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Research Materials in the Bancroft Library

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RIVERS, W.H.R. (1864-1922). There is a considerable body of research materials in the Haddon papers, but relatively little correspondence seems to have survived.

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION. The Archives of the Foundation in New York are an important source for the funding of British anthropological research prior to World War II.

ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE (1871-1943). The archives of the Institute contain a variety of materials for this period, as well as papers of various anthropologists not included on this list: Im Thurn, Rattray, E.H. Man, etc.

SELIGMAN, Charles (1873-1940). Seligman's psychological papers, along with some genealogical data collected by Brenda Seligman, are at the Royal Anthropological Institute. Their field diaries and other materials are in the possession of Professor Meyer Fortes.

SMITH, G. Elliot (1871-1937). No major body of papers seems to have survived.

SMITH, W. Robertson (1846-1894). The Cambridge University Library has a well catalogued collection, including numerous letters and diaries of Smith's middle eastern excursions.

SPENCER, Baldwin (1860-1929). The Balfour Library at the Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford, has 7 boxes of manuscripts, including numerous letters from Spencer's colleague, F.J. Gillen.

TYLOR, E.B. (1832-1917). The Balfour Library has a large collection, including correspondence with Lorimer Fison and F.W. Howitt, and Tylor's reading notebooks over a fifty year period. The British Museum also has a small body of correspondence, and there are some materials in the hands of the family in Devonshire.

RESEARCH MATERIALS IN THE BANCROFT LIBRARY

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The Bancroft Library is a research library owned and administered by the University of California, and specializing in Western Americana. In addition to various rare books, maps, and periodicals, the Library houses the professional and sometimes personal papers of numerous individuals either important in California history or formerly connected with the University. Of specific relevance to the history of anthropology are the professional papers of A.L. Kroeber (1876-1960), Robert H. Lowie (1883-1957), and E.W. Gifford (1887-1959). These papers are organized into two major categories, correspondence and other materials. Correspondence is subdivided into "outgoing" (in chronological order) and "incoming" (filed alphabetically and then chronologically by sender). For each of the collections there is a key that lists (nearly completely) correspondence by sender, plus the contents of the boxes of non-correspondence material. The range of the Kroeber Papers, for example, is from original field notebooks, to handwritten drafts of books, to reprints

of articles sent by various individuals, to such miscellanea as academic hoods and honorary medals. In addition to the individual keys, there is a useful although incomplete cross-referencing guide that lists the incoming correspondence from single individuals but distributed in more than one collection of papers. This guide allows one to quickly locate nearly all the letters in the Library's collections that may have been written by, say, Franz Boas or Edward Sapir.

Along with the Bancroft's own collections, the Library houses the University Archives, which now include the Department of Anthropology Archives--extensive but incomplete correspondence concerning departmental affairs since the department was established in 1901. The material is not arranged consistently, some by year and some by sender, and there is no index or reference key. This material is governed by loan and use policies different from those affecting Bancroft collections, which in practice usually means that it is less restricted as for example regarding photoduplication. The Bancroft Library itself does not participate in Interlibrary Loan, but all Bancroft materials, including special orders for microfilming and copying, remain Bancroft property and must eventually be returned to the Library.

In addition to the individual papers and the departmental archives, there are a variety of other materials available. The Lowie Museum has deposited in the Bancroft its collection of manuscript data and field-notes, mostly dealing with the California Indians and including at least samples of the work of most of the persons affiliated with the department during the first several decades of its existence.

The Library keeps fairly restricted hours, and potential users are advised to write ahead for schedules. Questions about the Archives should be directed to the University Archivist; general Bancroft inquiries should be directed to the Head of Public Services, The Bancroft Library, The University of California, Berkeley, California 94720.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

(As a regular feature we hope to include not only listings of current research by investigator and topic, but also more extended statements by individual researchers.)

A BIOGRAPHY OF RUTH FULTON BENEDICT

Judith Modell

In An Anthropologist At Work Margaret Mead published selected private and public writings of her teacher, colleague and friend, Ruth Benedict. The resulting volume suggested to me the need for a fuller biography. Benedict's life has particular relevance today, both for women trying to reconcile their ambitions with prevailing concepts of appropriate female roles and motivations, and for anthropologists taking a close look at the formation of their discipline.