

SOURCES FOR THE HISTORY OF ANTHROPOLOGY

RECENT ACCESSIONS TO THE NATIONAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL ARCHIVES

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In the spring of 1974, the Newsletter published Curtis M. Hinsley's summary of holdings in the National Anthropological Archives that are of special interest to historians of anthropology (cf. HAN I:2). The following announcement is intended to bring to attention additions to the collections made shortly before and since Hinsley's article was prepared.

Among new collections established are records of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Materials received thus far measure only a few inches covering the periods 1945-64 and 1972-75. The Society's officers indicate, however, that they have succeeded in gathering several cubic feet of old records, and these will soon be sent to the archives. Homer G. Barnett, of the University of Oregon, has donated approximately 7- $\frac{1}{2}$ cubic feet of material concerning his work among the Indians of the northwestern states and the people of Oceania. Weston La Barre, of Duke University, has donated three cubic feet of notes and manuscripts, most of which relate to his studies of the Kiowa, the Aymara, and peyote. Researchers interested in Professor La Barre's correspondence should contact the library of Duke University. William H. Crocker, of the Smithsonian Institution, has contributed materials relating to his study of the Canela of Brazil; and Dorothea Leighton, of the University of North Carolina, has sent papers relating to her part in the University of Chicago-Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Personality and Administration Research Project of the late 1930s and early 1940s. The archives has also acquired microfilm copies of the professional correspondence of Franz Boas, the originals of which are in the library of the American Philosophical Society. Other materials include a set of letters from George Bird Grinnell to C. Hart Merriam, 1904-28; a large collection of glass photographic negatives, mostly of California subjects, by C. Hart Merriam; and diaries, notes, photographs, and other papers of A. F. Whiting, a government anthropologist in the District of Ponape in Micronesia from 1952 to 1954.

An important increment to the records of the American Anthropological Association are 1960-63 files of the Program of Visiting Anthropologists. Betty J. Meggers, the first administrator of the program, donated the files and suggests that they may represent a significant development during the period when anthropology in America expanded from concentrations in major universities to include programs in smaller institutions. Another addition to the AAA records are files donated by William N. Fenton that relate to the Committee on Anthropological Research in Museums. Included are minutes, correspondence, reports, and printed and processed material for the period 1962-73. The material relates to the status of anthropological research in museums and the committee's activities and projects to help define and stimulate legitimate museum research.

Other additions to existing collections include approximately fifty cubic feet of records of the River Basin Surveys, mostly photographic materials. The archives now has over 250 cubic feet of documents covering the period 1946-69 that reflect the history and findings of this large-scale program in salvage archeology. To the papers of the physical anthropologist Ales Hrdlicka have been added approximately forty linear feet of photographic material and a large bibliographic card file that is arranged by subject. A number of small increments to the records of the Smithsonian's Department of Anthropology include several catalogs of early private ethnological collections, correspondence and photographic materials of several early Smithsonian curators, and a small bundle of materials of the Department's Animal Products Section.

Researchers interested in the holdings of the Archives may find useful the recently published Catalog to Manuscripts in the National Anthropological Archives, G. K. Hall and Company, 1975. The cataloged manuscripts represent approximately one-fourth of the holdings. For specific information about the collections described above, researchers should write to the National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. 20560. Since use of some of the collections is restricted, inquiries concerning their status should be made well in advance of visits.

FOOTNOTES FOR THE HISTORY OF ANTHROPOLOGY

MORGAN, FISON, AND AN ABORTIVE FIELD EXPEDITION THROUGH POLYNESIA

Lewis Henry Morgan's epistolary relationship with the Australian anthropologist Lorimer Fison is well-known in the history of anthropology, and a portion of their correspondence has been easily available since 1930, when Bernhard Stern published "Selections from the Letters of Lorimer Fison and A. W. Howitt to Lewis Henry Morgan" in the American Anthropologist (32:257-277, 419-453). At that time, Morgan's Letters to his Australian disciples were not available in this country, but by the later 1930's copies of these materials were obtained by the University of Rochester Library, whose permission to reproduce the following selections is gratefully acknowledged:

Rochester. May 15, 1877

My Dear Sir:

Our correspondence has reached the flagging stage, and I miss your letters which used to come with regularity. I suppose you are now at the Fiji Islands, and that you find less opportunity for ethnological work there than you did in Australia. But still you are in a great field because the work done to show the organization and plan of life among Savages has been so insufficiently done that one good observer can find enough to work upon in any part of Polynesia.