Rhoda Schlamm Collection

MSS #32

Collection Date(s): Year Range 1951-2022

Language: English

Extent: 0.21 linear feet

The collection consists of 1 Box

Title: Rhoda Schlamm Papers

Finding Aid Date: 2023-07-10

Supervising Archivist: Christine Jankowski (2020-2023)

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Processing Note: Processing by Summer Intern.


Language of Description: English.

Related Accessions: Norman R. Farnsworth Papers (1930-2011)

Abstract: The Rhoda Schlamm papers consists of books, pamphlets, newsletters, articles, slides, interviews, and notes from travels that have been collected and donated by trade and educational writer and editor Rhoda Schlamm on the topic of medical anthropology with a concentration on the use of medicinal plants found in Myanmar as a treatment for cancer.

Arrangement: The collection consists of 1 box and 7 books.

Provenance: Collection of books, pamphlets, newsletters, slides, and notes donated by Rhoda Schlamm to the Lloyd Library and Museum in September 2022.

Access Restrictions: None.

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

**Biographical History:** Rhoda Lee Schlamm (1944-) is a now retired writer and editor of trade and educational books on various topics including direct marketing, finance, medicinal education, and the public health fields.

As a former anthropology student with a particular interest in medical anthropology, Schlamm traveled to Asia in 1980 to research how various countries tested and used native plants for cancer treatment. She met with scientists who informed her which plants their countries were testing against cancer and with both traditional and Western-trained doctors who described how they diagnosed and treated other common diseases and conditions using plant medicine and other modalities.

Rhoda Schlamm returned to Asia twice on extended trips during 1980-1985 to continue her study in hopes of writing a book on the topic. However, she was advised against publishing her research by her publisher as they deemed the topic was too specialized. She donated her research to the Lloyd Library and Museum in September 2022.

**Scope and Content:** The collection includes books, pamphlets, newsletters, articles, and the notes of Rhoda Schlamm collected by her on the medicinal plants of Asia and their uses in the treatment of cancer.

**System of Arrangement:** Collection is arranged chronology within type of item. Books from this collection will be findable on the Lloyd’s online catalog.

**Acquisition Information:** This collection was donated by Rhoda Schlamm in September 2022.

**Preferred Citation:** Title and date of item, Collection Name, Lloyd Library & Museum, Cincinnati, Ohio.
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