



## Doris A. Paul Collection 00250

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## Summary Information

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**Repository:** Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections

**Creator - ivr:** Paul, Doris Atkinson

**Creator - ive:** Anderson, Eugene, 1911-

**Creator - ive:** Balbos, E. J.

**Creator - ive:** Benally, John Ashi, 1917-1980

**Creator - ive:** Blatchford, Paul H., 1917-2003

**Creator - ive:** Brown, John, Jr., 1921-2009

**Creator - ive:** Burr, Sandy, 1924-1997

**Creator - ive:** Cannon, Lee

**Creator - ive:** Claw, John

**Creator - ive:** Draper, Teddy

**Creator - ive:** Evans, Ted

**Creator - ive:** Gorman, Carl Nelson, 1907-1998

**Creator - ive:** Hickman, Dean, 1914-1982

**Creator - ive:** Holiday, Samuel, 1924-

**Creator - ive:** House, Lloyd

**Creator - ive:** Johnston, Philip, approximately 1892-1978

**Creator - ive:** King, Jimmie Kelly

**Creator - ive:** Link, Martin

**Creator - ive:** McCabe, William, 1913-1969

**Creator - ive:** Nakai, Raymond

**Creator - ive:** Sandoval, Peter

**Creator - ive:** Silversmith, Sam, 1923-2001

**Creator - ive:** Smith, Albert

**Creator - ive:** Thompson, Frank Tsosie, 1920-2008

**Creator - ive:** Wilson, William Dean, 1923-1999

**Source - dnr:** Paul, Doris Atkinson

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Doris A. Paul collection             |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | 00250                                |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1971-2015                            |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 1 Cubic Feet 6 folders, 12 cassettes |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | Some of the materials are in Navajo. |

### Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information:  
"Item title, Collection title, Collection Identifier, Michigan State University Archives & Historical Collections, East Lansing, Michigan."

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## Biographical Note

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Doris A. Paul was born in Upland, Indiana. She received her Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music Education degrees from Taylor University and pursued her education in music at Northwestern University and at the University of Michigan, where she received her Master of Music degree. She has pursued a career both as a writer and a musician.

Paul's work has been extensively published, including articles in periodicals such as Music Journal, Today's Health, and the New York Times. Paul wrote the book "The Navajo Code Talkers" in 1973.

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## Scope and Content

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The collection contains taped interviews by Doris Paul of Navajo Marines who served as code talkers during World War II. Also interviewed were members of the Navajo Nation government and cultural institutions, a U.S. Marine 4th Division Reunion Chairman, and Philip Johnston, the initiator of the code talker program. The interviews were used for writing her book "The

Navajo Code Talkers" (1973). Also included is a taped recording of a banquet in 1975 honoring the code talkers following the Tournament of Roses parade.

There is also correspondence between Paul and the University Archives including her notes. The correspondence, which has been redacted, contains background information about the interviews. The archivists' notes include details about the quality of the recordings and the content of the interviews.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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**Legal Status:** Donor(s) have transferred any applicable copyright to Michigan State University but the collection may contain third-party materials for which copyright was not transferred. Copyright restrictions may apply. Property Rights: Michigan State University.

### Processing Information

Processing began in 2001. During that period, it appears that a review of the tapes was done. The notes from this are included in this collection. Final processing and cassette digitization was completed in 2015.

Some correspondence between Paul and the Director of the University Archives was included to provide background information about the interviews and quality of the recordings, as well as an explanation about the disposition of the other tapes and materials. The correspondence was redacted to remove personal information and discussion of copyright.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

Similar materials are held by Archives West (University of Utah Libraries, Special Collections), MS 0504 Navajo Code Talkers oral histories. <http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv32742>

Also of note: Gorman, Zonnie. "The Navajo Code Talkers of World War II: The First Twenty-Nine." (2015) [https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/hist\\_etds/32/](https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/hist_etds/32/)

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Navajo code talkers
- Navajo Indians
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Communications
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Cryptography
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Personal Narratives
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Veterans
- Interviews -- Interviews
- Letters (correspondence)
- Sound recordings
- Paul, Doris Atkinson
- United States. Marine Corps

## Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

All of the cassette tapes have been digitized.

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## Collection Inventory

### Papers

| Title/Description                       | Instances |          |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Correspondence (photocopies), 1995-1996 | box 1     | folder 1 |
| Notes                                   |           |          |
| Archivist, 2001, 2015                   | box 1     | folder 2 |
| Author, undated                         | box 1     | folder 3 |
| Publicity, 1994                         | box 1     | folder 4 |

### Transcripts

| Title/Description | Instances |          |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| John Claw, 1971   | box 1     | folder 5 |
| Lloyd House, 1971 | box 1     | folder 6 |

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### Audio

| Title/Description  | Instances |                    |
|--|-----------|--------------------|
| Interviews with Lee Cannon and Philip Johnston (tape 1), 1971<br><a href="#">Digital Object: Interviews with Lee Cannon and Philip Johnston (tape 1): 1971</a> | box 1     | cassette<br>Tape 1 |
| Interviews with Carl Gorman, Ted Evans, Albert Smith, and Sandy Burr (tape 2), 1971  | box 1     | cassette<br>Tape 2 |

Digital Object: [Interviews with Carl Gorman, Ted Evans, Albert Smith, and Sandy Burr \(tape 2\): 1971](#)

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Language of the Material: English.

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|--|-------|--------------------|
| Interview with Jimmy King (tape 3), 1971 | box 1 | cassette<br>Tape 3 |
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Digital Object: [Interview with Jimmy King \(tape 3\): 1971](#)

Digital Object: [Interview with Jimmy King \(tape 3\): 1971](#)

Language of the Material: English.

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|  |       |                    |
|--|-------|--------------------|
| Interviews with Lloyd House and Judge Dean Wilson (tape 4), 1971 | box 1 | cassette<br>Tape 4 |
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Digital Object: [Interviews with Lloyd House and Judge Dean Wilson \(tape 4\): 1971](#)

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Language of the Material: English.

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|--|-------|--------------------|
| Patriotic song (in Navajo) by Dean Wilson - Side B: blank (tape 5), 1971 | box 1 | cassette<br>Tape 5 |
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Digital Object: [Patriotic song \(in Navajo\) by Dean Wilson - Side B: blank: 1971](#)

Language of the Material: English.

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|---|-------|--------------------|
| Interviews with Eugene Anderson, Dean Hickman, and Frank T. Thompson (mislabelled Armstrong) (tape 6), 1971 | box 1 | cassette<br>Tape 6 |
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Digital Object: [Interviews with Eugene Anderson, Dean Hickman, and Frank Armstrong \(tape 6\): 1971](#)

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Language of the Material: English.

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|---|-------|--------------------|
| Interview with Philip Johnston (tape 7), 1971 | box 1 | cassette<br>Tape 7 |
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Digital Object: [Interview with Philip Johnston \(tape 7\): 1971](#)

Digital Object: [Interview with Philip Johnston \(tape 7\): 1971](#)

Language of the Material: English.

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|  |       |                    |
|--|-------|--------------------|
| Interviews with Philip Johnston, John Claw, E. J. Galbos, and Martin Link (tape 8), 1971 | box 1 | cassette<br>Tape 8 |
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Digital Object: [Interviews with Philip Johnston, John Claw, E.J. Galbos, and Martin Link \(tape 8\): 1971](#)

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Language of the Material: English.

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| <p>Interviews with Raymond Nakai, Sam Silversmith (tape 9), 1971</p>   | <p>box 1</p> | <p>cassette<br/>Tape 9</p>  |
| <p><u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Interviews with Raymond Nakai, Sam Silversmith (tape 9): 1971</a></p>  |              |                             |
| <p><u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Interviews with Raymond Nakai, Sam Silversmith (tape 9): 1971</a></p>  |              |                             |
| <p><u>Language of the Material:</u> English.</p>   |              |                             |
| <p>Interviews with Teddy Draper, John Benally &amp; PM session, Philip Johnston, Carl Gorman, Wm. McCabe, John Benally, Philip Johnston, then Teddy Draper, Peter Sandoval, &amp; a little J. Brown (tape 10), 1971</p>  | <p>box 1</p> | <p>cassette<br/>Tape 10</p> |
| <p><u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Interviews with Teddy Draper, John Benally &amp; PM session, Philip Johnston, Carl Gorman, Wm. McCabe, John Benally, Philip Johnston, then Teddy Draper, Peter Sandoval, &amp; a little J. Brown (tape 10): 1971</a></p> |              |                             |
| <p><u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Interviews with Teddy Draper, John Benally &amp; PM session, Philip Johnston, Carl Gorman, Wm. McCabe, John Benally, Philip Johnston, then Teddy Draper, Peter Sandoval, &amp; a little J. Brown (tape 10): 1971</a></p> |              |                             |
| <p><u>Language of the Material:</u> English.</p>   |              |                             |
| <p>Interviews with Jimmy King and Sam Holiday (tape 11), 1971</p>  | <p>box 1</p> | <p>cassette<br/>Tape 11</p> |
| <p><u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Interviews with Jimmy King and Sam Holiday (tape 11): 1971</a></p>   |              |                             |
| <p><u>Language of the Material:</u> English.</p>   |              |                             |
| <p>Interview with John Brown, Jr. - Barbecue Table, Blatchford &amp; Gorman; Miscellaneous, Interview (Wilson), Business Organizational Mtg. (tape 12), 1971</p>   | <p>box 1</p> | <p>cassette<br/>Tape 12</p> |
| <p><u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Interview with John Brown, Jr. - Barbecue Table, Blatchford &amp; Gorman; Miscellaneous, Interview (Wilson), Business Organizational Mtg.: 1971</a></p>  |              |                             |
| <p><u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Interview with John Brown, Jr. - Barbecue Table, Blatchford &amp; Gorman; Miscellaneous, Interview (Wilson), Business Organizational Mtg.: 1971</a></p>  |              |                             |
| <p><u>Language of the Material:</u> English.</p>   |              |                             |
| <p>Navajo Dinner, January 2, 1975 (tape 13), 1975</p>  | <p>box 1</p> | <p>cassette<br/>Tape 13</p> |
| <p><u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Navajo Dinner, January 2, 1975: 1975</a></p>   |              |                             |
| <p><u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Navajo Dinner, January 2, 1975: 1975</a></p>   |              |                             |

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