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### **Schuetz-Miller (Mardith) Papers, 1954-1983**

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## A Guide to the Mardith Schuetz-Miller Papers, 1954-1983

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Schuetz-Miller, Mardith K., 1929-
<b>Title:</b>	Mardith Schuetz-Miller Papers
<b>Dates:</b>	1954-1983
<b>Creator Abstract:</b>	Mardith Schuetz-Miller is an archaeologist, anthropologist, and author. Throughout her career, she has directed archaeological excavations in Texas, the American Southwest, and Latin America and has written extensively on the archaeology and history of those areas.
<b>Content Abstract:</b>	Made up of typescripts of her historical writings, the Mardith Schuetz-Miller papers cover the Spanish mission period of the San Antonio, Texas, area. A large part of the papers consists of the typescript of Schuetz-Miller's doctoral dissertation on the mission Indians of San Antonio. Also included are shorter articles on the architecture and construction practices of the mission buildings, in typescript and published form.
<b>Identification:</b>	Col 12592
<b>Extent:</b>	0.42 linear feet (1 box)
<b>Language:</b>	Materials are in English.
<b>Repository:</b>	DRT Collection at Texas A&M University-San Antonio

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### Biographical Note

Mardith Keithly was born in Springfield, Missouri, on 1929 November 13, the daughter of Thomas Graves and Amy Miller Keithly. After attending Drury College (now Drury University) and Southwest Missouri State College (now Missouri State University), both in Springfield, Mardith graduated with a B.A. degree in anthropology-sociology at the University of Missouri in Columbia in 1950. Soon after, she entered the museum field and held curatorial positions at Texas Technological College (now Texas Tech University) in Lubbock, Texas, and the Witte Memorial Museum in San Antonio, Texas. She continued her studies at Trinity University in San Antonio, obtaining a M.A. in anthropology-sociology in 1970, and went on to obtain a doctorate at the University of Texas in 1980, producing a groundbreaking study of the native peoples of the Spanish missions of south Texas.

Throughout her career, Schuetz-Miller has directed archaeological excavations in Texas, the American Southwest, and Latin America and has written extensively on the archaeology and history of those areas.

Mardith Keithly married Roy Thomas Schuetz of Chicago, Illinois, in 1950. The couple had three children.

### *References*

Mardith K. Schuetz biographical file, DRT Collection at Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

Schuetz, Mardith Keithly. "The Indians of the San Antonio Missions, 1718-1821." Ph.D. diss., University of Texas at Austin, 1980.

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## **Scope and Content Note**

Made up of typescripts of her historical writings, the Mardith Schuetz-Miller papers detail aspects of Texas history, particularly the Spanish mission period of the San Antonio area. A large part of the papers consists of the typescript of Schuetz-Miller's doctoral dissertation on the mission Indians of the San Antonio. The typescript includes some annotations and two versions of one of the chapters. Also included are shorter articles on the architecture and construction practices of the mission buildings, in typescript and published form. Some source material is also part of the papers.

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## **Index Terms**

**Personal Names**

Schuetz-Miller, Mardith K.

**Subjects**

Church architecture--Texas--San Antonio.

Indians of North America--Texas--San Antonio--History.

Indians of North America--Missions.

Spanish mission buildings--Texas--San Antonio.

**Locations**

San Antonio (Tex.)--History.

**Genres/Formats**

Personal papers.

Correspondence.

Doctoral dissertations.

Typescripts.

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**Separated Material**

A bound final copy of Mardith Schuetz's dissertation "The Indians of the San Antonio Missions, 1718-1821," completed at the University of Texas at Austin in 1980, has been separated from the papers and is cataloged as part of the general library collection (call number 970.3 S385i).

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**Acquisition Information**

Gift of Eugene George, 2004 September.

These papers were held by Eugene George, a member of Schuetz's dissertation committee, and donated to the DRT Library with her permission.

**Processing Information**

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Mardith Schuetz-Miller Papers, 1954-1983

Box	Folder	
1	1	Letter, 1979
		Writings
		"The Indians of the San Antonio Missions, 1718-1821," typescript
	2	Chapter 1: Introduction
	3	Chapter 2: Spanish Colonization of Texas
	4	Chapter 3: The Indians Prior to Missionization
	5	Chapter 3: The Culture of the Indians Prior to Missionization
	6	Chapter 4: Demography of the Mission Indians
	7	Chapter 5: Life in the Missions
	8	Chapter 6: Biographical Sketches of some Indian Families
	9	Appendices
	10	"Professional Artisans in the Hispanic Southwest: the Churches of San Antonio, Texas," typescript.
	11	"Professional Artisans in the Hispanic Southwest," reprinted from <i>The Americas</i> , 1983 July.
	12	"Craftsmanship in the Spanish Missions of San Antonio," typescript.
	13	Printed material: Frederick Ruecking, Jr. "Ceremonies of the Coahuiltecan Indians of Southern Texas and Northeastern Mexico," <i>Texas Journal of Science</i> , 1954 September.