

Guide to the Victor W. Von Hagen Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1183

CREATOR: Von Hagen, Victor Wolfgang, 1908-1985

TITLE: Victor Wolfgang Von Hagen papers

DATES: 1932-1954

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5.5 linear feet (4 boxes, 2 folios)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence, research materials, typescripts, and galley proofs for ten books written by Von Hagen relating to Central and South American history.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Victor W. Von Hagen in 1955.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Victor Wolfgang Von Hagen Papers (MS 1183). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical

Author, explorer; expeditions to Mexico, 1931-1933; Ecuador, Upper Amazon, Galapagos Islands, 1934-1936; Honduras, Mosquito Coast, Guatemala, 1937-1938; Northern Panama, 1940; Colombia, Amazon, Peru, 1947-1948; West Indies, 1949-1950; Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, 1953; director Inca Highway Expedition for American Geographic Society, 1953-1955; dir. Roman roads expedition, North Africa, Jordania, Italy, 1962-1965; author of 48 books.

Scope and Contents

The main concern of these papers is the writings of Victor W. Von Hagen on South and Central America. The approximately 150 letters (1932-1949) from individuals and institutions deal almost entirely with questions of research and publication of Von Hagen's articles and books. Notable among the correspondents are Sir Charles G. Darwin and Leonard Darwin, relatives of the famous naturalist, Aldous Huxley, Samuel Eliot Morison, and Lewis Mumford. The letters from Mumford, Charles R. Anderson, and Raymond Weaver are of particular interest for the information about Herman Melville which they provide.

Aside from a few financial papers, the remainder of the collection consists of typescripts for six of Von Hagen's books, galley sheets for a seventh, and research materials such as off-prints of articles, transcriptions and photocopies of early letters and other documents from South America, photographs, and notes for various publications. Perhaps most intriguing are the materials relating to *The Aztec and Maya Papermakers* (published in 1943) which include not only a transcript, galley sheets, extensive research materials, and photographs, but also a large number of samples of paper made from the bark of different types of trees.

Correspondence has been arranged alphabetically by author, writings chronologically by date of publication. A portion of *The Aztec and Maya Papermakers* materials are located in an oversize box; cross-references are provided in the list of contents on the following page.

These papers were donated to Yale University by Victor W. Von Hagen in 1955.

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	Writings	
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	<i>The Aztec and Maya Papermakers</i>	[1943]
b. 1, f. 12	Galley sheets	
	Proofs of title page and introduction See: Inventory Folder 49 ref47	
b. 1, f. 13 - 14	Incomplete typescript	
b. 1, f. 15	Typescript draft	
	Samples of bark papers See: Inventory Folder 50 - 52 ref48	
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b. 2, f. 19	Promotional material and review	
	<i>The Jicaque Indians of Honduras</i>	[1943]
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	<i>Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands</i>	[1949]
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	<i>The Four Seasons of Manuela</i>	[1952]

The Four Seasons of Manuela (continued)

b. 3, f. 35-39	Typescript	
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b. 4, f. 43	<i>Maya Explorer</i> : research materials English	[1954]
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b. 4, f. 47	Miscellaneous notes and research materials	1933-38, undated
b. 4, f. 48	Financial papers	1950-51
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b. 5, f. 50 - 52	Oversize materials	
b. 5, f. 53	Oversize materials	
b. 5, f. 54	Oversize materials	
b. 6	<i>The Aztec and Maya Papermakers</i>	1943

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Aztecs
Indians of North America
Jicaque Indians
Mayas
Miskito Indians

Geographic Names

Central America -- History
Galapagos Islands
Latin America -- History

Occupations

Authors

Names

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