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these masks, very unusual in Oceanic Art, were brought by other people to Easter Island but again: By whom and why remains unresolved.... Apparently carbon dating was attempted by the Musée des Hommes without precise results.... Serious and adequate bidding is invited. The present vendor is the executor of the Deceased Estate."

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In Memorium

ROBERT RAMSDELL KOLL 1908-1999

FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES of Robert Koll were saddened to learn of his death Sept. 13th, 1999 at his home in Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico, victim of a (still officially unsolved) murder, which also took the life of his long time companion. Mr. Koll was born in Oakland, California, December 7, 1908, and attended the University of California at Berkeley.

In 1968 he took early retirement and moved to Ajijic, where he became interested in geology and archaeology, joining a local study group. This led to his acting as a volunteer on archaeological digs in Mexico. In 1973 at one such site in Teocopan, Sinaloa, he met William Mulloy. The following year he joined the Orongo project as a volunteer during the July-December field season. We stayed in the same guesthouse, so were in close contact both on and off the site. His energy and enthusiasm as well as his sense of humor made him fit in easily with people of all ages, nationalities, and occupations.

Koll returned to work with Mulloy at Orongo in 1976, and during that season also came in contact with Jacques and Phillipe Cousteau, and their crew then filming on the island. He appears in the video, "Blind Prophets of Easter Island" (Cousteau Odyssey # 6). Koll had become interested in

recording the many petroglyphs both inside and outside the Orongo houses, and developed several techniques of his own for doing so.

A petroglyph which he discovered near the Orongo site formed the basis for Mulloy's 1975 article "Double Canoes on Easter Island?" which is illustrated by a Koll rubbing. The making of such rubbings has since been banned, so Koll's form a record of rock art now impossible to duplicate. A number of these have been displayed at the University of Wyoming Art Museum together with the William Mulloy collection of wood carvings and other folk art from Rapa Nui. Several more rubbings from his personal collection are being offered for sale by his estate. These can be seen on the website www.ajijic4me.com

Robert Koll continued his interest in Rapanui long after leaving the island, corresponding with many other associates interested in Rapa Nui, and writing a number of articles for *Rapa Nui Journal*.

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Web Sites

Easter Island Foundation:
www.islandheritage.org

The Fonck Museum library, Biblioteca Rapanui y Polinesica: Director of the Library, Ana Betty Haoa:
bibrapanui@entelchile.net

David Stanley's (South Pacific Handbook) website:
www.southpacific.org

An archive of photographs of Pacific art and culture:
<http://sorrel.humboldt.edu/~rwjl/oceanic.html>
www.tattoo traditions.alohaworld.com

Rongorongo and Thomson:
www.rongorongo.org/Thomson/index.html

Centre for South Pacific Studies Newsletter,
www.arts.unsw.edu.au/southpacific/homepage.html

www.tattoo traditions.alohaworld.com

Grant McCall's website about Easter Island:
www2.hawaii.edu/usr/cgi/ssis/~ogden/piir/pacific/Rapanui.html



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