter was accompanied by a gift of money to help defray Langner's expenses.

Correspondence subject files comprise the bulk of the collection, and the largest subset of this material (27 boxes) is that from Langner's years at the the Department of Education, as well as weekly work reports, site visit reports, Langner's job performance evaluations, and Sections 310 and 353 grant applications and projects. (See Printed material below for a list of Langner's organizations with a significant amount of material include the American Association of Adult and Continuing Education (6 boxes); the GED Advisory Committee (4 boxes), the Inter-Langner Learning Center (6 boxes), National Advisory Council on Adult Education (6 boxes), and the National Association for Adults with Special Learning Needs (NAASLN) (6 boxes).

Arrangement of the Collection

Material in all series are arranged alphabetically. For material that required subdivision, most are alphabetical but some (e.g. Langner Learning Center, Department of Education) are organized by a filing structure.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions on this material.

Use Restrictions

Written permission must be obtained from SCRC and all relevant rights holders before publishing quotations, excerpts or images from any materials in this collection.
### Series 2: Education

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EAD:  
Encoded Archival Description, developed by the Library of Congress, the Society of American Archivists and Academic Institutions (including the Bentley Library at the University of Michigan).

Like MARC – creates Machine Readable metadata, in this case, archival collections which may be multi-level.

Coded in .xml language

DACS:  
Describing Archives: A Content Standard 2.0.

Standardizes content within EAD fields.
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Purpose: The Northwest Digital Archives (NWDA) provides enhanced access to archival collections and facilitates collaboration among archives, libraries, and museums in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska.

2002-2007 – funded by grants from NHPRC, NEH and IMLS

2007–present – program of the Orbis-Cascade Alliance, funded by membership fees and grants from NHPRC, NEH and IMLS
NWDA Objectives

Prescribe standards for and offer training in archival collection processing, description, and Encoded Archival Description (EAD) encoding.

Develop, maintain and evaluate a publicly accessible database of archival finding aids and associated digital content that provides effective searching across institutions and within a member institution's holdings.

Foster and maintain a habit of collaboration among Northwest archives, libraries, and museums that allows participants to address challenges together and build a strong regional identity.

In support of established priorities, communicate and pursue collaboration with other state, regional, and national consortia.
NWDA Members

37 members in 5 states:

Academic institutions - 31
Municipal archives - 1
State archives/historical societies - 2
Historical societies – 2
Museum - 1

15,199 finding aids (as of 5/30/2012)

44,521 documents retrieved in April, 2012
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6 institutions – BSU, MSU, WOU, EWU, OIT, ESC

486 finding aids rendered in EAD via conversion service

BSU – 76 (actual – 100)

Existing MARC records linked to NWDA via 856 field

Training in EAD and DACS

Travel to annual member meeting
BANGLADESH QUERY

Kent...I'm looking for material on Bangladesh, especially:

• a letter from Amb. Chester Bowles to Church on Oct. 12, 1971

• a Foreign Relations Committee Report "The Road to Jessore: India's Refugee and Security Crisis" Dec. 1971

• and anything else on Bangladesh. [hit #4, 5]
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15,199 finding aids, as of 5/30/2012 (all institutions)

100 finding aids, as of 5/30/2012 (BSU)

44,521 document retrievals in April 2012 (all institutions)

393 document retrievals in April 2012 (BSU)

“New” collections previously unavailable (or limited information) on Special Collections website:

MSS 33 - Migrant Workers in Idaho Collection
MSS 36 - Calliope Scrapbook
MSS 45 - Golden Z’s Collection
MSS 51 - Acel H. Churburn Papers
**MSS 56 - Frank Church Papers**
MSS 88 - Idaho Author File
MSS 89 - Ted Trueblood Collection periodicals list
MSS 104 - Donna Fletcher Crow Papers
MSS 129 - Carol Martin Papers
**MSS 139 - Larry LaRocco Collection**
MSS 140 - Cecil D. Andrus Papers
**MSS 141 - Governor Cecil Andrus Records**
MSS 145 - Idaho Farmworker Policy Research Project Collection
MSS 146 - Greater Boise Community Council
MSS 173 - Ashby-Gramer Collection Relating to Frank Church
MSS 305 - Ethnographic Video Collection
MSS 306 - Life History Anthropology Project Collection
MSS 307 - General Anthropology and Ethnography Collection
MSS 310 - Chris Latter Collection on Gene and Janie Harris