

Harry Casey Collection
1975-2012; bulk: 1980-1991

Collection Summary:

Creator: Casey, Harry

Title: Harry Casey Collection

Dates: 1975-2012

Bulk Dates: 1980-1991

Physical Description: 17.5 linear feet and 4 oversized boxes.

Accession Number: 2014.004.

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Abstract

This collection consists of the research papers, maps, photographs and field journals of California aerial photographer Harry Casey and includes printed material; writings; photographs; slides; and photographic negatives.

Biographical Sketch

Born on ----- into a farming family east of Brawley, California, Casey was the eldest of three sons. His brothers chose professional careers while he elected to stay on the farm. His interests in flying, photography, and desert archaeology led him to take classes from Jay von Werlhof at the Imperial Valley College in El Centro, California. During these classes he met his future wife Margaret (1938-2018) and made a lifelong friend and collaborator in Jay. He spent more than thirty-five years flying over the lower reaches of the Colorado and Gila Rivers and both the Colorado and Mohave Deserts photographing and recording geoglyphs. For their honeymoon in 1988 Harry and Margaret traveled to South America to explore and photograph the Nazca Lines of Peru.

Collection Description

This collection consists of the research, field journals, and photographs of California aerial photographer Harry Casey. The majority of the collection consists of photographs taken of the geoglyphs of the southwestern United States; rock art of the southwestern United States; and photographs of the Nazca Lines of Peru. Printed research relates to the study of the geoglyphs of the southwestern United States; field journals relate to field studies by Casey, Jay von Werlhof, and archaeology students of the Imperial Valley College. Particular focus of the collection is on recording the changes (both natural and man-made) to the geoglyphs over a span of decades.

Physical Summary

- I. Photographs
 - a. Earthen Art, United States. Box 1-16
 - b. Local Desert Plants. Box 16
 - c. Earthen Art, South America. Box 16

- d. Rock Art, United States. Box 17-28
- II. Published
 - a. Printed. Box 29
 - b. Field Journals. Box 29-30
- III. Other. Box 31-32. Oversized Box 1-4

Related Materials

Acquisition Information

Gift of Harry Casey.

Detailed Description of the Collection

- I. Photographs
 - A. Earthen Art, United States, 1976-1995
Arranged Geographically
This subseries is arranged by geographic location of the geoglyphs Harry Casey recorded in the southwestern United States: Imperial County, California; the Colorado River, Arizona region; the Colorado River, California region; the Gila River, Arizona region; the Mohave Desert (Death Valley, Panamint Valley, Greenwater Valley).

Box 1: Imperial County (1/4)

Folders 1-7: 2014.004.0004: Yuha Geoglyph

Box 2: Imperial County (2/4)

Folders 1-4: 2014.004.0005: Singer Geoglyph
Folder 5: 2014.004.0006: Imperial County Quail
Folder 6: 2014.004.0007: Schneider Geoglyph
Folder 7-8: 2014.004.0008: Yuha Power Circle

Box 3: Imperial County (3/4)

Folder 1: 2014.004.0009: Spoke Wheel
Folder 2: 2014.004.0010: Imperial County Snake
Folder 3: 2014.004.0011: Yuha Rock Snake
Folder 4: 2014.004.0012: Nessie
Folder 5: 2014.004.0013: 9 Point Star
Folder 6: 2014.004.0014: Palo Verde Arrow
Folder 7: 2014.004.0015: Concentric Circles
Folder 8: 2014.004.0016: Running Man (Malcolm Rogers site C-70)

Box 4: Imperial County (4/4) Colorado River, Arizona (1/1)

Folder 1: 2014.004.0017: Rock Alignment
Folder 2: 2014.004.0018: Cargo Muchacho Area
Folder 3: 2014.004.0019: Anthropomorphic Figures & Trail
Folder 4: 2014.004.0020: Historic/Fakes
Folder 5: 2014.004.0021: Lake Havson Area

Folder 6: 2014.004.0022: Mule Mountain Area
Folder 7: 2014.004.0023: Imperial County Misc
Colorado River, Arizona (1/1)
Folder 8: 2014.004.0024: Alignment
Folder 9: 2014.004.0025: Circled Anthropomorphic Figure Alignment
Folder 10: 2014.004.0026: Parker Snake

Box 5: Colorado River, California (1/6)

Folder 1-3: 2014.004.0027: Fort Mohave Twins
Folder 4: 2014.004.0028: Quien Sabe Drag Marks
Folder 5-6: 2014.004.0029: Fisherman

Box 6: Colorado River, California (2/6)

Folder 1: 2014.004.0030: Anthropomorphic Figure with long arm
Folder 2: 2014.004.0031: North Needles Anthropomorphic Figure
Folder 3: 2014.004.0032: Needles Anthropomorphic Figure with Trail
Folder 4: 2014.004.0033: Near Blythe Dance Circle and Anthropomorphic Figure
Folder 5: 2014.004.0034: Moabe Twins/'Beale's Slough'
Folder 6: 2014.004.0035: Anthropomorphic Twin figures
Folder 7: 2014.004.0036: Topock Anthropomorphic Figure/Park Moabi Figure
Folder 8: 2014.004.0037: Anthropomorphic Figure
Folder 9: 2014.004.0038: Anthropomorphic Figure with Curved Arm
Folder 10: 2014.004.0039: Anthropomorphic Figure
Folder 11: 2014.004.0040: 'New' Needles Geoglyph
Folder 12: 2014.004.0041: Needles Rock Alignment
Folder 13: 2014.004.0042: Mohave River Channel Site Assemblage
Folder 14: 2014.004.0043: Anthropomorphic Figure with double Trail
Folder 15: 2014.004.0044: Quien Sabe Point Circle
Folder 16: 2014.004.0045: Quien Sabe Point Geoglyph
Folder 17: 2014.004.0046: Misc. North Needles
Folder 18: 2014.004.0047: Blythe Area Misc Fakes

Box 7: Colorado River, California (3/6)

Folder 1: 2014.004.0048: Pilot Knob Anthropomorphic Figure
Folder 2: 2014.004.0049: Pilot Knob Horse
Folder 3: 2014.004.0050: Pilot Knob Snake
Folder 4: 2014.004.0051: Agua Caliente/Winterhaven Area
Folder 5: 2014.004.0052: 'Flying A'
Folder 6: 2014.004.0053: Octopus

Box 8: Colorado River, California (4/6)

Folder 1-2: 2014.004.0054: Winterhaven 'Stone-Ringed Figure'
Folder 3: 2014.004.0055: Winterhaven Trail Guardian
Folder 4-5: 2014.004.0056: Topock Maze

Box 9: Colorado River, California (5/6)

Folder 1: 2014.004.0057: Mule Mountain Circles
Folder 2-3: 2014.004.0058: Blythe Giants Complex
Folder 4: 2014.004.0059: Dancing Shaman
Folder 5: 2014.004.0060: Blythe Concentric Circle
Folder 6: 2014.004.0061: North Blythe 'Recent' Geoglyph
Folder 7: 2014.004.0062: Anthropomorphic Figure and 5 point Star
Folder 8: 2014.004.0063: Black Point Site
Folder 9: 2014.004.0064: Ogilby Hills Snake

Box 10: Colorado River, California (6/6)

Folder 1-2: 2014.004.0065: Quartzite Arrows
Folder 3: 2014.004.0066: Mohave River Channel, Barstow
Folder 4: 2014.004.0067: Oval Geoglyph
Folder 5: 2014.004.0068: Snowbird Anthropomorph
Folder 6: 2014.004.0069: Dance Circle
Folder 7-9: 2014.004.0070: Ripley Site

Box 11: Gila River, Arizona (1/2)

Folder 1: 2014.004.0071: Fish
Folder 2: 2014.004.0072: Sacaton Woman
Folder 3: 2014.004.0073: Reptile/Snake
Folder 4: 2014.004.0074: Bicycle
Folder 5: 2014.004.0075: JJ Carr

Box 12: Gila River Arizona (2/2)

Folder 1: 2014.004.0076: Quail
Folder 2: 2014.004.0077: Snake
Folder 3: 2014.004.0078: Concentric Circles
Folder 4: 2014.004.0079: Agua Caliente Rock Alignment
Folder 5: 2014.004.0080: Avenida and Mottled Area
Folder 6: 2014.004.0081: Avenida
Folder 7: 2014.004.0082: Compartmentalized Rock Alignment
Folder 8: 2014.004.0083: Gila Bend Double Figure Alignment
Folder 9: 2014.004.00140: Gila River Misc

Box 13: Mohave Desert, California (1/3)

Folder 1: 2014.004.0084: Death Valley Alignment 1
Folder 2: 2014.004.0085: Death Valley Geoglyph
Folder 3: 2014.004.0087: Death Valley North Figure
Folder 4: 2014.004.0088: East Barstow Alignment
Folder 5: 2014.004.0089: Death Valley Alignment 3
Folder 6: 2014.004.0090: Death Valley Misc.
Folder 7: 2014.004.0091: Tiburon Island, Baja California Mexico
Folder 8: 2014.004.0093: Greenwater Valley 'New Circle' Alignment
Folder 9: 2014.004.0094: East Barstow Cairns
Folder 10: 2014.004.0095: Cairn 1

Folder 11: 2014.004.0096: Cairn 2 (Mohave River)

Box 14: Mohave Desert, California (2/3)

Folder 1: 2014.004.0097: Barstow Alignment
Folder 2: 2014.004.0098: Panamint Valley Alignment 1
Folder 3: 2014.004.0099: Panamint Valley Alignment 2
Folder 4: 2014.004.0100: Panamint Valley Alignment 3
Folder 5: 2014.004.0101: Panamint Valley 'Boomerang' Alignment
Folder 6: 2014.004.0102: Panamint Valley Alignment 4
Folder 7: 2014.004.0103: Panamint Valley Alignment 5
Folder 8: 2014.004.0104: Panamint Valley Alignment 6
Folder 9: 2014.004.0105: Panamint Valley Alignment 7
Folder 10: 2014.004.0106: Death Valley Alignment 4
Folder 11: 2014.004.0107: Panamint Valley Alignment 8
Folder 12: 2014.004.0108: Panamint Valley Alignment 9
Folder 13: 2014.004.0109: Panamint Valley Alignment 10
Folder 14: 2014.004.0110: Panamint Valley Alignment 11
Folder 15: 2014.004.0111: Panamint Valley Alignment 12
Folder 16: 2014.004.0112: Panamint Valley Alignment 13
Folder 17: 2014.004.0113: Panamint Valley Alignment 14
Folder 18: 2014.004.0114: Panamint Valley Alignment 15
Folder 19: 2014.004.0115: Panamint Valley Alignment 16
Folder 20: 2014.004.0116: Panamint Valley Alignment 17
Folder 21: 2014.004.0117: Panamint Valley Alignment 18
Folder 22: 2014.004.0118: Death Valley Alignment 5
Folder 23: 2014.004.0119: Death Valley Alignment 6
Folder 24: 2014.004.0120: Death Valley Alignment 7
Folder 25: 2014.004.0121: Death Valley Alignment 8
Folder 26: 2014.004.0122: Death Valley Alignment 9
Folder 27: 2014.004.0123: Death Valley Alignment 10
Folder 28: 2014.004.0124: Death Valley Alignment 11
Folder 29: 2014.004.0125: Panamint Valley Alignment 19
Folder 30: 2014.004.0126: Death Valley Avenida
Folder 31: 2014.004.0127: Panamint Valley Alignment 20
Folder 32: 2014.004.0128: Panamint Valley Alignment 21

Box 15: Mohave Desert, California (3/3)

Folder 1: 2014.004.0129: Panamint Valley Misc
Folder 2: 2014.004.0130: Death Valley Travelling Rock
Folder 3: 2014.004.0131: Mohave Desert General: Alignment 1
Folder 4: 2014.004.0132: Mohave Desert General: Arrow Geoglyph
Folder 5: 2014.004.0133: Mohave Desert General: Avenidas
Folder 6: 2014.004.0134: Mohave Desert General: Mottled Areas
Folder 7: 2014.004.0135: Mohave Desert General: Alignment 2
Folder 8: 2014.004.0136: Mohave Desert General: Alignment 3
Folder 9: 2014.004.0137: Mohave Desert General: Alignment 4

Folder 10: 2014.004.0138: Mohave Desert General: Alignment 5
Folder 11: 2014.004.0139: Mohave Desert General: Misc
Folder 12: 2014.004.0141: Eureka Valley Alignment

B. Local Desert Plants, 1978-1992

Arranged chronologically

This subseries is arranged in rough chronological order of the photographs taken.

Box 16:

Folder 1: 2014.004.0142

Folder 2: 2014.004.0142

Folder 3: 2014.004.0142

C. Earthen Art, South America, 1988

Arranged geographically

This subseries is arranged by geographic location and individual site in Peru and Chile.

Box 16

Folder 1: 2014.004.0143

Folder 2: 2014.004.0143

Folder 3: 2014.004.0143

D. Rock Art, United States, 1975-1990

Arranged geographically.

This subseries is arranged by geographic location of the geoglyphs Harry Casey recorded in the southwestern United States: California; New Mexico; Arizona; Utah.

Box 17 California 1/3

Folder 1: 2014.004.0144: Pilot Knob, CA

Folder 2: 2014.004.0145: Palo Verde, CA

Folder 3: 2014.004.0145: Palo Verde, CA

Folder 4: 2014.004.0146: Indian Hill, CA

Folder 5: 2014.004.0147: Blair Valley, CA

Folder 6: 2014.004.0148: Indian Pass, CA

Folder 7: 2014.004.0149: Graffiti Field, CA

Folder 8: 2014.004.0150: McCain Valley, CA

Folder 9: 2014.004.0151: Cable Canyon, CA

Folder 10: 2014.004.0152: Pinto Canyon, CA

Folder 11: 2014.004.0153: Travertine Point, CA

Box 18 California 2/3

Folder 1: 2014.004.0154: 'Lee Sayers Site', Colorado River, CA

Folder 2: 2014.004.0155: McCoy Well/Corn Springs, CA

Folder 3: 2014.004.0156: Indio, CA

Folder 4: 2014.004.0157: Inscription Canyon, Rodman Mountains, CA

Folder 5: 2014.004.0157: Inscription Canyon, Rodman Mountains, CA
Folder 6: 2014.004.0158: China Lake, CA
Folder 7: 2014.004.0158: China Lake, CA
Folder 8: 2014.004.0158: China Lake, CA

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Folder 9: 2014.004.0158: China Lake, CA
Folder 10: 2014.004.0158: China Lake, CA
Folder 11: 2014.004.0158: China Lake, CA
Folder 12: 2014.004.0158: China Lake, CA
Folder 13: 2014.004.0159: CA misc

Box 20 Arizona 1/2

Folder 1: 2014.004.0160: Arizona, Sears Point
Folder 2: 2014.004.0160: Arizona, Sears Point
Folder 3: 2014.004.0160: Arizona, Sears Point
Folder 4: 2014.004.0161: Arizona: misc
Folder 5: 2014.004.0161: Arizona: misc
Folder 6: 2014.004.0161: Arizona: misc
Folder 7: 2014.004.0161: Arizona: misc
Folder 8: 2014.004.0161: Arizona: misc

Box 21 Arizona 2/2, Nevada 1/1

Folder 1: 2014.004.0161: Arizona, misc
Folder 2: 2014.004.0162: Arizona, Tule Spring
Folder 3: 2014.004.0163: Nevada, Willow Springs
Folder 4: 2014.004.0163: Nevada, Willow Springs
Folder 5: 2014.004.0164: Nevada, Grapevine Canyon
Folder 6: 2014.004.0164: Nevada, Grapevine Canyon
Folder 7: 2014.004.0164: Nevada, Grapevine Canyon
Folder 8: 2014.004.0165: Nevada, misc

Box 22 New Mexico 1/1

Folder 1: 2014.004.0166: New Mexico, misc
Folder 2: 2014.004.0166: New Mexico, misc
Folder 3: 2014.004.0166: New Mexico, misc
Folder 4: 2014.004.0166: New Mexico, misc
Folder 5: 2014.004.0166: New Mexico, misc
Folder 6: 2014.004.0166: New Mexico, misc
Folder 7: 2014.004.0166: New Mexico, misc

Box 23 Utah 1/4

Folder 1: 2014.004.0167: Utah, Parawan Gap
Folder 2: 2014.004.0167: Utah, Parawan Gap
Folder 3: 2014.004.0167: Utah, Parawan Gap
Folder 4: 2014.004.0168: Utah, 9 Mile Canyon/ Dry Forks Canyon

Folder 5: 2014.004.0168: Utah, 9 Mile Canyon/ Dry Forks Canyon
Folder 6: 2014.004.0168: Utah, 9 Mile Canyon/ Dry Forks Canyon
Folder 7: 2014.004.0168: Utah, 9 Mile Canyon/ Dry Forks Canyon

Box 24 Utah 2/4

Folder 1: 2014.004.0168: Utah, 9 Mile Canyon/ Dry Forks Canyon
Folder 2: 2014.004.0168: Utah, 9 Mile Canyon/ Dry Forks Canyon
Folder 3: 2014.004.0168: Utah, 9 Mile Canyon/ Dry Forks Canyon
Folder 4: 2014.004.0168: Utah, 9 Mile Canyon/ Dry Forks Canyon
Folder 5: 2014.004.0168: Utah, 9 Mile Canyon/ Dry Forks Canyon
Folder 6: 2014.004.0168: Utah, 9 Mile Canyon/ Dry Forks Canyon

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Folder 1: 2014.004.0169: Utah, Buckhorn
Folder 2: 2014.004.0169: Utah, Buckhorn
Folder 3: 2014.004.0169: Utah, Buckhorn
Folder 4: 2014.004.0169: Utah, Buckhorn
Folder 5: 2014.004.0169: Utah, Buckhorn

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Folder 1: 2014.004.0170: Utah, Moab
Folder 2: 2014.004.0170: Utah, Moab
Folder 3: 2014.004.0170: Utah, Moab
Folder 4: 2014.004.0171: Utah, misc. unidentified
Folder 5: 2014.004.0172: Unidentified
Folder 6: 2014.004.0172: Unidentified
Folder 7: 2014.004.0172: Unidentified

Box 27:

Folder 1: 2014.004.0172: Unidentified
Folder 2: 2014.004.0172: Unidentified
Folder 3: 2014.004.0172: Unidentified
Folder 4: 2014.004.0172: Unidentified
Folder 5: 2014.004.0172: Unidentified

Box 28:

Folder 1: 2014.004.0173: Lake Cahuilla Shoreline, Imperial County
Folder 2: 2014.004.0174: Misc.
Folder 3: 2014.004.0174: Misc.
Folder 4: 2014.004.0174: Misc.
Folder 5: 2014.004.0174: Misc.
Folder 6: 2014.004.0174: Misc.
Folder 7: 2014.004.0174: Misc.

A. Printed Material

Research collected by Harry Casey, largely on geoglyphs, done by others.

Box 29:

Folder 1: 2014.004.0175: "Earthdrawn: Aerial Site Research Strategies of Jay von Werlhof" Harry Casey. *Pacific Coast Archaeological Society Quarterly* volume 50, numbers 3-4. 2014.

Folder 2: 2014.004.0176: "Earth Figures of the Lower Colorado and Gila River Deserts: A Functional Analysis" Boma Johnson. *Arizona Archaeologist*. Arizona Archaeological Society. Number 20. November 1985.

Folder 3: 2014.004.0177: "America's Nazca Lines" Philip Coppens

Folder 4: 2014.004.0178: Imperial Valley College Desert Museum Society Newsletter. February 2008.

Folder 5: 2014.004.0179: Maps (Imperial Valley, Southern California, etc.) Misc.

Folder 6: 2014.004.0180: Digital: Slide dvds of digitized Harry Casey images. DVD 1: Running time 33:36, DVD 2: Running time 24:40 (with Peru and Chile), DVD 3: Running time 15:30

Folder 7: 2014.004.0181: "A Preliminary Report on Half-a-million year old cut marks on mammoth bones from the Anza-Borrego Desert Irvingtonian" George Miller. Occasional Paper No. 8. Imperial Valley College Museum Society. 1991. With notes by Harry Casey handwritten

B. Field Journals

Notes and journals kept by Harry and Margaret Casey from their field surveys with Jay von Werlhof and the archaeology students of Imperial Valley College.

Box 29:

Folder 8: 2014.004.0182: Harry Casey. 1979

Box 30:

Folder 1: 2014.004.0183: Meg Casey. February 1978- December 1978

Folder 2: 2014.004.0184: Meg Casey: April 1978- December 2012

Folder 3: 2014.004.0185: Meg Casey: May 1980- November 1986

Folder 4: 2014.004.0186: Meg Casey: March 1980- May 1985

Folder 5: 2014.004.0187: Meg Casey: Rock Art Symposium lectures: November 1990- January 1992

Folder 6: 2014.003.0188: Meg Casey: September 1978- January 1992

Folder 7: 2014.003.0189: Meg Casey: May 1986- September 2007

Box 31:

Contact sheets and photographic negatives. Unsorted

Box 32:

Printed photographs. Duplicates

Oversized Box 1-4

Oversized prints of photographs. Some mounted, some large prints

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Access Terms

Persons:

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Casey, Margaret, 1938-2018.

Von Werlhof, Jay Crawford, 1923-2009.

Organizations:

Imperial Valley College.

Imperial Valley College. Museum.

Imperial Valley Desert Museum.

Subjects:

Archaeology.

Archaeology- California.

Archaeology-California- Topock Maze.

Geoglyphs

Geoglyphs- California.

Geoglyphs- Peru-Nazca Lines Site.

Imperial Valley (Calif. And Mexico).

Imperial Valley (Calif. And Mexico)- History, Local- Pictorial Works.

Nazca (Peru).

Nazca Lines Site (Peru)

Photography- Aerial.

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