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Biographical Note:

Emilio Willems was born in 1905 in Cologne, Germany. He attended the University of Cologne but in 1931 just before the Nazis came to power, Willems immigrated to Brazil where he attended the University of Sao Paulo. He served as the professor of sociology and anthropology at the University of Sao Paulo. In 1949, Willems moved to the United States to teach at Vanderbilt University. During his professional career, Willems was a member of the American Anthropological Association and the author of more than nine books and 150 professional articles. His contributions to the field of anthropology were considerable. He was the first professor of this subject at the University of Sao Paulo. He also contributed greatly to the theoretical and empirical theme of acculturation. Willems retired from teaching in 1974 and died in Nashville after a short illness on November 24, 1997 at the age of 92.

Scope and Content:

This .42 linear foot collection consists of one full Hollinger box. It includes two large manuscripts written by Emilio Willems in addition to eight of his articles, three of which are written in English, one of which is written in German and four of which are written in Portuguese. The collection contains several pieces of Willems's reference materials including newspaper clippings from a Brazilian newspaper and Willems's notes on works published by others in his field. Also, two full articles written by others are included.

This collection was donated to Vanderbilt Special Collections on November 6, 1998.

Container List:

Box 1

1. Manuscript: Acculturation of German Immigrants and their Descendants in Brazil
2. Manuscript: Controlling (sic) the Supernatural (pg 1-57)
3. Manuscript: Economic Organization (pg 185-238)
4. Manuscript: Political Organization (pg 239-315)
5. Manuscript: Family and Kinship (pg 316-376)
6. Article: "Innere Widersprüche im Gefüge Primitiver Kulturen" ("Internal Contradictions with in the Fabric of Primitive Cultures") (German)
7. Article: "A Miscigenação entre Brasileiros de Ascendência Germânica" ("Miscegenation among Brazilians of Germanic Ascendancy") (Portuguese)
8. Article: "Acculturative Aspects of the Feast of the Holy Ghost in Brazil"
9. Article: "Race Attitudes in Brazil"
10. Article: "Burocracia e Patrimonialismo" ("Bureaucracy and Patrimonialism") (Portuguese)
11. Article: "Mobilidade Social e Expansão do Sistema de Ensino Secundário Público em Áreas de Desenvolvimento do Brasil Meridional" ("Social Mobility and Expansion of Public Secondary Education System in Developing Areas of Southern Brazil") (2 copies)
12. Article: "Some Aspects of Cultural Conflict and Acculturation in Southern Rural Brazil"
13. Article: "Uma Revisão do Conceito de Direito Primitivo" ("A Review of the Concept of Primitive Law") (Portuguese)
14. Lists of Students Graduating in Brazil in 1967 Collected from Brazilian Newspapers (Portuguese)
15. Notes on Other's Writing: Excerpts from Carnavan's *Portugal and Galicia with a Review of the Social and Political State of the Basque Provinces*
16. Notes on Other's Writing: Excerpts and Notes on Pinho's "Ethnographia Amarantina" (Portuguese)
17. Notes on Other's Writing: Excerpts from Bell's *In Portugal*
18. Notes on Other's Writing: Excerpts from Bell's *Portugal of the Portuguese*
19. Notes on Other's Writing: Excerpts from Urtel's *Beitraege Zur Portugiesischen Volkskunde (Contributions to Portuguese Folklore)* (German)
20. Notes on Other's Writing: Excerpts from Leite de Vasconcellos's *Etnografia Portuguesa (Portuguese Ethnographers)* (Portuguese)
21. Notes on Other's Writing: Excerpts from Lautensach's "Portugal auf Grundeigender Reisen und der Literatur" ("Portugal Travel on their own Ground and the Literature") (German)
22. Notes on Other's Writing: Unidentified Excerpts in Galician
23. Writing by Others: Orlando Ribeiro, "Villages et Communautés Rurale au Portugal" ("Villages and Rural Communities in Portugal") (French) (2 copies)
24. Writing by Others: Aparecida J. Gouvenia, "Economic Development and Changes in the Composition of the Teaching Staff of Secondary School in Brazil"