Overview of the Collection

**Creator**  
Taylor, Dee Calderwood, 1922-1991

**Title**  
Dee Taylor papers

**Dates**  
1949-1991 (inclusive)  
1949 1991

**Quantity**  
6.0 linear feet

**Collection Number**  
Mss 842

**Summary**  
Dee Taylor was a professor of anthropology at the University of Montana-Missoula from 1957 until his death in 1991, serving as chair of the department from 1985 until his passing. This collection contains a great deal of material collected by Taylor as a teacher, researcher, and investigator of the archaeology and ethnology of the Northern Plains and Rocky Mountains.

**Repository**  
University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections  
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Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library  
University of Montana  
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**Access Restrictions**  
Researchers must use collection in accordance with the policies of Archives and Special Collections, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, and The University of Montana-Missoula. Because of the quantity of student files in this unprocessed collection, access to this collection is restricted without permission from the Archivist; please contact Archives and Special Collections for details.

**Languages**  
English

Biographical Note

Dee Calderwood Taylor was born on December 28, 1922 to Ephraim and Eunice Taylor in Coalville, Utah. He married Betty Powell and the couple would have two children, Mark and Betty Dee. Taylor joined the Air Corps Reserves in 1942 prior to attending college. He attended the University of Utah and studied anthropology, receiving his B.A. in 1951 and his M.A. in 1953. He attended the University of Michigan and earned his Ph.D. in 1957 and was hired as a professor of anthropology at the University of Montana-Missoula that same year.

Taylor was a prominent figure in the ethnology and archaeology of the Rocky Mountain Region and the Northern Plains. He became chair of the Department of Anthropology in 1985 and held the position until his death. An accomplished researcher, scholar, and instructor, he founded the Montana...
Archaeological Society and was active with the Society for American Archaeology, the Governor’s Advisory Committee for the Preservation of Historic Sites (Montana), the State Historical Preservation Office, the Montana Sites Advisory Council, the Montana Archaeological Resources Council, and the Montana Historical Society.

Dee Taylor passed away on March 6, 1991 of cardiac arrest.

Content Description

This collection contains a great deal of research material collected by Dee Taylor during his time as a professor and chair of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Montana-Missoula. Much of the research is archaeological surveys, assessments, and papers on sites in and around Montana, mostly from the 1970s and 1980s. Many of the items relate to his position with the State Historic Preservation Office including contracts for his services and projects he did for the Office. There are also articles on anthropological topics and material from anthropology courses he taught including bibliographies, exams, and lecture outlines. Some photographic material from surveys and assessments are present, as well as field notes. He also retained student papers and papers by his colleagues. There is also correspondence regarding different projects and letters from individuals asking for help identifying possible significant archaeological sites and some student papers and lecture notes.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

Researchers are responsible for using in accordance with 17 U.S.C. and any other applicable statutes. Copyright status is unknown.

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

This collection is unprocessed and retains its original order, files, titles (when present), and boxes. An inventory for the collection is available at the repository.

Custodial History

This collection was removed from Dee Taylor’s office following his death and donated by the Department of Anthropology at the University of Montana-Missoula to Archives and Special Collections.

Future Additions

No future additions are expected.
Processing Note

This collection was received as a single accession with no rearrangement or removal of any materials. This collection has not yet been organized by the Archives; original titles, folders, and boxes were all retained.

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms:
Anthropology--Study and teaching (Higher)--Montana--Missoula
Archaeological surveying--Montana
College teachers--Montana--Missoula
Historic sites--Montana

Personal Names:
Dee Calderwood Taylor, 1922-1991 -- Archives

Corporate Names:
Montana State Historic Preservation Office
University of Montana--Missoula. Department of Anthropology
University of Montana--Missoula--Faculty

Occupations:
Anthropologists--Montana--Missoula

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