

**FINDING AID FOR THE
HERSHELL HOWARD NIXON AND JOAN LOWERY NIXON PAPERS,
1974-1978 (#1990-0007)**

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Descriptive Summary

Repository (049) University Archives

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Title Hershell Howard Nixon and Joan Lowery Nixon Papers

Creator Hershell Howard Nixon and Joan Lowery Nixon

Co-Creator None

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Biographical/Historical Note (545)

Hershell Howard Nixon was born near Duncan, Oklahoma on August 4, 1923. His family moved to California during the Dust Bowl and settled near Bakersfield. During World War II, Nixon served in the United States Navy, after the war, he attended the University of Southern California, from which he received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1950. Nixon worked as an exploration petroleum geologist and was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the American Professional Geological Scientists, the Houston Geological Society, the West Texas Geological Society, and the

Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists. In 1949, Nixon married Joan Lowery, and he supported her writing career in addition to co-authoring several children's books on science. The couple had four children. Nixon died on March 8, 2010.

Joan Lowery Nixon was born in Los Angeles, California on February 3, 1927. She wrote more than 140 books, including one, *The Other Side of Dark*, which was made into a film. Nixon won four Edgar Awards from the Mystery Writers of America and is the only person to do so. In addition, she won two Golden Spur awards from the Western Writers of America. Her books were published in 20 languages. Nixon died on June 28, 2003.

Scope and Content (520)

The Hershell Howard Nixon and Joan Lowery Nixon Papers is composed of original materials used for the production of the book *Oil and Gas: From Fossils to Fuel*, published in 1977 by husband and wife authors Hershell Howard Nixon and Joan Lowery Nixon. The book provided an explanation of the formation, location, recovery, and uses of oil and gas. Hershell Nixon worked as an exploration petroleum geologist based in Texas, and used his experience to produce this book. The collection is composed of original general correspondence, drafts, galley proofs, a book, and clippings, involved in the book's development and publication efforts from 1974 to 1978.

Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	1	General Correspondence	1974-1976
1	2	General Correspondence	1977-1978
1	3	Writings—Drafts	August 19, 1976
1	4	Writings—Drafts	October 25, 1976
1	5	Writings—Drafts	December 21, 1976
1	6	Galley Proofs	January 10, 1977
1	7	Book—Oil and Gas: From Fossils to Fuel	1977
1	8	Clippings	March 1977