

Register to the Papers of
John L. Fischer and Ann K. Fischer

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Biographical Note

John L. Fischer

John Lyle Fischer was born in Kewanee, Illinois on July 9, 1923. His undergraduate work began at Harvard in 1940 but was interrupted by his military service during World War II. During the war he studied Japanese and served as both an interpreter and translator in the Marines. Following the war he returned to Harvard to complete his B.A. in 1946. His undergraduate honors thesis was entitled "Japanese Linguistic Morphology in Relation to Basic Cultural Traits."

John continued on at Harvard for his graduate studies in the Department of Social Relations, earning his Masters degree in Anthropology in 1949. That same year he married Ann Kindrick Meredith on his birthday. The two were stationed in Micronesia where John served as District Anthropologist (1949-1951) for the Naval Administration and later as the District Island Affairs Officer (1951-1953) under the Interior Department Administration.

When he and his family moved back to Massachusetts, he returned to his academic studies at Harvard. Drawing upon his fieldwork in Micronesia, he completed his dissertation, "Language and Folktale in Truk and Ponape: A Study in Cultural Integration," in 1954 and received his PhD from Harvard the following year. Work on the dissertation led to a lifelong interest in folklore and linguistics as well as Truk and Ponape. He revisited Ponape several times in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

From 1954 to 1955 John collaborated with his wife to study comparative child-rearing in New England. In the early 1960s, they once again conducted fieldwork together, this time in Japan, studying the psychological dynamics of family life. They later did a follow-up study of a Japanese community in San Mateo, California. Just before his death, John was planning another research trip to Japan.

In 1958, John obtained a faculty position at Tulane University teaching social anthropology. He served as chair of the Department of Anthropology from 1969 to 1971 and taught at the university until his death. By 1979 Fischer had learned Russian and taught for a year at the University of Leningrad. Fischer was also a Visiting Professor at the University of Pittsburgh in 1975 to 1976. In addition, he was active in various professional societies and consulted with several national organizations. He was co-author of 8 books as well as author of many articles and book chapters.

Following Ann's death from cancer, Fischer married Simonne Cholin Sanzenbach, who was also a professor at Tulane, in 1973. They shared many interests and published an article together in Japanese, "The Nature of Speech According to French Proverbs," in 1983.

At the age of 61, John passed away on May 16, 1985.

Ann K. Fischer

Ann Kindrick Fischer was born on May 22, 1919 in Kansas City. She completed her undergraduate work at the University of Kansas with a B.A. in Sociology in 1941. During World War II she lived in Washington, D.C. working as registrar at the School of Advanced International Studies. At the time she was briefly married to her first husband, James Meredith.

In 1946 Ann entered Radcliffe College's graduate program in the Department of Anthropology. As a student at Radcliffe, she met John Fischer, who was a student at Harvard. In 1949 she traveled to the Caroline Islands to study Trukese mother and child training and to marry John, who had obtained a position as District Anthropologist of the U.S. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. During their time in Micronesia, the two lived a year in Truk and three years in Ponape. While in Ponape, Ann taught English in a middle school as part of her anthropological research. She completed her dissertation, "The Role of the Trukese Mother and Its Effect on Child Training," and was awarded her Ph.D. in Anthropology in 1957.

Her interest in childrearing continued when she returned to Massachusetts from Micronesia. From 1954 to 1957, she worked as a research assistant on the Ford Foundation Six Cultures Project under the direction of John and Beatrice Whiting. Ann and her husband collaborated in a study of children in a New England town, which resulted in their 1963 article "The New Englanders of Orchard Town, USA." In 1961 and 1962, Ann and John worked together again to study childrearing in Japan, focusing on psychology and family life. When they returned from Japan, they did a follow-up study of a Japanese community in San Mateo, California.

In 1959, Ann became the first anthropologist to hold a training fellowship in biostatistics and epidemiology at Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. She joined their faculty and also taught at the Tulane School of Social Work (1960-1966) and the Anthropology Department of Newcomb College (1968-1971). In addition, Ann served as consultant to the Peace Corps on Micronesia.

Although she continued to write extensively on families and children throughout her career, her interests also included medicine, the role of women, and minority rights. She particularly became interested in the Houma Indians, publishing her article "History and Current Status of the Houma Indians" in 1965. An active supporter of the Houma Indians, she played an integral role in eliminating segregation in the school system in their area.

On April 22, 1971 Ann died of cancer at the age of 51.

Selected Bibliography

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Scope and Content

This collection contains John and Ann Fischer's correspondence, field notes, manuscripts, microfilm, sound recordings, and photographs relating to their work in Micronesia, Japan, and New England. Most of the materials in this collection were produced or collected by John. Although some materials have been identified as Ann's work, not all folders containing her notes have been so identified. Since John and Ann often collaborated, some of their notes are also intermixed.

Materials relating to Truk and Ponape make up the bulk of the series. They not only include John and Ann's field notes but also administrative materials relating to John's position as District Anthropologist and District Island Affairs Officer. Because they returned at various times to visit and update data, there are documents on Ponape from 1949 as well as from the 1970s and in between. The Fischers' work in Japan is also well-represented in the collection along with their research for John and Beatrice Whiting's Six Cultures Project.

The sound recordings are also mostly related to Ponape, with additional recordings from Japan. Several of the photographs are from Micronesia, some of which were taken by Harry Clifford Fassett. There are also some photos from Japan as well as personal photographs. Additional items in the collection include John's correspondence and papers he wrote as a student. Psychological tests administered by John and Ann during their research in Ponape and Japan are also in the collection.

Restrictions

Access to psychological tests administered by John and Ann Fischer during their research in Ponape and Japan is restricted.

Extent

31.71 linear feet (65 boxes, 1 manuscript folder & 96 sound recordings)

Processing Note

In 2009, the sound recordings were separated from the collection and moved to the audio cabinets. Loose notes were separated from the recordings and placed in a folder titled “[Audio ephemera]” and filed with the rest of the collection.

Related Collections

More materials relating to John and Ann Fischer can be found in other collections at the National Anthropological Archives. MS 7516 “Documents relating to scientific investigations in Micronesia” contains the Fischers’ 1954 *East Caroline Handbook*. More of John’s correspondence can be found in the Southern Anthropological Society Records and in Saul Herbert Riesenbergs’ Correspondence series under the Records of the Department of Anthropology. The American Indian Chicago Conference Records contains Ann’s correspondence.

Harvard University’s Tozzer Library and the Bishop Museum also hold some of John’s original Ponapean field notes.

Series Descriptions and Container List

Series I: Records and Correspondence, 1948-1985

This series mostly contains professional and some personal correspondence of John Fischer. Also in the series are John and Anne's employment records (mostly from their time in Micronesia), financial records, and a newspaper clipping announcing John and Ann's marriage. More correspondence can be found intermixed with John and Ann's notes through the collection.

Box 1

Uriel Hadley (1956-1957)
Indiana, 1963
[ASAO Meetings and Related Material, 1972-74]
[ASAO Newsletters], Winter '73, Spring '73
Kim Bailey: 2 translations, 1975
[Correspondence, 1948-1956]
Correspondence, 1957-67
Correspondence, 1968-1969
Correspondence, 1970-72

Box 2

Correspondence, 1973-74
Correspondence, 1975-77
Correspondence, 1978-79
Correspondence, 1980-82
Correspondence, 1983-85
Correspondence, Undated

Box 3

[Personal Records, Miscellaneous] (1949-1959, 1972-1974)
Miscellaneous [Personal Newspaper Clippings: JLF and Ann marriage;
JLF's brother's wedding]

Series II: Truk, 1949-1953

John and Ann Fischer worked in Truk and neighboring islands in the East Caroline Islands from 1949-1953. During that time John acted as an Anthropological Field Consultant for the Civil Administration Unit, Truk District, for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The job involved visiting other small islands to familiarize himself with

and monitor their populations and activities. His administrative reports are part of this file. In addition, the series contains field notes of both John and Ann. Often field notes of official activities are mixed with anthropological field notes. Some of Ann's field notes appear to have been updated with John's annotations during the 1970s. The series also contains papers by John, Ann, and others. Folders containing psychological tests of individuals have been restricted.

More documents related to Truk can be found in *Series I: Correspondence*, *Series III: Ponape*, *Series VI: Academic Work*, *Series VII: Photographs*, and *Series VIII: Microfilm*, and *Series IX: Sound Recordings*.

- Subseries: Administration
- Subseries: Notes
- Subseries: Folktale and Songs
- Subseries: Language
- Subseries: Psychological Tests
- Subseries: Residence and Kinship
- Subseries: Manuscripts and Papers

Box 4

Subseries: Administration

- Land District
 - [Reports and Petitions (July 1949-October 1949)]
 - Reports, Notes, 1949-1953
 - Reports and Field Trip Notes, 1949-50
 - Report: Land Tenure in the Truk District, 1950
 - Government Field Trips-Reports and Notes, 1949-50

Box 5

Official Reports (Oct. 49-April 51)

Subseries: Notes

- Notes (handwritten, 1949-1953)
 - [Book of Notes, in Trukese]
 - [Notes-Life Histories]
 - [Notes-Breadfruit]
 - Ann: Truk Field Notes, p. 1-104

Box 6

- Field Notes, pp. 110-203 (typed 8/19/49-9/8/49)
- Field Notes, pp. 210-351 (typed 9/19/49-10/28/49)

Romonum Census and Miscellaneous Notes

Subseries: Folktales and Songs

[Folktales]
[Folktales (Oedipus)]
[Images of Siblings in Folk Narratives]
Song Tales Correlations

Subseries: Language

Language Notes

Box 7

Subseries: Psychological Tests

Drawings, Romonum and Truk, August, 1949 (Ann Fischer)
1950: Romonum and Truk, Rorschach Tests (Ann Fischer) **Restricted until 2015**
Rorschachs: Truk and Ponape(Romonum), 1951
[Rorschachs] 1951 **Restricted until 2016**
Draw a Man [Handwriting, Maps]

Subseries: Residence and Kinship

Romonum Census [1949, Ann]
Truk and Ponape Census, 1950
Moen Census, 1952
Census [1953, Ann]
Notes (handwritten) [Land and Kinship, 1949 & 1950]
Swartz, Rom. Res.

Box 8

Swartz: Personality and Structure: A Study in Political Acquiescence;
Situational Determinants of Kinship Terminology
Field Notes-Residence
Variation in Trukese Marital Residence
[Papers and Draft Papers, Goodenough and Fischer]
Correspondence re Residence

Subseries: Manuscripts and Papers

Truk Medicine
Fixation in Trukese Medicine
Japanese Schools for the Natives of Truk, Caroline Islands

Papers and Workshops
The Role of the Trukese Mother and Its Effect on Child Training (1950)
Origins of Trukese Privacy Patterns

Series III: Ponape, 1947-1981

The series on Ponape includes administrative papers and notes on history (which include the German and Japanese occupations) taken from several previous researchers in the Carolines. Also included are the Fischers' own notes from their various periods of residency there during the 1950s and 1970s as well as manuscripts and papers. The manuscripts section contains not only papers related specifically to Ponape but also later papers on such issues as the origins, spread, distribution and comparative relationships of language as well as a discussion of art and culture. There are also papers by other people, including Saul H. Riesenbergs' "The Cultural Position of Ponape in Oceania." The notes cover such topics as folklore, kinship, and language. Other notes include a preliminary look at ruins and potential archeology sites. Also in the series are Rorschach and TAT tests carried out in schools in 1951 and 1952 on Ponape and nearby islands. These tests have been restricted.

More documents related to Ponape can be found in *Series I: Correspondence*, *Series II: Truk*, *Series VI: Academic Work*, *Series VII: Photographs*, *Series VIII: Microfilm*, and *Series IX: Sound Recordings*.

Subseries: Administrative
Subseries: Notes
Subseries: Atolls
Subseries: Folklore
Subseries: Kinship
Subseries: Language
Subseries: Schools
Subseries: Manuscripts and Papers

Box 9

Subseries: Administrative

[History, Correspondence]
Miscellaneous 1947- 1949
Truk and Ponape (1949-50) (includes map of military storage)
[Documents 1950, typed]
Notes, 1949-9/29/50, handwritten & typed
Notes, 10/2/50-12/14/50, handwritten & typed

Notes, 1951, handwritten, handwritten & typed

Box 10

Notes, 1952, handwritten & typed
“Early Texts” [includes Court Vocabulary], 1950-51
Legal Reports 1951
Quarterly Report 1950
Quarterly Report 1951
Record of Ponape Congress, 1952, Official Documents,
handwritten & typed
Notes 1953
Land, 1947-50 (2)

Box 11

Land-Residence, [Uh Census Data 1952], (1950-52)
[Newsletters and Articles about Islands – Background]
Copies of Correspondence of Shigeru Kaneshiro (1950-57)
[Copies of Correspondence and Report of W. Alexander]
Net Dispute—Confidential, (1950-52) [1 of 2]
Net Dispute—Confidential, (1950-52) [2 of 2]
[Report on Father Costigan, 1951], (handwritten and typed)
Gov’t. Personnel 1970
Alcohol Related Events from Pete Hill, July 1974

Box 12

Subseries: Notes

Ann’s field notes, 1949 -1953

Box 13

Drawings (separated from Ann’s field notes, 1949 -1953)
Ann’s Notes, typed, 1953 (2 folders)
Ann’s Caroline Field Notes, 1957-58 (bound)

Box 14

JLF: Caroline Field Notes, 1957 (bound)
JLF: Caroline Field Notes, 1957-58 (bound)

Box 15

Land, Names, Kinship [& Adoption] Out Islands, (copies of records 1947-

48, handwritten notes (June 1950-May 1951)
Field Trip Notes (September 16 - November 9, 1949)
[Field Notes-Ann] (1949)
“Early Texts” 1949-1951)
Field Notes, 3/29/49-6/20/49, Feefen, handwritten & typed

Box 16

Field Notes, 7/13/49-8/12/49, Moen, typed
Field Notes, 11/20/49-4/14/50, typed
Field Notes, 4/15/50-8/27/50, typed
Field Notes, typed, disc 48 side1-51a Side 1
Field Notes, typed, disc 51a Side 2-57 Side 2, p. 1
[Ponape, Ulalu (Romanum), Fala Beguets maps
Field Notes, 1/8/49-12/22/49, handwritten]
Puluwat Notes (May-June 1950)
Field Notes (1950-51)

Box 17

Field Notes (typed, including administrative, 1950-51), (2 folders)
Ruins, 1951
Report: Ponape Archeological Survey, 1977
Sailing Canoe Trip
Spiral Notebooks (2) (selections translated April '58), [Books I and II,
March 1951]
Land (1951-52)
Miscellaneous [Notes] (1951-52)
Miscellaneous (1949-72)

Box 18

Field notes, typed (1952-53), PP. 825-1184 (some missing)
[Handwritten and typed, 1953]
[Handwritten, 1953]
[June 23-26, 1953]
[June and July, 1953]
Lekelek - Misc. Field Notes, (1954-61)
Book of Fractions

Box 19

[Pregnancy and Birth] (includes Ann's notes)
[Church]
Church “Youth” Organizations

Field Notes, 1968 (handwritten), 2 folders
Questionnaire, Nan Uh Census, 1970
Field Notes, 1970
July, 1971
Summer 1971

Box 20

September, 1971 (Sept. 3-19 and Nov. 3, 1971)
Medicine (1971-72)
Summer 1972
Summer 1972, Ponape I
Summer 1972, II, Saladak
July 1972, Books I & II
July 1-24, 1972, Large Book
Large Book I, 1973, June 20-July 20
Large Book II, Summer 1973
Book I, Summer 1973, Pohnpei
Book II, Summer 1973, Pohnpei

Box 21

Field Notes, 1973-74 [includes maps]
Book I, Summer 1974
Book II [includes maps], 1974
August 1974, I and II
[NEH 1968 and 1972]
[Blood Pressure Study]
[Conferences and Projects, 1968-70]
Fr. Maigret's Journal (19th century)
Girschner: Ethnographie der Insel Ponape
Hambruch - Subvol 1, Tales and Texts in Ponape

Box 22

Hambruch - Subvol 3, Part I, Ruins
Hambruch - Subvol 3, Tales, Parts 1-5, Eilers, Introduction
Hambruch - Subvol 3, Tales, 6-9, Indices

Subseries: Atolls

Anderson: Report on Botanical Field Work on Arno Atoll, Marshall Islands (1950)
Language-S.H. Elbert, Kapinga & Nukuoro Word List
Aitel Nukuoro, 1952 [hand-drawn map]
Nukuoro & Kapinga Tales [Correspondence Fischer-Emory]

Nukuoro [History 1958]
Nukuoro (1950-53), [Notes and Vocabulary]
Kapinga
Kin, 1949
Tuttunnap, May 4 1949, Language Notes
Handwriting
Story of Nukuoro's Tales

Box 23

Subseries: Folklore

Kurekoha (1950), (handwritten)
Folktales (1950), (handwritten)
A Book of Stories-1952
"Early Texts" [Folktales and Songs], (December 1950-May 1953)
Myths (1953)
Origin Legend & Chants, (handwritten, 6/1/50, 4/15/52)
Petrus, 5/8/50 & 5/18, handwritten
Petrus [Chants and Tales, 1951, 1953]
The Boy and the Shark [3 versions]
The Story of Two Boys
[Myths told by Garvin]
Totemic Myths
[Proverbs] (1951-52)
Tales [Typed Originals], Folder 1
Tales [Typed Originals], Folder 2
Miscellaneous

Box 24

[Notes, Stories, Proverbs] (1951-52) (handwritten, hard cover)
[Vocabulary and Short Phrases] (1951) (handwritten, hard cover)
[Tales, Songs] (1952), (handwritten, hard cover)
[Notes, Stories] (1952) (handwritten, hard cover)
[Notes, Stories, Manuscript abstract] Oedipus
Riesenberg: Ponapean Tales

Box 25

[Field Notes, 1951], [Book of Legends-Ersin Sandos]
2 Books in Possession of Etuet, March 1951
[Field Notes April 1951], [story by Alipendo in Uh]
[Ritig's book, April 1953]; Riting's Manuscript, translation 11/53
[Silten's book, I & II, February 1951]
[Silten's book, III & IV]

Silten's Manuscript, typed
Moses Manuscript, typed
Isiario Manuscript, typed
Folktales: Koasoi: en Kawa Kan, Legends of Micronesia, Book 2,
Origin of Kava (typed)
[Tales]: Lizard Family, Boys and Birds, Brother-Sister Incest, Five
Brothers, 1951-53
1949-53, Songs of Truk and Ponape

Box 26

Songs, May 1949- June 1953
Truk Songs [Songs and Song Notes, typed]
Truk and Ponape Love Songs, 1949-51, Correspondence re Songs,
1956-59, Paper: Notes on Sociology and Psychology of Some Ponapean Love
Songs
Dance Songs, Legends, Etuet, 4/19/51
K. Bailey: Ponape Music
[Notes on K. Bailey recordings]
Folder: Notes for Tapes
Myths, Truk and Ponape, 1951 (handwritten) [Folktales & Songs]
Folk Songs [Miscellaneous]
Song for a Woman's Seated Dance [and others], 1972
Sarapihn MS, Lasialap, [Folktales and Songs] 1975
Songs, Spells, and Texts [June 1953]
[Spells and Chants], (1973-74)
[Spells and Chants], (handwritten), (hard cover notebook, 1951-54)
Spells, Miscellaneous

Box 27

[Folktale Words] (1971-74)
Truk-Ponape Tales Index [Lists and Tales]
[Contents of Various Collections of Tales, Code for Punch Cards, Code
of Informants]
Tales: Foreign and Ponape [working copies]
Japanese Meter
Truk-Ponape Tales-IBM, completed
Tales Corpuses
Tale Structure, 1951
[Myth and Folktale Analysis]
Truk-Ponape Tales, Miscellaneous [Analysis], (1)
Truk-Ponape Tales, Miscellaneous [Analysis], (2)
Truk-Ponape Tales [Texts, typed]

Box 28

Punch cards, Ponape Tales

Box 29

Punch cards, Ponape Tales

Box 30

#1: Folktale Notes, 1950-70, includes Truk (index cards)

Box 31

#2: Folktale Notes, 1950-70, includes Truk (index cards)

Box 32

#3: Folktale Notes, 1950-70, includes Truk (index cards)

Box 33

#4: Folktale Notes, 1950-70, includes Truk (index cards)

Box 34

Ponape Tales

Box 35

Subseries: Kinship

[Kin Terms, Draft Paper “Kinship Organization”]
Life Histories “Kin” (1950)
Adoption, November 1965
[Genealogies]
Miscellaneous

Subseries: Language

Ms. Borrowed from Isiaro [Preliminary to Luelen]
Luelen Introduction
Luelen MS, Mills
Luelen, Related Matter
Luelen R’s Notes, etc.
Luelen Glossary

Luelen MS with copy of Original

Box 36

Vocabulary & Grammar
Notes (March 30-April 20, 1949)
Notes (March 21-May 24, 1949), [includes kinship language]
Notes (June 7-18, 1949), [includes some kinship language]
Learning Ponapean (1953)
Tagalog Phonology
Correspondence with Swadesh and Martin
Diagram-Branching Tree of Language Distribution
Memorandum on Ponapean Orthography
Notes (Ann)
[Teaching English]
1950-52
Mokil-Pingelap
[Draft Paper: Ponapean Identity, Notes]
Abstract: Ethnic Identities on Ponape Island, Micronesia; Traditional Literature and the Development of Ethnic Identity on Ponape, Caroline Islands; The Individual as a Crucial Locus of Culture
The German Land Reform
Art Styles and Cultural Cognitive Maps
Statistical Comparisons Between Cultures-original, [working draft]
Statistical Comparisons Between Cultures – Final Draft

Box 37

Subseries: School

Stories, Word List, Arithmetic Guide Book
Booklet
Duwen Kapat oh Katohrohr
Ponape Int. School Papers
School Drawings, c. 1950

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TAT – Ponape Protocols
TAT (101-106, Ponape Island)
TAT (107-109, Ponape Island)
TAT (110-114, Ponape Island)
TAT (115-120, Ponape Island)
TAT (121-126, Ponape Island)

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TAT (127-132, Ponape Island)
TAT (134-142, Ponape Island)
TAT (150-154, Ponape Island)
TAT (155-156)
TAT (201-205, Pingelap)

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TAT (206-213, Pingelap)
TAT (301-307, Mokil Island)
TAT (308-315, Mokil Island)
TAT (316-318, 350-351, Mokil Island)
TAT (no numbers, Ponape Island)
TAT (no numbers, Kapinga)

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TAT (no numbers, Kusiae), 3 folders
TAT (no dates, Kusiae), 2 folders
TAT (no numbers, Ngatik), May 1952
[Introduction] Ngatik

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TAT-Mixtures and Miscellaneous
Instructions for TAT Coding, Data
[Rorschachs] (1951)

Box 43

Subseries: Manuscripts and Papers

Cultural Continuity and Social Change (Introduction, Part One:
State Loyalties, Part Two: Kinship Loyalties, Part Three:
Comparison with Neighboring Cultures (Comments)
Two Variants by the Same Informant [original & final drafts]
Totemism on Truk and Ponape
Totemism and Allergy
Ponapean Conceptions of Incest (2nd draft)
Some Characteristics of Kava Drinkers on Ponape (draft)
Sex, Nature, and Culture in Ponapean Myth
Traditional Poetry of Ponape
The Persistence of Traditional Feasts in Ponape
Images of Siblings in Folk Narrative: Truk and Ponape
Government Anthropologists in the Trust Territory of Micronesia; The

Responsibilities of Anthropologists to Pacific Islanders
Manuscript for Book
1955-56
The Language and Structure of Spells on Ponape
Phonetic Symbolism and Literacy, Koenig and Fischer
Colloquium HO5-Language Origins; Further Comment on the Origin
of Language
Grasping and the Gesture Theory of Language
The Speech Community of Ponape, Caroline Islands, 1966
Honorific Speech and Social Structure: A Comparison of Japanese
and Ponapean
Magical Initiation in the Origin of Language, 1981

Box 44

Three Ponapean Manuscripts: Translations, 1958 (2 copies, bound)
Riesenberg, S.H.: The Cultural Position of Ponape in Oceania
(dissertation)

Series IV: New England, 1954-1968 [Bulk 1955-1968]

This series primarily contains materials related to Ann and John Fischer's research on childrearing in New England for the Ford Foundation Six Cultures Project directed by John and Beatrice Whiting. Also in the series are lectures and papers by the Whitings. At the end of the series are Ann's notes studying the Children's Medical Center in Boston as a research associate at the hospital.

Box 45

Acton Notes (August 1954-March 1955) I

Box 46

Acton Notes (August 1954-March 1955) II

Box 47

Whiting Study-Contract, Introduction to Orchard Town
[Behaviors] Acts Classification
Discipline Control
Attitudes, Nature of Child, Learning, Rules of Conduct for Children,
Influence Techniques
Rating-Ranking Scales
Correspondence, 1956-62
Outlines: Ethnographies, Techniques

Coding
Whiting Lectures [Tulane, 1968]
Scoring and Role Tabulations [1955-57, New England Study]
Statistical Review
Nursing Study Notes, Boston, 1955

Series V: Japan, 1961-1985 [Bulk 1961-1964]

John and Ann worked closely together in Japan from 1961 to 1962. The data in this section were gathered by the Fischers as well as their Japanese assistants in the city of Fukuoka in elementary and middle schools from school records and psychological tests. Tests included the Rorschach, Semantic Differential, Draw-a-Man, and Form Preference tests. (Folders containing these tests are restricted.) In addition, they interviewed families about roles and structures within the family and collected information about the cultural background. The Fischers wrote a number of articles and presented papers based on this work.

Following their return to Tulane University, the Fischers carried out a small follow-up study in a Japanese community in San Mateo, California, gathering information about families and their cultural background. Fieldwork data were coded both by hand and by computer, analyzed, and summarized. Materials under *Subseries: Post Japan Fieldwork* consist largely of analysis and discussion of the vast amount of data they gathered in Japan. There is also a folder containing correspondence in 1985 relating to John's application for a Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) fellowship. The initials on some folders are JF (John Fischer) and AF (Ann Fischer).

More materials related to Japan can be found in *Series VI: Academic Work*, *Series VII: Photographs*, *Series VIII: Microfilm*, and *Series IX: Sound Recordings*.

Subseries: Cultural Background
Subseries: Family
Subseries: Tests
Subseries: Books and Manuscripts
Subseries: Results
Subseries: San Mateo
Subseries: Post Japan Fieldwork

Box 48

Subseries: Cultural Background

JF: Journal [Sept. 14, 1961, original]
JF Journal (typed)
AF: [Diary] Sept. 1961
[Errata for 1935 Census]

Japanese Uniforms
Questionnaire and Interviews
[Fumitake Yamashita Interviews]
Field Notes, Interviews 1961-62, (3 folders)
Short Commentaries (Japanese) (English in Field Notes, 2)

Box 49

AF [Field Notes] 1961-62
Miscellaneous Notes
Papers [Fischer]
People, Clubs, [News Clippings]
Papers of Others
Movies

Subseries: Family

Form Preference, Sample Family **Restricted until 2032**
Parent Interviews, Nuclear Family Sample, 1 & 3 Ch., 1962, Fukuoka
Forms from Families Interviewed (originals) **Restricted until 2032**
Samples of Forms
Parent Interviews-Sample First and Second Interviews, Sample Stem
Family, 3-child
Forms Filled Out Outside of Schools, mostly English students **Restricted until 2032**
Questionnaires (Japanese) **Restricted until 2032**
Japanese Originals, Translations [Interviews]

Box 50

Japanese Originals, Translations [Interviews]
Japanese Originals [Interviews]
Original MS, Parent Interviews, (2 folders)
Family Interviews [First] (typed)
Parent Interviews, Pretest by Family, 1962, Fukuoka (typed)
Original Manuscripts (English) [Information About Children by Their
Parents]
Transcriptions
Illness Stories
Dreams, Sample **Restricted until 2032**

Box 51

[Family Composition, Forms, Originals in Japanese, (2 folders)
Family Structure (typed)
From CH [Family Structure, directions, coding]

Tallies on Presence of Grandparents and on Dreams
Pictures-Happy Family, collected outside schools
Family Roles [Semantic Differential Data and Paper]
Sibling Roles
[Miscellaneous Notes]

Subseries: Tests

Names of Children, ID Nos.

Box 52 Restricted until 2034

Coding, School Records
Semantic Differential
Semantic Differential Coding, Individual Records
Semantic Differential Coding, to be punched
Semantic Differential Coding, Summaries by Grade and Teacher
Semantic Differential Coding, Findings

Box 53

[Semantic Differential, Computer Analysis], (2 folders)
Rorschach, (2 folders) **Restricted until 2038**
Form Preference [Instructions]
McElroy Form Preference, Individual Scores
McElroy [form Preference] Ind. Test Scores Tabulated
Associations to Form Preference Test **Restricted until 2032**
[Test Results, 1961, Paper (in Japanese)]
Word Association [includes paper]

Box 54

Subseries: Books and Manuscripts

Some Issues in the Study of Japanese Modal Personality
The Interpretation of Dreams of Japanese Schoolchildren
Draft Papers, Notes, Tallies
Small book in Japanese
Handwritten book Japanese

Subseries: Results

Statistics (Tallies)
Miscellaneous: Correspondence, 3 Photos, Transcript (Hisako & Mayumi,
1962-63)

Subseries: San Mateo

Forms, 1962
Interviews, 1962 [Project Data Sheets]
Interviews, Notes
Interviews, Notes: Tanaka, for translation
Parent Interviews, typed
Household Census
Terms of Personal Reference

Subseries: Post Japan Fieldwork

Sampling Selection
Drawings [Data, Memos, Paper for AAA Meeting Nov. 1964]

Box 55

J[apanese] Dreams
Dream Questionnaires, Kyushu Univ. Students (Japanese)
Dream Data **Restricted until 2033**
Dream R's
Dreams-Analysis of Variance
J[apanese] Children's Dreams, Correlations
Dreams [Factor Analysis]
Dreams [Analysis and Paper]

Box 56

[Tabulations-Sib types, self & parents]
SD Analysis by Sib Types
Codes [correspondence re coding]
[Tabulations-Correlations]
Drawings [Reliability Trials, picture coding]
Interoffice Memos
Family Structure Results
Card 1- Family Structure
Card 2 - Dreams
Card 3 - Listing (A. Fischer)
Card 4 - Analyses, Grades, Ratings, etc.
Proverbs
Completed – to be compared
Progress Report (1963)
[Correspondence and Form for JSPS Research Fellowship, 1985]

Series VI: Academic Work, 1946-1974

This series mainly contains the academic work of John Fischer as an undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral student. There are also a few items that relate to his work as a professor.

Subseries: Student
Subseries: Professor

Box 57

Subseries: Student

Honors Thesis (B. A.): Japanese Linguistic Morphology in Relation to Basic Cultural Traits, (1946), Harvard University
Graphology (1947)
Special [Examination] 1947
Thesis Proposals (1949 & 1953)
Thesis Abstract (1954)
Dissertation (typescript): Language and Folktale in Truk and Ponape, A Study in Cultural Integration (1954), Harvard University

Subseries: Professor

[Final examination questions for courses taught] (1964)
[Class roll sheets] (1974)

Box 58

Subseries: Student

Dissertation (bound): Language and Folktale in Truk and Ponape, A Study in Cultural Integration (1954), Harvard University

Series VII: Photographs, 1899-1974 [Bulk 1942-1974]

This series consists of prints, negatives, and 35 mm slides. The prints include a scrapbook of 1950 photos from Moen Island in the Carolines. (For preservation reasons, the photos have been removed from the scrapbook pages.) Other photos of the Caroline Islands spanning the years 1953-1974 can be found in this series along with those taken by Harry Clifford Fassett in 1899-1900. The photos by Fassett are copies of images from the National Anthropological Archives. The series also contains a 1942 photo of John as a yeoman in the United States Naval Reserve; Fischer's home and surroundings in 1947, Cambridge, MA when he was at Harvard; and a Japanese wedding.

Subseries: Prints
Subseries: Slides
Subseries: Negatives

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Subseries: Prints

1942-47

Glencoe, IL, Skokie Golf Course, Sept.47, Glencoe Beach, Skokie
River

Cambridge, [MA]

Photos Taken by Harry Clifford Fassett, 1899-1900 and others,
n.d.

Photo album of Moen Island, 1950 [photos and album pages removed from
binder]

Uh, Caroline Islands, May-June, 1953

Ponape [group photo, n.d.]

Hokozaki, Sand Ceremony [no date, probably 1962]

Net Landscape, 1973

Kolonia, Miscellaneous

Kolonia 1973; Kolonia, airport, 1973; Kolonia mangrove 1973; Kolonia,
Pete Hall, 1973

Unidentified, developed 8/28/74

Ersin, Johnny Moses, Paul Blugarm, Carl Koehler, 1973

August 74 – Kolonia and Net

Matolenin trip, 1st day; 2nd day; 3rd day, and Uh

Lt. Fischer [Personal, Unidentified, Japan?]

[Personal] Smith, Mary Anne's Graduation

Smith, Kolonia

Moroko's Wedding

Miscellaneous

Box 60

Subseries: Slides

N.M. 1947

Mesa Verde 1949

Map of Caroline Islands and Micronesia, [glass, 2 slides]

Ponape & Truk, 1949; Puluwati & Moen, 1950; Moen, 1949-50, 1953

Miscellaneous, Caroline Islands

Kyoto, Japan, tourist slides

[Personal] Nikko

Box 61

Subseries: Negatives

Unzen trip [no date, probably 1961-62]; Hakata Okundi [no date, probably 1961-62]
Kobe trip, Takamiya; Kobe trip [no date, probably 1961-62]
Hakozaki, January 1962
Kyoto [1], [2]
Undokai; Talaki Wedding; Unidentified; [all no date, probably Japan 1961-62]
[Roll 1], [Roll 2], [Roll 3], all unidentified
[Roll 4], [Roll 5], (loose in box), all unidentified
Truk 1950
Puluwati & Moen, 1950; Fefen, 1953
Uh, 1953
Uh, 1953 ?, 076 N34
Uh – See Chart, 147 N34 [no date, probably 1953]
See Chart 147 N34 [no date, unidentified]
Ponape, etc. N34 074 [no date, possibly 1953]
Ponape, 1953
Ponape [no date]
[Unidentified]

Box 62

Ponape, August 1968
Ersin, Johnny Moses, Paul Blugarm, Carl Koehler, 1973
Matolenin trip 1st day; 2nd day; 3rd day, and Uh
Net Landscape, 1973
Kolonia, Miscellaneous
Kolonia 1973; Kolonia, airport, 1973; Kolonia mangrove, 1973; Kolonia, Pete Hall, 1973
Kolonia and Net, [developed August 1974]
Lt. Fischer [Personal, unidentified, Japan?]
Unidentified, Personal
[Personal] Smith, Mary Anne's Graduation
Smith, Kolonia
Nikko, Glencoe [IL], 1950
Glencoe

Series VIII: Microfilm

This series contains microfilmed copies of a Japanese manuscript on Ponapean Customs; a manuscript by Paul Garvin on Ponapean grammar; and Marc J. Swartz's dissertation,

“The Social Organization of Behavior: Relations Among Kinsmen on Romónum, Truk.”
There are also two acetate microfilm reels of drawings by the Fischers’ Japanese informants. Because the two reels are off-gassing, they have been separated and placed in cold storage.

Box 63

Japanese MS., Ponapean Customs
Garvin, P. Ponapean Grammar
Swartz-Truk Thesis

Cold Storage

Drawings from Japanese research (2 reels)

Series IX: Sound Recording, 1959-1976

This series consists of audio reels, audograph records, and cassette tapes. The bulk of these recordings include stories, chants, and music from Ponape. There is also an audograph record of Truk folktales. Most were recorded by John Fischer, but three recordings are music recorded by Kim Bailey. Notes for some of the recordings can be found under *Series III: Ponape*. A few recordings are conversations in Japanese and learning aids for the Russian language. The recordings were not examined to confirm that the box descriptions match the contents.

Subseries: Audio Reels
Subseries: Audograph Records
Subseries: Cassette Tapes

Manuscript Folder 64

[Audio ephemera]

Notes separated from sound recordings

Audio Cabinet

Subseries: Audio Reels

3” Reels

Japanese, side 3 & 4

Japanese, side 5 & 6

V. Carroll in Carolines to JLF

3 ½” Reel

Japanese girls talking (1962.5.12)

2 unidentified reels with no box

5" Reel

Soahi Poad en Pohnpei (Children Short Stories) (August 29, 1972)
1. Limpok Wet...; 2. Ale Nomen Kesiken...; 3. Ah pwal Salapalap (1972)
Ngatikese Blue Grass (1972?)
Ponapean Ancient Songs by Erain Santos (1972?)
Ponapean Songs by Bermin Well (1972?)
Ersin Sandos & others, July 7-10, 1973
Piuhs-?Marshaese; Koaroahmin Samwei (fragment); Sarapihn (1973)
Permihn-old songs; Sarapihn Seliwehr-songs, spells (1973)
AleK Kirou Rohin (vii/11/1973); Nokoni Oun Oare (vii/16, 1973)
Andohn Ladore-honorific oration (July 19, 1973); Sarapihn Selindir
Petrus, Talk, Chant
Sonfa (?)
Emivei SI vi127 lowomis
Uh, July 30, 1973, Dance Songs (5" reel)
Pius spells (27/vii/73) (5" reel)
Jismkoemisile (?), July 11, 1973
Sarapihn, songs, through 28/vii/73
M. Ladore, songs, 1973
Sarapihn, 29/vii/73
Apidias, Paul (1973); WMUKNS songs; Nahmodohr (?)
Ersin Katanatou Perenis (Aug, 2, 1973)
4 unidentified reels
Unidentified reel with no box

7" Reel

Ponape I-Dub Ponape 1 & Ponape 2 B .P. Bishop Museum (dubbed Nov. 1966),
dual track, songs
Ponape II-Dub Ponape 2 B. P. Bishop Museum-and Ponape 3 and 4 (dual track)
Ponape III- Dub BM Ponape 4 (concl.) 5, songs
Ponape IV (Dub BM Ponape 6 Tr. 2, Track 2 [Dub BM Ponape 7])

Nüükas Songs Tale (Tape broken, Feb. 1965)
Nüükas (Ponape, Side 1); Cecinia-Roaten-Cecinia (Side 2)
Nüükas (end of story); Antonia (end of chant); Kyton Nulutsus
Nüükas - Life History
Koasati Bel Abbey (Feb. 28, 1963) (7" reel)
Koasati 1963-Side 1 (story, name, Mar. 5); Side 2 (sentences, vocab., Mar. 25)
(7" reel)
Koasati 1963-Side 1: Bel Abbey (riddles, sentences-Tambunan Dusun, May 7);
Side 2: Bel Abbey (story Indian meeting whites, Apr. 2), (story of bear,
Apr. 23) (7" reel)
Bel Abbey Side 1 (Feb. 9, 1965, Feb. 23, 1965); Side 2 Mar. 9, 1965, Mar. 16,
1965) (7" reel)

Bel Abbey Side 1 (Mar. 16, 1965, April 20, 1965); Side 2 (April 27, 1965, May 4, 1965) (7" reel)
 Bel Abbey (May 11, 1965) (7" reel)
 P. Siracusa-Side 1 Sicily tales, child training (Oct. 20, 1959); Side 2 Bel Abbey (May 23, 1961, misc., sentences, vocab.)
 Traditional Music of Ponape (1 of 3, Kim Bailey, 8/75-5/76 for Thesis Research)
 Traditional Music of Ponape (2 of 3, Kim Bailey, 8/75-5/76 for Thesis Research)
 Traditional Music of Ponape (3 of 3, Kim Bailey, 8/75-5/76 for Thesis Research)
 Blood Pressure Interview, Dr. Eluel Predrick & Herbert Gallen
 Alor role playing (side 1); Lepcha (side 2)
 Radio Drama "Tsuma arite" (June 19, 1962 and others)
 Tape 4
 ICMRT, Eastman Tape
 Unidentified reel
 Unidentified reel with no box

Subseries: Audograph Records

Ponape, miscellaneous
 Folktales Truk
 Nukuoro tales & Isiaro ms.

Subseries: Cassette Tapes:

PB Tape II, Nahnsoused en Nett
 Dance Rehearsal vii/8/74
 WSZD Popular Songs
 Pohnsetia Son Ruci=Kilemens
 Johnny Moses Aug. 15 '74, Sakau, WSZD Songs
 Johnny Moses Aug. 4, Lasialap chant; Espells, jihns abut Sandap & Sakau
 PB 2 Ekis lukwe #2 B ni B
 English-Russian Phrase-Book for Tourists
 Russian on Your Own (2)
 Three unlabeled cassette tapes
 Gregor Donre-Chant (mailed Oct. 10, 1973, defective?)
 Hosafina Ladore; Aderi Ehpel (lullaby); Elerisa Donre-Aug. 16, 1973
 Elsihner Johnson (Sept. 11, 1973); Florenx + Milde Kihler (Oct. 2, 1973)
 Sarapihn-Stop the Sun
 Miguel Marquez-3 chants (Oct. 16)
 Lux Grundman
 Carl Kohler
 Loakihm of Saladak
 Etuet Hadley (Nahnawa); Sandiahko (Kiroun)
 Apiner Elias 6/vii/74
 Ersin Sandos: Ngisin San Deleur, vi/28, Spells
 Kohler, 8/vii/74, Nahnawa)

Sarapihn S., 12/vii/74
Sarapihn S. & others, July-Aug. '74
WSZD Popular Songs
Poster Normen, Lasialap, 17/vii/74
A: Lepenmoar, Uh; B: Sohs Aiginios, Story of Kemisik; Permihn Wehr
Net
PB4 A: Hersin Sandos; B: Kodaron Saimon
Miguel Marquez
Paul Benjamin
B. Lopes=Kamihl=San; Sakusi=Andohnis; Marquez
Iakapures Olmas, Oun Oare Net
Sandiahko 29/vii/74; Kilahdihse of Ehipoas 30/vii/74

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