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John Dean Collection

Collection Summary

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Content Note

This collection consists of manuscripts, press clippings, correspondence and publicity material created or collected by John Dean of Nickerson, Kansas. The bulk of the material is concerned with Dean's writings, correspondence and accumulated research material on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), space exploration and extraterrestrial life. Also present are some promotional items from Dean's career as an author and lecturer.

Biography

John Dean (1891-1970) was an author, artist, lecturer, and educator whose published works included two books, *Flying Saucers and the Scriptures* and *Flying Saucers: Close Up*, on the subject of UFOs. His writings appeared during an era in American history when both ordinary citizens and the government were fascinated by space exploration and the possibility of alien life. Dean's manuscripts show that he was skeptical of government involvement in space exploration and also drew a connection between extraterrestrials and Christianity. Dean was a World War I veteran who was hospitalized in 1918 and during his convalescence claimed to have encountered extraterrestrial beings.

Series Listing

Series 1	Box 1 FF 1	Manuscripts. This series contains five published and unpublished manuscripts written by John Dean on the subject of UFOs and alien life, 1961-1964.
Series 2	Box 1 FF 2	Research. This series consists of Dean's research material. Items include typescripts of published material, newspaper and magazine articles, a newsletter from the Amalgamated Flying Saucer Club of America, and assorted notes, 1961-1962, 1969, n.d.
Series 3	Box 1 FF 3	Correspondence. This series contains one letter from Dean to Missouri senator E. V. Long, as well as four others sent to or received from magazine and newspaper editors concerning space travel and UFOs, 1963-1970.
Series 4	Box 1 FF 4	Publicity. This series consists of promotional materials related to Dean's books <i>Flying Saucers and the Scriptures</i> and <i>Flying Saucers: Close Up</i> , along with a flyer noting one of his speaking engagements on UFOs and a brief article on one of his lacing needle designs, 1967, c. 1970, n.d.

Box and Folder Listing

Series 1 -- Manuscripts

Box 1	FF 1	Manuscripts, 1961-1964 State Meeting, 1924
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Series 2 -- Research

Box 1	FF 2	Research, 1961-1962, 1969, n.d.
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Series 3 -- Correspondence

Box 1	FF 3	Correspondence, 1963-1970
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Series 4 -- Publicity

Box 1	FF 4	Publicity, 1967, c. 1970, n.d.
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