



THE PAPERS OF JOHN PEABODY HARRINGTON IN THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, 1907-1957

on microfilm

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The *John Peabody Harrington Papers*, housed in the National Anthropological Archives in the National Museum of Natural History, comprise over 750,000 pages of Harrington's documents written in a mixture of phonetically transcribed native terms, English and, occasionally, Spanish. Included are field notes; slip-file dictionaries; unpublished grammars and other manuscripts in various stages of completion; notes and drafts for published writings; photographs, sketches and maps; correspondence; and accounts of expenses.

The Papers have been arranged first by the geographic areas in which each group of Indians lived and then by tribe. Within each tribal division are "subseries," such as Vocabulary, Grammar, Texts, and Ethnographic Notes.

Included with each section of the collection is a detailed guidebook giving the contents of each reel, background information on the circumstances of Harrington's fieldwork on the given tribes, occasional photos and maps, a listing and description of his informants, and cross references to other parts of the *Papers*.

Linguists, anthropologists and historians will find this collection to be an essential research tool.

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Complete Collection: 494 reels

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2) NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA, 101 reels plus paper guide/index

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Comments about the Harrington Papers collection on microfilm:

“J.P. Harrington was one of the most accurate phoneticians among early twentieth century Americanists. His field notes are a rich source of information on Amerindian languages, culture and acculturation as well as local history and place names. They are a mine of data for anthropologists, linguists, and historians.”

Catherine A. Callaghan, Ohio State University

“To anyone with an interest on Native American language, history and culture, publication of the Harrington Papers is a significant and long awaited event. The breadth of Harrington’s work, broadly based in history, ethno-science, anthropology, linguistics and even poetry, gives us an invaluable source of information not available elsewhere.”

Geoffrey Gamble, Washington State University

“The Papers of John Peabody Harrington contain a broad range of information on the languages and cultures of the American Indians. These materials are deserving of painstaking and judicious study.”

Mary Haas, University of California, Berkeley

“No institution or individual dedicated to understanding the language and culture of our First Americans can afford to overlook the most significant, unpublished contributions from a single man, the notes of John P. Harrington.”

Travis Hudson, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

“The Papers of John Peabody Harrington constitute an invaluable source for the study of the history, language, and anthropology of many native Indian groups.

The microfilm appears to be of consistently good quality, the images, usually two to a frame, clearly legible...where manuscript pages are in poor condition, typed transcripts appear on the film adjacent to the original version.

In contrast to the highly disorganized body of data to which the Smithsonian Institution fell heir, the contents of the microfilm are carefully and systematically arranged and follow a consistent format throughout. “

About the Guide to Part 1:

“The well-arranged data recorded on these reels, however, would have only limited research value if it were not for the accompanying...paperback guide. It is this excellent publication that renders the microfilm reels readily accessible and is itself an indispensable research tool. In addition to detailing the contents of the reels, the guide includes a wealth of related information.”

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