

***Register of the  
Papers of  
John Wallace Griffin***

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## **Biographical Note**

John Wallace Griffin was born in Indiana in 1919. He grew up in Daytona, Florida. He obtained an undergraduate degree from the University of Florida and a Masters degree from the University of Chicago. In 1946 he was the first archeologist employed by the state of Florida. He worked as an assistant professor at the University of Florida until being appointed regional archeologist for the National Park Service in 1958. He served as regional archeologist till 1971. He was also the director of the St. Augustine Historical Society from 1958-1971. In 1977 he formed his own archeological and historical consulting firm. He is best known for his work with historian Mark Boyd in studying the remains of a Spanish mission at San Luis. He died in 1993 at the age of 73.

## **Collection Description**

The collection consists of John W. Griffin's class notes, field notes, correspondence, professional papers, and manuscripts. The collection covers his class and field notes from his undergraduate degree at the University of Florida through his Masters degree at the University of Chicago. The correspondence ranges from the late 1930's to his death in 1993 and covers school related, personal, and professional subject matter. The collection contains manuscripts from his undergraduate work through 1983. The manuscripts range from rough drafts to the final published copy and are predominantly about Florida Archeology. The collection includes papers, meeting agendas and attendance records, master plans, and notes from the Southeastern Frontiers Inc Project.

## **Box and Folder Listing**

### **Series 1 - Correspondence (1939-1992) 1 ½ linear ft.**

This series covers correspondence of a school, personal, and professional subject matter. It ranges from the late 1930's through the early 1990's. The series is arranged alphabetically.

#### **Box 1**

- "A"
- "B"
- "C"
- "Crackpots"
- "Crystal River"
- "D"
- "E"
- "F"
- "Florida Anthropological Education Committee"
- "Florida Historical Society"
- "G"
- "Personal JWG - E.Y. Guernsey"
- "H"
- "Historical Association of Southern Florida"
- "Huscher"
- "J"
- "K"
- "L"
- "M"
- "Matthewson"
- "Mexico"
- "Mendez I-IV"

#### **Box 2**

- [Miscellaneous]
- [Mom and Dad]
- "N"
- "National Registrar Nomination Information"
- "Job Correspondence NPS"
- "O"
- "P"
- "Pat"
- "Q"
- "R"
- "Reorganization - Personal 1960 Park Service Employment"
- "Russell Cave"
- "Resumes and Employment"

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“S”  
“San Luis”  
“SEAC Discussions/Fort Walton Symposium”  
“Sears, William H.”  
“Smith, Hale G.”  
“T”  
“True, David”

**Box 3**

“Unitarian Church”  
“V”  
“Voyage to the Spanish Main”  
“W”  
“Y”  
“Z”

**Series 2 - Student (1930's – 1967) 2 ½ linear ft.**

This series contains class notes, field notes, and manuscripts from John W. Griffin's undergraduate degree at the University of Florida and his Master's degree at the University of Chicago.

**Box 3 (continued)**

“Aims and Methods of Archaeology, A-331”  
“America - General Culture History”  
“American Indian Lessons (Homestudy, Slotkin), A-350”

**Box 4**

“Bibliography”  
“BioAnthro, Spring 1967, A-381”  
“BioAnthro”  
“Career”  
“Caribbean”  
“Chinese 201, History of China, A-1942, Teng”  
“China, Philosophy and Literature”  
“Chinese 202, History of China, W-1943, Teng”  
“Conchology: Its Relation to Archaeology”  
“Comparative Community, A-330, A-1943”  
“Comparison of Cultural Complexity, W. Shoshone and Creek [Term Paper for A-211, A-1940]”  
“Comparative Institutions (Warner), A-211, A-1940”  
“Ethnology Hopi”  
[Ethnographic Methods]

**Box 4 (continued)**

“Evolution of Man (Krogman), A-203, A-1940”  
“Field Notes”  
“1946 Field Notes”  
“Fisher”  
“Fisher” (continued)

**Box 5**

“Fisher” (continued)  
“Folk Society, A-345”  
“Food Study”  
“Geology, Rock and Mineral Keys”  
“High School Manuscripts, 1930’s”  
“Historic Sites Institute 1949”  
“Historic Sites Institute 1949” (continued)  
“The Human Career, Autumn 1966”  
“Human Relations”  
“Indians of South America (Eggan), A-354, S-1942”  
“Introduction to Physical Anthropology (Krogman), W-1943”  
“Kinship and Social Organization, A-441”  
“Logbook”  
“Malaysia Ethnology”  
“Maya, Aztec, etc. (Redfield), A-353, A-1943”  
“Methods of Culture (Redfield, A-363, S-1942”  
“Mexia Story”  
“Miscellaneous Correspondence”

**Box 6**

[Miscellaneous Notes]  
“Negro in Chicago”  
“North American Archaeology”  
“North American Archaeology (Cole), A-325, A-1940”  
“Northwest Coast-Ethnology”  
[Notes on Archeology & Anthropology, 1938-1939]  
“Notes on Archaeological Methods”  
“Notes on Early Man in North America”  
“Notes on Ethnology, South America”  
“Notes on Rabban Sawma and the Period (1250-1300)”  
“Old World Prehistory (Hoijer), A-228, A-1939”  
“The Paleolithic of Palestine”  
“Peoples of Malaysia (Cole), A-351, W-1942”  
“Piracy”  
“Pleistocene Ecology and Early Man”  
“Physical Anthropology of the Sakai”

**Box 6 (continued)**

“Polynesian Ethnology (Linton), Summer-1942”

**Box 7**

“Principles of Near Eastern Archeology (Braidwood and Frankfort)”

“Psychology 201”

“Races of Man (Krogman), A-314, Sp.-1941”

“Races of Man”

“Racial Aspects of Hair”

“Radio Carbon Dating”

“Redfield-The Folk Society”

“Redfield-Methods of Cultural Anthropology (typed notes)”

“Sakai-etc.”

“Seminar (Braidwood) Winter 1967”

“Seminar, A-483, W-1942”

“Ships”

“Short General Papers”

“Social Anthropology (Warner)”

“Social Orientation of the Child (Warner), A-354, A-1944”

“Southwestern Pottery-Beloit (Logan Museum) Plates”

“Griffin and Hendon-The Stability of Physical Type”

“Statistics”

“Steamboats”

“Systems (Cohn) A-340, Autumn-1966”

“Systems, Geertz”

“Thesis Proposal”

“University of Chicago”

“University of Florida-Commencement Program, Griffins Honorary Doctorate”

“West Indies”

**Series 3 - Manuscripts (1940's – 1983) 1 ½ linear ft.**

This series contains rough drafts, working drafts and final copies of John W. Griffin's manuscripts from his undergraduate degree at the University of Florida through 1983.

**Box 8**

“Addison Blockhouse, 1952”

“Ambrose Hall 1992”

“AAA Paper 1976/1977”

“Griffin Annual Report, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951”

“Along the Florida Shore”

“Archeology”

“Archeology and Environment in South Florida, 1974”

**Box 8 (continued)**

- “Archeology and Historical Sites in Florida and their Relation to the Park Service”
- “Archeology - Midwest U.S.”
- “Archeology in National Survey of Historical Sites and Buildings 1959”
- “Archeological Report J.W. Griffin, Oldest House 1954, Copy 3”
- “Archeology Southeastern U.S. (exclusive of Florida)”
- “Archaic Lifeway 1968”
- “Archaic Sequence Ocmulgee Bottoms 1964”
- “Artifacts from the Addison Blockhouse”
- “Bannerstone from Volusia County”
- “Bear Lake Site 1987”
- “Bibliography of John W. Griffin”
- “Bickel Md, A Leaflet Bickel, Turtle and New Smyrna”
- “Bison in Illinois”
- “Book Reviews 1957”
- “Book Reviews”
- “Book Review 1980’s”
- “Buzzard Culture-Spider Pendant”
- “Cabana Club Project Site, SJ-1, SF 82-2”
- “Captain Sternsby”
- “Chapter of History of St. Augustine, 1983”
- “Comments on Scarry 1985”
- “Commentary (Matthewson and Fairbanks) 1976”
- “Daytona Conference on Florida Archeology, 1947”

**Box 9**

- “Digging up Florida’s Past”
- “Direct Historical Approach, etc.”
- “Early Hunters of Florida”
- “End Products of Historical Sites Archeology, 1958”
- “Everglades”
- “Fiber-Tempered Pottery in Tennessee Valley, 1972”
- “Green Mound, 1948”
- “Griffin - Book Reviews 1970’s”
- “Highlights in History of Florida Archeology”
- “History Along Florida Roads”
- “History and Archeology in Florida”
- “JWG Reports, SAH Society”
- “Jonathan Dickinson, 1951”
- “Melanesia Ethnology”
- “Menendez Story”
- “Micronesia Ethnology”
- “Missions and Mills I, 1950”
- “The Mission of La Florida”
- “New Evidence from the Fisher Site”

**Box 9 (continued)**

- “Nocoroco, 1949”
- “Oldest House, St. Augustine, Florida 1954”
- “Ortona Mound”
- “Pedestal Vessels of Madisonville Site”
- [“Juan Ponce de Leon Began Florida Drama When He Landed in 1513”], 1947
- “Ponce Park Shellheap, 1950”
- “Polynesia Ethnology”
- “A Proposal Program of Research in the History and Archeology of the Cape Canaveral Region, Florida, 1946”
- “Reports on Florida Archeology”
- “Review of Florida Archeology, Milaniah and Fairbanks, 1980”
- “Rough Draft Osoceola, 1966-69”
- “St. Augustine Novel”

**Box 10**

- “St. Augustine in 1882”
- “St. Catherine’s Island (2 papers), 1965”
- “St. Mark’s NWR, 1947”
- “San Juan Del Puerto, 1960”
- “The Seminole War in Coastal Volusia County”
- “SI Article”
- “SHA Denver”
- “SHA Savannah”
- “Spanish Influence in Southeastern Archeology, 1951”
- “Society for Historical Archeology Convention, 1972”
- “Sopa”
- “Southeastern Ethnology, 1961”
- “Starehouse, Manassas, 1960”
- “The Story of the Mounds”
- “A Summary of Florida Archeology, U.S. Congressional Record, 1947”
- “Tampa Bay Archeology, 1981”
- “Test Excavations at the Lake Jackson Site”
- “Timucua Religion, 1987”
- [Transcripts from 10<sup>th</sup> Caddo Conference (Dallas)]
- “Use of Mollusca-Florida Academy”
- “Working Toward Problems in Florida Archeology, 1949”

**Series 4 - Miscellaneous (1940’s – 1980’s) 1 ½ linear ft.**

This series contains miscellaneous manuscripts, field notes, notes, and personal collections predominantly about Florida Archeology.

**Box 10 (continued)**

“Miscellaneous Art”  
“Articles-Archeology”  
“Archeology-Method”  
“Archeology Techniques”

**Box 11**

“Benton Mound”  
“Cartoons”  
“CRM Reprints by Cultural Resources Management, Inc.”  
“DAHRM, Guidelines”  
“DAHRM, Guidelines” (continued)  
“Datum Depths-Wiv 6, Pit A”  
“1881-East Coast Canal”  
“Farrand”  
“Florida Archeology History”  
[Florida Master Site File]  
“Florida Park Service”  
“Four Came Back”  
“GA State Archeology”  
“Griffin Lecture Notes on Upper Mississippi”  
“Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board, 1976 Masterplan”

**Box 12**

“Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board”  
“John W. Griffin”  
“Jupiter Area”  
“Jupiter Area” (continued)  
“Master Site File”  
“Miscellaneous Anthropology”  
“NC Archeology”  
“Parliamentary Procedures, etc.”  
[Personal] **RESTRICTED**  
“Pipe Stems”  
“Profiles, Plans, etc.”  
“St. Augustine Historical Society”  
“SAH’s Museum”  
“Skeleton-St. Augustine”  
“Spanish Florida”  
“South and Southeast Florida 500 BC-Contact”  
“Southern Florida History, Dade County”  
“Stump Pass Geology”  
“UF Press”  
“Various Florida Society Newsletters”  
“Various Florida Society Newsletters” (continued)  
“Wilkinson-De Soto”

**Series 5 - Southeastern Frontiers Inc Project Materials (1984-1992) 1 linear ft.**

This series contains papers, meeting agendas and attendance records, master plans, and notes from the Southeastern Frontiers Inc Project.

**Box 13**

“Admiral Corp., 83”  
“Altane Corp-Palatka, 85”  
“Amelia Island Plantation, 1984”  
“84-3, Ashland Park (PBS and Jernigans)”  
“Camachee Cove, 1989”  
“Daytona Beach”  
“Fatonville”  
“Fernandina Project, SF 82-3”  
“Fernandina”  
“Flagler County, 1987”  
“Flagler County Project, 87”  
“Greenfield Plantation”  
“Historic Property Association”  
“Historical and Archeological Sites, St. John’s County, Florida”  
“Mill Creek Project”  
“Mill Creek Project” (continued)  
[Miscellaneous Map]  
[Miscellaneous Pictures]  
“National Gardens”  
“National Gardens” (continued)  
“SJ-1”

**Box 14**

“Sandhill Point”  
“Spanish Point”  
“Summer Beach, Amelia Island, 84-1”  
“Topography and Transportation in Flagler County, Admiral Corp. Report”  
“Turkey Creek Project”  
“Vilano (Gabriel) 86-1”