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Guide to the Joyce Gibson Roach Papers 1950-1991 (Bulk dates: 1970-1980)

Collection SWWC-003

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Roach, Joyce Gibson
Title:	Guide to the Joyce Gibson Roach Papers
Dates:	1950-1991 (Bulk dates: 1970-1980)
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Biographical Notes

Joyce Gibson Roach was born December 18, 1935 in Jacksboro, Texas. She received a BFA in 1958 and an MA in 1964 from Texas Christian University. Having lived all her life in ranch country, Roach has had a lifelong interest in western folklore. She is active in the Texas Folklore Society of which she was president in 1976. She has contributed articles to magazines such as *Western Folklore*, *Horseman*, and *Southwest Heritage*. She received the Spur Award from Western Writers of America in 1977 for *The Cowgirls*.

Scope and Contents

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Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Joyce Gibson Roach, 1991-1994.

Physical Location

Materials may be stored off-site. Advance notice is required for use: .

<https://www.thewittliffcollections.txstate.edu/research/makearesearchappointment.html>.

Preferred Citation

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Related Materials

University of Texas-Arlington has 2 linear feet of Roach's materials.

Controlled Access Headings

- Cowgirls -- History
- Folklorists -- Texas
- Women authors, American

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: The Cowgirls, 1961-1977

Box	Folder	
1	1-4	Responses to research queries, 1969-1977
1	5	Articles on cowgirls, 1974
1	6	Outline
1	7	Drafts, various chapters
1	8	"Who Were Cowgirls"
1	9	"Horsewomen"
1	10	"Indian Women"
1	11	"Farm vs. Ranch"
2	1	"Frontier Women"
2	2	"How Horse Women Tamed the West"
2	3	"Indian Menace"
2	4	"Women in Men's Clothes"
2	5-6	"Women Generally"
2	7	"Heroines Generally"
2	8	"Reputation"
2	9	"Suffrage"
2	10	First Chapter
2	11	First Chapter, Title, Dedication, Index
2	12	Acknowledgments
2	13-14	Introduction
2	15	"Up the Trail"
2	16	"Women on the Trail"
2	17	"Backwood Belles"
2	18	Lizzie Johnson
2	19	"Lady Ranchers"
3	1-2	"Lady Ranchers"
3	3-5	"Lay That Pistol Down, Babe"
3	6-7	Sally Skull
3	8	Cattle Kate
3	9	Alice Stillwell Henderson
3	10-12	"Lady Rustlers"
3	13	Cattle Wars
3	14	Lucille Marshall

3	15	Ruth Roach
3	16	"Out of the Chutes"
3	17	Rodeo
3	18	Rodeo - Tad Lucas
3	19	Rodeo - Mabel Woodward
3	20	20 Rodeo - Don Russell
4	1-6	Rodeo (three audiocassettes in folder 4)
4	7-10	Cowgirl in the Movies
5	1	Cowgirl in the Movies
5	2-4	Clothes
5	5	Cowgirls in Literature
5	6	Ranch Romance Novels
5	7-10	Dime Novels
6	1	Verse and Song
6	2-4	Humor
6	5-6	Last Chapter: She's Mounted and Gone (photographs in folder 6)
6	7	Manuscript rejections
6	8-20	Final drafts
6	21	Dust jacket

Series II: C. L. Sonnichsen, 1950-1991, bulk: 1970-1980

7	1	Clippings re: Sonnichsen , 1950-1978
7	2-5	Correspondence, 1970-1991
7	6	Articles by Sonnichsen, 1961-1974
7	7	Memoir of Henry and Mary Sonnichsen
7	8-9	Autobiography
8	1	Autobiography
8	2-7	Articles, clippings, notes
8	8-9	Audio tapes
8	10	Clippings