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Arrangement: 1 ms box organized into six folders by name and subject content.

Language: English

Dates: ca. 1920-2008

Historical Note: Most of the records in this collection are photocopies of articles and some historical research regarding the Ais Indians. Includes bibliographies.

Scope and Content: Contains photocopies. There are no original documents.

Index Terms:
Ais Indians
Excavations (Archaeology) -- Florida -- Vero Beach
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Indian River County (Fla.) -- Antiquities
Indian River County (Fla.) -- History
Vero Beach, Indian River County, (Fla.) -- History

Access: Unrestricted. The entire collection is open for research. Gloves and clean hands are required.
Folder #1 – Ais Indians information
1. Bibliographies on Ais Indians
2. Ais Indian Chronology
3. Drawings of Shell Gorget
4. Ais exhibit picture (1) and postcards (2)
5. Unknown source of Ais Information
6. Ais on the Internet

Folder #2 – Newspaper Articles

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Folder #3 – Charles D. Higgs, Astronomer and Archeologist
1. Published an article in the Florida Historical Quarterly [Vol. 21, Issue #1, 1942, page 26-28, 39] called “Spanish Contacts with the Ais (Indian River) Country.”
2. Higgs family census records.
3. Two articles written by Charles D. Higgs: “A Serviceable Country Observatory” and Note on the Variable Lines of Hydrogen in the Spectrum of 52 II Aquarii”
4. Charles D. Higgs WWI draft registration card and miscellaneous articles.

Folder #4 – Photocopies of Periodical and Book articles - Ais Indians
2. Cleveland, Weona. The Ais. 30 Mar 1973 [Re-typed for the Sebastian Library historical article called “From Prehistory to the 1820s.”]
5. Terrell, John Upton. American Indian Almanac. New York: World Publishing Co. (Ais mentioned on pp. 81, 93, 98, 469.)
6. Aquarina Resident in Search of 19th Century Mysteries. Aquarina Shorelines, Fall 1995. (Published in Brevard County.)
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28. Swanton, John R. *The Indians of the Southeastern United States*. Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institution Press, 1979. (Ais mentioned on pp. 84-85, 134, 141, 238-239, 625, 649, 763, see also map 1, Table 1)


Folder #6 – Photocopies of Periodicals and Book articles - Ais Indians


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Dickinson, Jonathan. *Jonathan Dickinson's Journal.* (or "God's Protecting Providence, Being the Narrative of a Journey from Port Royal in Jamaica to Philadelphia, August 23, 1696 to April 1, 1697.") Port Salerno, FL: Florida Classics Library.


Testimony presented for Captain Juan Velez de Medrano, Madrid. 7 February 1569. Translated. Copies donated by Dr. Eugene Lyon, 21 March 1996 via correspondence with Pam (Hall) Cooper.