

Accession No.: 82-29

PROCESSING RECORD
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Webster, David Kenyon n.a. - 1961

David Kenyon Webster Papers, 1953 - 1962

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 legal mss

DESCRIPTION: The collection includes correspondence, photographs, newspaper clippings and research notes gathered during research for *Myth and Maneater: The Story of the Shark*. A final typescript for the book is included in the collection. It was published in England by Peter Davies in 1962 and by Norton in the United States the following year. The correspondence is dated 1955-1961 and is composed of letters received by Webster from marine biologists, museums, libraries and persons interested in Sharks. Correspondents responded to Webster's inquiries concerning Sharks, Shark attack, Shark fishing and Shark folklore in South Africa, Cuba, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Malaya, Norway, Canada, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and the United States. There are 62 photographs in the collection including images of Sharks, Shark fishing and victims of Shark attack. These were collected by Webster in the course of his research. There are also several photographs of Webster. The clippings are dated 1955-1961 and largely concern Shark attacks in the United States. The research materials include bibliographic citations and reprints concerning Sharks.

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BIOGRAPHY: David Kenyon Webster was a journalist and author and a resident of Santa Monica, California. Webster was reported missing and presumed dead at sea, on September 9, 1961.