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### David Donoghue Collection of Geology and Texana

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# SC 8. David Donoghue Collection Of Geology and Texana

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**Creator:** David Donoghue  
**Donor:** Mrs. William Watson, daughter of David Donoghue; donor number: 1959.1  
**Extent:** about 48 linear feet of books, about 600 slides  
**Inclusive Dates:** Slides 1953 to 1958, Books 1822-1939  
**Language:** English  
**Formats:** Books and photographic slides  
**Finding Aids:** List of subject headings for book collection (see donor file)  
**Alternative Forms:** None  
**Restrictions:** None  
**Location:** Donoghue Slide Collection in C23C Folders 1 to 4  
Photos of David Donoghue in C23A

**Description:** Books are the most important part of this collection and these represent two major interests of David Donoghue, petroleum geology and Texas history. The Texana cover every aspect of Texas history and include some books described by Brother Joseph Schmitz as "very rare, choice collector's items." There is a list of geological subjects in the donor file. The slides were taken by Mr. Donoghue from the 1953 to 1958 during the travels of Mr. and Mrs. Donoghue to North Africa and to South America

**Chain of Custody:** The collection was received by Saint Mary's University in 1959 and in 1961 from Mrs. William Watson, daughter of David Donoghue and executor of the estate of David Donoghue. It was one of the earliest collections received. See donor file 1959.1.

**Biographical Note:** David Donoghue of Dallas graduated from St. Mary's in 1909 with a Bachelor of Science degree in geology. He later became internationally known as a consulting petroleum geologist. Many of his books concerned early oil exploration in Texas. Mr. Donoghue was a student of history and wrote several research papers, pamphlets and articles on the subject of petroleum. In 1950 he was elected president of the Tarrant County Historical Society. (*San Antonio News*, January 27, 1961: 4A)

**Related Collections:**

See SC 3 Ned C. Bell collection, Chesley Correspondence for comments by Bell about his classmate David Donoghue.

See Photographs series for a portrait inscribed to Colonel Martin L. Crimmins found as an adhesion in the Donoghue Collection.

**Subject Headings:** Texas

## Petroleum Geology Books

**Cataloging Note:** Most of the petroleum geology books are in the general collection, not in special collections. There is a list of geological subjects in the donor file.

### Books

**Cataloging Note:** The Texana books in the Donoghue Collection cover every aspect of Texas history and include some books described by Brother Joseph Schmitz as “very rare, choice collector’s items.” Below are some of the books in the Donoghue collection that are more notable because of rarity or the presence of a personal inscription.

- 973.1 H484 Helps, Arthur; *The Spanish Conquest in America and Its Relation to the History of Slavery and to the Government of Colonies*; volumes 1 to 4; London: Parker and Son, 1855
- 973.1 H919 Humboldt, Alexander de; *Political Essay on the Kingdom of New Spain*; translated from the French by John Black; Third Edition; London: Longman, 1822
- 973.16 B214 Bandelier, A. F.; *Final Report of the Investigations among the Indians of the Southwestern United States ... from 1880 to 1885, Part I*; Papers of the Archaeological Institute of America, American Series III; Cambridge: University Press, 1890
920. Dobie, J. Frank; *John C. Duval First Texas Man of Letters*; Dallas: Southwest Review, 1939. Inscribed:  
“To my friend, Dave Donoghue, with the promise that if he will come to see him again, I’ll give him another book – Frank Dobie, Austin, Texas, Oct. 18, 1940.”
- 972.1 D633 Dobie, J. Frank; *Apache Gold and Yaqui Silver*; Boston, 1939  
First edition with inscription and autograph of author; condition poor:  
“For my cherished friend David Donoghue: Some of the ‘history’ in this is nearly as crooked as the trails across the Sierra Madre; though seriously, I don’t think the past has been betrayed. Above all, I recommend the pictures. With affection, Frank Dobie, Austin, Texas, Texas Independence Day, 1939.”
- 976.4 D633 Dobie, J. Frank; *Coronado’s Children: Lost Mines and Buried Treasure of the Southwest*; Dallas, 1930  
First edition, condition poor
- 976.4 A937 Austin, Stephen F; *Three Manuscript Maps of Texas by Stephen F. Austin*; Austin, 1930  
Number 3 of 55 privately printed folio edition

### Photographs

#### Drawer C23A

- C23A-SC8-Folder 1 Portrait of Dora Neill Raymond, author, with inscription on reverse:  
“To my companion in *vivant*, Colonel Martin L. Crimmins. Dora Neill Raymond”  
This photo (6 x 4 inches) appeared as an adhesion to her book *Captain Lee Hall of Texas* (Norman, 1940) in the David Donoghue Collection. How it got there is not recorded
- C23A-SC8-Folder 1 Photographs (2) of David Donoghue sitting on an unnamed beach, undated  
Color 4 x 5 inch
- C23A-SC8-Folder 1 Snapshots of unnamed persons  
4 black and white, 1 color; the black and white are undated, the color is April 6, 1953

## Slides

**Descriptive Note:** The slides date from 1948 to 1958 and record travels to North Africa, Paris, and Iberian America. They feature natural settings, local culture, and petroleum installations. Scattered among them are some family vacation photos. The places depicted in the slides are not always named. The names appearing as captions on slide frames are noted below. Mr. Donoghue's interest in these places may have resulted from petroleum exploration.

**Processing Note:** The slides in the David Donoghue Collection arrived in twenty-two Kodak boxes provided by film processors that held from 24 to 36 slides each. A few of the slides have notations written on the frames giving a place name and sometimes a date. Some of the slide frames were stamped with a date by the film processor. Not all the boxes were full. The slides in the small Kodak boxes were sleeved in the order they had in the boxes. Another group of slides arrived in a metal box also without subjects or dates. The slides in this box were sleeved in the order they had in the metal box. These sleeves are in Folder SC8 Donoghue 3 and 4. (L Scrivani, March 29, 2018)

### Drawer C23C

#### C23C-SC8-Folder 1: Kodak Boxes 1 to 10

1958

Boxes 1 to 7 – printed in France (“Fabriqué en France”); no dates or places marked. Subject matter appears to be coastal North Africa.

Boxes 9 and 10 – dated “September 1958” and “Made in the USA.” The subject matter appears to be coastal North Africa.

#### C23C-SC8-Folder 2: Kodak Boxes 11 to 21

1949-1958

Box 11 – dated September 1958 and are likely a continuation of North Africa.

Box 12 – same as Box 11

Box 13 – dated October 1958 and shows classical Roman ruins likely in North Africa.

Box 14 – undated and depicts tourists fishing on a sea coast

Box 15 – undated, depicts travel on a river and petroleum installations likely in South America

Box 16 – some slides dated 1953; place names appearing are:

Copacabana Beach, March 1953

Trinidad, March 1953

Box 17 – Rio Magdalena near Barranca Bermeya February 1949

Box 18 – Barbacoas July 1953;

Boca Grande July 1953;

Tumaco;

River Nariño Columbia;

Quito, Ecuador

Box 19 – undated and unidentified

Box 20 – undated and unidentified

Box 21 – dated August 1955

Quito

#### C23C-SC8-Folder 3: Sleeve pages 34 to 47

1948-1953

Page 34 – Caracas, San Tome, Mene Grande, Ciudad Bolivar, Rio Orinoco, all March 1948

Page 35 – San Tome, Maracay, Curacao, Port au Prince, all March 1948

Page 36 and 37 – the same as page 35 but with Kingston,

Page 38 – Pecos River [Texas?]

Page 39 – Double Mountain Dam April 29, 1951

Page 40 – Double Mountain Dam April 29, 1951

Rio de Janeiro April 1953

Trinidad April 1953

Tierra del Fuego March 1953

Page 41 – Barbacoas, Rio de Janeiro

Page 42 – Barbacoas 1953

Page 43 to 47 – many of the same names as above scattered, as well as Bogota and Cartagena,

#### C23C-SC8-Folder 4: Sleeve pages 48 to 57

1948-1953

The dates written on the slide frames range from March 1948 to July 1953. The subjects include: Caracas, Cartagena and other sites in Venezuela, Kingston, Port au Prince, Ciudad Trujillo, Bogota, and west Texas, as well as Saint-Germain-en-Laye. [Saint-Germain-en-Laye is a commune in the Yvelines department in the Île-de-France in north-central France. It is located in the western suburbs of Paris about 12 miles from the city center.]

## Pamphlets/Near Print Items

**Descriptive Note:** The pamphlets divide into three subjects: Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Texas History. Most of these are reprints of articles published in periodicals that were sent to Mr. Donoghue "With the compliments of the author." A few are his own authorship. Three exceptions to this description are listed below. Frank Dobie is heavily represented in those on Texas history.

SC 8 Box 1 Newspaper issue

*The Texas Longhorn* / by J. Frank Dobie

Undated special issue asking for personal accounts of "incidents connected with Longhorns" in preparation for a book to be written by Dobie.

Inscribed: "Dear Dave, I'm brewing a plot & you may see me walk in some day – Frank"

SC 8 Box 1 Mimeograph publication

*Minority Report of the Advisory Board of Texas Historians to the Commission of Control for Texas Centennial Celebrations by J. Frank Dobie, Austin, Texas, October 1, 1935*

Inscribed: "To David Donoghue with best wishes from Frank Dobie (rubrica)"

SC 8 Box 1 Bound Typescript 117 pages with letter to Dave Donoghue:

"Diary of the Incidents and Operations Which Took Place in the Expedition made from the Province of Texas to the Province of New Mexico in compliance with Superior Orders" / by Captain Don Francisco Amangual and Captain Don Jose Agabe de Ayala, March 30, 1808.

Transcription with accompanying map and personal letter by Bailey Carroll, North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington, Texas.

SC 8 Box 1 Adhesions to Books

One file folder containing some personal items and some news clippings found among the pages of the books in the Donoghue Collection.

## Maps

D11 Folder 3

Michigan

SC 8: "Geological Map of Keweenaw Point Lake Superior Michigan by J. D. Whitney, assisted by S. W. Hill and W. H. Stevens." 62-18

Ackerman Lithograph, New York, 46 x 26-inches, [19<sup>th</sup> century?] D11 F3

Texas

SC8: "Map of the Country between the Frontiers of Arkansas and New Mexico embracing the sections explored in 1849, 50, 51, & 52, by Captain R B Marcy 5<sup>th</sup> US Infantry under orders of the War Department;" [so-called "Marcy Map"]; printed by Ackerman Lithography, New York, [1853]; 61 x 29 inches.

D11 F3

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