Ethnologist. Three letters (1956–1957) describing Bodine’s travels in Mexico and Guatemala. He was employed as a manager of a large ranch in Guatemala, and one letter (n.d.) describes the ranch and its native employees.

John James Bodine was a 1956 graduate from the University of Oklahoma in Latin America Affairs. Bodine received a Buenos Aires Fellowship to do graduate field work in ethnology in Guatemala. While there, Bodine allied himself with an American lumber firm and took over the administration of one of their properties, thus placing himself in a position to collect information about the rural Ladino and his relationship to the finca owner.

Folder 1:
Letter to Jane From John Bodine, March 16, 1957

Folder 2:
Record of Bodine’s travels in Latin America, December 1956 through January 1957.

Folder 3:
Record of Bodine’s thoughts of Guatemala.