



**FINDING AID TO  
THE STEPHEN HANCOFF PAPERS,  
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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator Information</b>	Hancoff, Stephen
<b>Title</b>	Stephen Hancoff papers
<b>Collection Identifier</b>	MSP 103
<b>Date Span</b>	1968-2011
<b>Abstract</b>	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.
<b>Extent</b>	1 folder
<b>Finding Aid Author</b>	Kristin Leaman, 2012
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Repository</b>	Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries

## Administrative Information

<b>Location Information:</b>	ASC
<b>Access Restrictions:</b>	Collection is open for research.
<b>Acquisition Information:</b>	Donated by Stephen Hancoff, December 21, 2011
<b>Accession Number:</b>	20111221
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<b>Copyright Notice:</b>	Copyright restrictions may apply.
<b>Related Materials Information:</b>	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 Hancoff papers (1968-2011; 1 folder) contains copies of typed and written notes of Belle Hancoff'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 Hancoff about the status of Belle Hancoff's battle with cancer. Stephen Hancoff 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.

### Descriptive Rules

Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition / Describing Archives: A Content Standard

## 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
4. Reflections by Stephen Hancoff in response to Alexander Zaitchik's article "Flashback! Psychedelic Research Returns," 2011
5. Stephen Hancoff's addendum to his response to Zaitchik's article, 2011
6. Zaitchik, Alexander. "Flashback! Psychedelic Research Returns," *Salon*. September 28, 2011.