

Special Collections at the Alkek Library Texas State University-San Marcos

A Guide to the Pat LittleDog Papers

1954-1984

Collection 050

Descriptive Summary

Creator: LittleDog, Pat

Title: Pat LittleDog Papers

Dates: 1954-1984

Abstract: This collection is comprised of diaries, typescripts, correspondence,

artifacts, and published journals.

Identification: Collection 050

Extent: 3 boxes (1.5 linear feet)

Language: English

Repository: Southwestern Writers Collection, Special Collections, Alkek Library,

Texas State University-San Marcos

Biographical Sketch

Novelist, short-story writer, and journalist Pat Ellis Taylor was born June 23, 1941 in Bryan,

Texas. She lived in Weisbaden, Germany during her teenage years in the mid to late 1950s. She

received her B.A. in 1969 and her M.A. in 1976, both from the University of Texas at El Paso.

Her first novel, Border Healing Woman, won a Southwest Book Award in 1981, and her third,

Afoot in a Field of Men and Other Stories from Dallas' East Side, won a Texas Circuit Book

Award. In 1991, Taylor changed her named to Pat LittleDog and published *In Search of the*

Holy Mother of Jobs.

Scope and Content Note

This collection is comprised of diaries, typescripts, correspondence, artifacts, and published

journals. The bulk of the collection is formed by the typescripts of *How It Happened That I*

Came to Live in the West. The Correspondence series also relates to this novel. Diaries date from

LittleDog's teenage years in Germany, a red Hofner accordion belonged to LittleDog's father.

Dates range from 1954-1984. Books and periodicals cataloged separately.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions: Open for research.

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Diaries (1954-1958)

1	1	1954-1955
1	2	1956-1958

Folder

Box

Series II: Works (1977-1984)

- 1 3 "When the War-Father Appears" typescript, 1984
- 2 "Afoot in a Field of Men" mock-up layout

"How I Came to Live in the West" (ca. 1977-1980)

- 1 4 Typescript (57 pgs.)
- 1 5 Typescript (Chapter 1)
- 1 6 Typescript fragments
- 1 7 As published by chapters in *The Southwestern Art Form* (photocopies)

Series III: Correspondence

1 8 Correspondence

Series IV: Artifacts (undated)

- 1 9 Corded belt
- 1 9 Jose Cuervo yellow bandana
- Red Hofner accordion owned by LittleDog's father & photograph of man [father] with accordion

Series V: Associated Journals

- 1 10 Hot Springs Information Network (LittleDog, Editor) Winter 1979, Spring 1981, Spring/Summer 1982
- 1 Hot Springs Gazette Bathside Guide to Foreign Planets, Issue No. 6
- 1 Assorted issues of small press journals LittleDog has been associated with, 1970s-1980s