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Descriptive Summary

Collection Number

C0216

Date

1962-1977

Language

English

Abstract

A collection of 11 Christmas cards from noted anthropologist Margaret Mead with five cards signed and with holiday greetings.

Creator

Mead, Margaret, 1901-1978

Physical Characteristics

0.25 linear feet (1 folder)

Repository

George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections & Archives

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions on personal use. Permission to publish material from the Margaret Mead Christmas card collection must be obtained from Special Collections Research Center, George Mason University Libraries.

Acquisition Information

Purchased in 2012.

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Historical Information

Margaret Mead was a prominent twentieth-century educator, writer, and lecturer. An anthropologist by occupation, she studied the lives of natives of Samoa, Indonesia, and Papua New Guinea. Her first book, "Coming of Age in Samoa: A Psychological Study of Primitive Youth for Western Civilization" (New York: Morrow, 1928), which compared the seemingly care-free adolescent years in Samoan culture to this stressful period of development for American teenagers, catapulted her to instant fame. As she went on to research and write about other cultures, she used her anthropological studies as a framework to discuss and analyze American society.

Scope and Content

A collection of 11 Christmas cards from noted anthropologist Margaret Mead with five cards signed and with holiday greetings. The collection includes 10 original photographic prints, with one in color, and one printed card, many taken by friends and contributors to her work, such as visual anthropologist Paul Byers and cinematographer Richard Leiterman. Four of the card images include Mead's granddaughter, Sevanne "Vanni" Kassarian, with one also showing her daughter, Mary Catherine Bateson (herself a well-respected anthropologist). Three other Christmas cards picture Mead with natives of New Guinea and Bali, often surrounded by children, with one lone color image of her being filmed on Manus Island for the 1968 documentary, "Margaret Mead's New Guinea Journal." Other cards show artwork, a choir, and various children. A charming collection of Christmas cards from one of the world's most renowned anthropologists.

Related Material

Special Collections & Archives hold the [George Mason University photograph collection](#) that includes several photographs of Mary Catherine Bateson, Mead's daughter and a former professor of Anthropology at GMU.

The Library of Congress holds the [Margaret Mead papers](#).

Index Terms

Persons:

Mead, Margaret, 1901-1978--Photographs.

Arrangement

Organized by size.

Contents List

Margaret Mead Christmas card collection

Two children watching television by Mead with a holiday greeting,

Unit Date 1962

Graphic materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

3" x 5"

Mead on Manus Island with native children,

Unit Date 1964

Graphic materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Inscribed by Mead with a holiday greeting. 3" x 4"

Mead being filmed on Manus Island for the 1968 documentary "Margaret Mead's New Guinea Journal,"

Unit Date 1967

Graphic materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Signed by Mead with a holiday greeting. Photograph by Leiterman. 3" x 7"

Choir of boys singing at the Petralia Soprana commune in Italy,

Unit Date 1968

Graphic materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

3" x 7"

Stone sculpture by William K. Roberts,

Unit Date 1969

Graphic materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

3" x 7"

Mead's granddaughter in a college classroom,

Unit Date 1970

Graphic materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

3" x 6"

Baby in a sling,

Unit Date 1972

Graphic materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Photograph by Peter Gordon. 3" x 7"

Mead's granddaughter holding cymbals by Mead with a holiday greeting,

Unit Date 1973

Graphic materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Holiday greeting from Mead. 3" x 6"

Margaret Mead and her granddaughter in Tehran,

Unit Date 1975

Graphic materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Photograph by Robert Levin. Signed by Mead. 3" x 5"

Mead with her daughter, Mary Catherine Bateson, and granddaughter,

Unit Date 1976

Graphic materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

Photograph by Polyxane Cobb. 3" x 5"

Mead in Bali with children all around,

Unit Date 1977

Graphic materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Content

3" x 5"