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Scope and Content

This collection contains the research and oral histories generated by the Sacred Lands Project. The project culminated with Parlow's book, *Cry Sacred Ground: Big Mountain U.S.A.*, which documents Navajo and Hopi resistance to the 1974 Relocation Act. The collection is divided into three overlapping series.

Series I contains background to the Sacred Lands Project, along with Parlow's correspondence and field research. Her research includes field notebooks, oral history interview audio tapes, transcripts, and a small amount of correspondence and miscellany. Interviews were conducted in Navajo, Hopi, and English. The Navajo and Hopi interviews were translated during each interview. Louise Benally translated the Navajo interviews; Thomas Banyacya translated the Hopi interviews. Transcripts are all in English. Although most interviews contain both audiotapes and transcripts, some consist only of the audiotape, and others only contain the transcript. Interviews were conducted with Navajo and Hopi tribal elders, Bureau of Indian Affairs officials, relocation commissioners, and attorneys. Noteworthy interviewees include Thomas Banyacya (Hopi Elder), David Monongye (Hopi traditional leader), Peter MacDonald (former Chairman of the Navajo Nation), Abbott Sekaquaptewa (former Hopi Tribal Chairman), Peterson Zah (Chairman of the Navajo Nation). An alphabetical listing of interviewees is found at the end of the inventory. Patron use copies of audio tapes, housed in boxes 3, 4, and 5, are on audio cassettes. Original tapes are housed in the CSWR vault.

Series II consists of court cases, legislation, legislative critiques, and congressional reports and resolutions relating to relocation and disputed lands. Landmark cases such as *Hamilton v. MacDonald*; *Sekaquaptewa v. MacDonald*; *Sidney v. Zah* are documented in this series.

Series III contains background research materials, such as reports, articles, publications, newspaper clippings, and correspondence. Ethnographic, economic, demographic, and political information about the Navajo and Hopi is contained in this section as is documentation regarding first amendment rights, energy, and natural resource development. Materials generated by and for the Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Commission is also found in this series. There are tape logs, but no audio tapes, for a few interviews that were done with relocatees and potential relocatees. These interviews took place prior to the Sacred Lands Project, and were not conducted by Anita Parlow.

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