Descriptive Summary

Creator Information     Hancoff, Stephen

Title                  Stephen Hancoff papers

Collection Identifier  MSP 103

Date Span             1968-2011

Abstract              This collection documents Belle Hancoff’s two LSD sessions guided by Walter Pahnke along with the help of Helen Bonny, as well as Pahnke’s discussion of Belle Hancoff’s battle with cancer in a letter to Lewis Hancoff. Stephen Hancoff discusses his mother’s illness in a response to Alexander Zaitchik’s article “Flashback! Psychedelic Research Returns,” and he also mentions his relationship to William Richards and Stanislav Grof.

Extent                1 folder

Finding Aid Author    Kristin Leaman, 2012

Languages             English

Repository            Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries

Administrative Information

Location Information:  ASC

Access Restrictions:   Collection is open for research.

Acquisition Information:   Donated by Stephen Hancoff, December 21, 2011

Accession Number:       20111221

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Related Materials Information: William Richards Collection of Walter Pahnke papers
Subjects and Genres

Persons

Hancoff, Stephen (not in LC Authorities)
Pahnke, Walter
Richards, William
Bonny, Helen L.
Grof, Stanislav

Topics

LSD (Drug)--Therapeutic use.

Genre Types

Article
Correspondence
Research notes

Occupations

Psychology
Psychiatry
Biography of Stephen Hancoff

Stephen Hancoff is the son of Belle Hancoff and the brother of Lewis Hancoff. His mother was diagnosed with breast cancer and was given LSD in a therapeutic setting twice under the guidance of Walter Pahnke and Helen Bonny during 1968.

Source:

Stephen Hancoff papers. 1968-2011. Virginia Kelley Karnes Archives and Special Collections, Purdue University, Indiana.
Collection Description

Scope

The Stephen Hancock papers (1968-2011; 1 folder) contains copies of typed and written notes of Belle Hancock's two LSD sessions under the guidance of Walter Pahnke and music therapist, Helen Bonny, as well as a letter from Walter Pahnke to Lewis Hancock about the status of Belle Hancock's battle with cancer. Stephen Hancock also includes with the collection his reflections and response to Alexander Zaitchik's article "Flashback! Psychedelic Research Returns" on Salon.com, which is in the collection.

Arrangement

The materials have been arranged in chronological order.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

1 Folder

Item

1. Copy of notes from Belle Hancoff's first LSD session with Walter Pahnke, 1968

2. Copy of notes from Belle Hancoff's second LSD session with Walter Pahnke, 1968

3. Copy of letter from Walter Pahnke to Lewis Hancoff, 1969


5. Stephen Hancoff's addendum to his response to Zaitchik's article, 2011