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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Harold K. Schneider was an economic anthropologist who specialized in Africa. He began his undergraduate studies at Macalester College, attended Seabury-Western Theological Seminary (1946-48), then returned to Macalester to complete his degree, majoring in sociology with a minor in biology (B.A., 1949). He received his Ph.D. in anthropology from Northwestern University (where he studied with Melville Herskovits) in 1953. Following his fieldwork among the Pokot of Kenya, Schneider accepted a position as instructor of anthropology at Lawrence University (1953-1970). He conducted fieldwork among the Turu of Tanzania in 1959-60, from which he further developed his theories in economic anthropology. He served as the president of the Central States Anthropological Society (1965); as founding president of the Society for Economic Anthropology (1982-84); and as associate editor for *American Ethnologist* (1980-84). In 1970, he joined the faculty of Indiana University, where he remained until his death on May 2, 1987.

## CHRONOLOGY OF THE LIFE OF HAROLD KENNETH SCHNEIDER

1925	Born in Aberdeen, South Dakota, on August 24, 1925
1946-48	Attends Seabury-Western Theological Seminary
1949	Receives his B.A. in sociology from Macalester College
1948	Marries Carol Snyder on September 11, 1948
1951-52	Receives a Fulbright grant to conduct fieldwork among the Pokot (Suk) of Kenya
1953	Receives his Ph.D. in Anthropology from Northwestern University
1953-70	Begins as an Instructor at Lawrence University
1959-60	Receives the National Science Foundation research grant to conduct fieldwork among the Turu of Tanzania
1961	Chairman of the anthropology department at Lawrence University
1965	President of the Central States Anthropological Society
1970	Professor of Anthropology at Indiana University at Bloomington
1980-84	Associate editor for <i>American Ethnologist</i>
1980-82	First president of the Society for Economic Anthropology
1987	Remains employed at Indiana University until his death on May 2.

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- 1981 *The Africans*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall.
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- 1981 The Pastoralist Development Problem. *Journal of Asian and African Studies*. XV (1&2).

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The papers of Harold K. Schneider are primarily comprised of documents relating to his fieldwork in East Africa. One part concerns the Pokot (Suk), a pastoral people of Kenya, among whom Schneider conducted fieldwork in 1951-1952 and about whom he wrote his dissertation. Another part concerns the Turu, a pastoral people of Tanzania, whom Schneider visited in 1959-1960.

The collection includes original fieldnotes, complete copies of expanded typescript versions of the notes, collations of data by subject categories, lexicons and other linguistic material, indexes, maps and a few photographs. Also among the materials are translations of German documents, copies of archival items, and notes from archival research, especially in records of colonial district offices. A small quantity of material concerning Africa in general reflects Schneider's broad interests in Africa and African pastoral economies. There are also a number of sound recordings, mainly recordings of Schneider's own lectures but also including a lecture by historian George Stocking.

There is also an alphabetical file based on personal names that includes correspondence, obituaries and publications. Notable contacts include William R. Bascom, G. Boulogne, John Bucklew, Stephan Borhegyi, E.E. Evans-Pritchard, Father Delbert Ewing, Lloyd A. Fallers, George Fathauer, William N. Fenton, Daryll Forde, Meyer Fortes, H.A. Fosbrooke, Padraic Frucht, Alexander Galloway, James Gibbs, Maurice Godelier, J.R. Good, Melville J. Herskovits, Hubert H. Humphrey, Father Raymond F. Kelly, Edward E. LeClair, Jr., Alan P. Merriam, James Moody, Joseph G. Moore, Leonard Moss, Raoul Narroll, Maxine Nimitz, J. Peristiany, Nathan M. Pusey, Audry I. Richards, Chandler W. Rowe, Aidan W. Southall, Kathleen Stahl, Roy Swanson, Curtis W. Tarr, Sol Tax, and E.H. Winter.

## **EXTENT**

This collection measures 10.3 linear feet.

## SERIES DESCRIPTION AND CONTAINER LIST

### SERIES 1. PERSONAL NAME FILE. 1951-1986. 15 inches.

Some folders include correspondence; others include only material concerning the person. There are an appreciable number of letters from Melville Herskovits and Alan Merriam. Otherwise, there is not a great deal of correspondence with any given person. Dates are approximate. Correspondence relating to the founding of the Society for Economic Anthropology appears in Box 19.

#### Box 1

William R. Bascom	(1954-1981)
G. Boulogne	(1986)
John Bucklew	(1959-1973)
Stephan Borhegyi	(1964-1965)
F.T. Cloak	(1974-1975)
John Church	(1970)
E.E. Evans-Pritchard	(1966)
Ewing, Delbert Fr.	(1957)
Lloyd A. Fallers	(1963-1967)
George Fathauer	(1965)
William N. Fenton	(1969)
Daryll Forde	(1967; 1973)
Meyer Fortes	(1967)
H.A. Fosbrooke	(1951)
Padraic Frucht	(1959)
Alexander Galloway	(1951)
James Gibbs	(1967)
Maurice Godelier	(1971-1975)
J.R. Goody	(1967)
Judith F. Hansen	(1973-1976)

#### Box 2

Melville Jean Herskovits	(1951-1962)
Hubert H. Humphrey	(1967)
Raymond F. Kelly Fr.	(1957-1964)
Edward E. LeClair, Jr.	(1963-1974)
Ioan Lewis	
Walter H. Lippincott, Jr.	
Eduardo Mondlane	
Fr. Philip McNairy	
Margaret Mead	

### Box 3

Alan P. Merriam	(1952-1978)
James Moody	(1966-1970)
Joseph G. Moore	(1967-1968)
Leonard Moss	(1964-1971)
George Murdock	
Martha Myers	
Raoul Narroll	(1976-1978)
Maxine Nimitz	(1972-1974)
Alam Nuristani	
Robert M. O'Neil	(1975-1979)
John Peristiany	(1951)
Mojuir Povolny	(1960-1974)
Nathan M. Pusey	(1953)
Audrey I. Richards (and Aidan W. Southall)	(1951-1965)
Robert Rosenberg	(1971)
Chandler W. Rowe	(1957-1968)
Thomas S. Smith	(1969-1974)
Kathleen Stahl	(1966-1967)
Joseph Lee Sutton	
Roy Swanson	(1956-1970)
Curtis W. Tarr	(1964-1969)
Sol Tax	(1958-1973)
Howard Thelin	(1970-1974)
Ralph Van Roy	
M. Vianney, Sr.	
Angus Ward	
Andrew H. Whiteford	(1966-1971)
E.H. Winter	(1959-1963)

### **SERIES 2. POKOT MATERIAL. 25 inches.**

### Box 4

Typescript field notes

Index to Pokot field notes

Pokot Field Notes Book 1 B1-B101 [includes writings by others]

Juxon Barton (1919). "The Suk: their boundaries, history, customs, and language."

I.W. Flynn, "A short account of the West Suk tribe."

I.W. Flynn (1931). "Memorandum on the customs of the Suk viewed in the light of the clan system."

Colin Maher (1935). "Partial survey of the agricultural resources and potentialities of the West Suk together with notes on the general state of preservation, agriculturally and pastorally, of the area."

Notes from District Commissioner's annual reports, Notes from material of the district medical officer, S.O.V. Hodge, notes on the Turkana  
Record of East African field trip and preparations  
Pokot Field Notes B102-B128; 1169-1188; B129-B156  
Pokot Field Notes 302-398 March 17- April 10, 1952  
Pokot Field Notes 399a-497 April 13-19, 1952  
Pokot Field Notes 1-129  
Pokot Field Notes 130-223  
Pokot Field Notes 224-302a

### **Box 5**

Field notes from April 18- August 15, 1952

Pokot Field Notes 478-671  
Pokot Field Notes 672-722  
Pokot Field Notes 723-831  
Pokot Field Notes 832-1025  
Pokot Field Notes 1026-1168  
Pokot Field Diary- Kenya Field Trip 1951-1952 [collected from other notebooks, 1-162]  
Pokot Field Diary- Kenya Field Trip 1951-1952 [collected from other notebooks, 162-298]  
Pokot Field Notes- Linguistics [two folders]  
Pokot Dictionary

### **Box 6**

Pokot Linguistics, Lexicon [note slips]

### **Box 7**

This box contains Pokot materials relating to his dissertation, which is also found in this box.

Social Structure  
Social Organization  
Drafts  
Clans and communities  
Field notes  
Family and inheritance  
Affines and marriage  
Kinship terminology  
Dissertation- "The Pakot (Suk) of Kenya with Special Reference to the Role of Livestock in Their Subsistence Economy" 1953; Northwestern University [abstract, preface, Pages 1-78]

Dissertation- [Pages 79-169]  
Dissertation- [Pages 170-272]  
Dissertation- [Pages 273-364]  
The Suk, Their Language and Folklore, by Mervyn W.H Beech [a]  
The Suk, Their Language and Folklore, by Mervyn W.H Beech [b]

### **Box 8**

Cup game  
Maps and charts [latter showing social organization; see also oversized]  
Miscellaneous notes  
Nonstatutory chiefs  
West Suk People, Districts  
Economics  
Prose Narrative  
Technology  
Photo-Vocabulary  
West Suk Annual reports, 1956-57

### **Box 9**

Slide Index  
Suk Slides (1:22-407)  
Suk Slides (A ½- A100)  
Suk Slides (C21-D20)  
Suk Slides (B1-C20)  
Suk Slides (D21-BO61)  
Suk Slides (BO61-Mi98)

### **SERIES 3. TURU MATERIAL. 36 inches.**

This series is comprised of notes relating to Schneider's study of the Turu, including some of his original field notebooks. The original entries are often quite cursory; they have been expanded and formalized in the typescript versions. For some of these original notes, however, corresponding materials have not been located in the typescripts. The location of the other original field notebooks is not known. The volume numbers of both the original field notebooks (Box 10) and the typed manuscripts were assigned by the archivist. The first set of typed volumes have been organized by date (Box 12); the second set have been arranged topically (Boxes 13-14).

### **Box 10**

Volume 1. March 5-June 17  
Volume 2. March 29-April 18  
Volume 3. June 25-June 30  
Volume 4. Before May 25-May 24

- Volume 5. June 30-July 9, 1960
- Volume 6. July 11-July 16
- Volume 7. July 18-July 15, 1960
- Volume 8. August 5-August 15, 1960

**Box 11**

Turu Dictionary

**Box 12**

Index to typescript notes on Turu [index cards]

**Box 13**

Comprised of Turu fieldnotes, typescript. Most of the volumes include a few photographs.

- Volume 1. Pages 1-199. June 26-August 13, 1959. Much in the first part of this volume are statistical data and notes from published and unpublished materials. On pages 4-52 is a copy of Hans Cory, "Rimi law and customs."
- Volume 2. Pages 200-399. August 14, October 6, 1959
- Volume 3. Pages 400-499. October 10-November 13, 1959
- Volume 4. Pages 500-699. November 13, 1959-January 5, 1960
- Volume 5. Pages 700-899. January 5-March 12, 1960
- Volume 6. Pages 900-1098. March 14-April 24, 1960

**Box 14**

- Volume 7. Pages 1099-1299. April 27, June 22, 1960
- Volume 8. Pages 1300-1516. June 23-August 16, 1960
- Volume 1. Cosmology and theology
- Volume 1. Habitat
- Volume 1. Tribe and clans, population
- Volume 1. Kinship system
- Volume 1. Interaction systems
- Volume 1. Marriage
- Volume 1. Lineage cooperatives
- Volume 1. Lineage & Physical Settlement
- Volume 1. Governmental—legal
- Volume 1. Introduction—theoretical
- Volume 2. Uriha
- Volume 2. Simon's letters
- Volume 2. Witchcraft
- Volume 2. Famine

Volume 2. Calendar  
Volume 2. Climate and soil types  
Volume 2. Inheritance and succession  
Volume 2. Family and procreation  
Volume 2. History  
Volume 2. Romantic love  
Volume 2. Exchange  
Volume 2. Wealth and production  
Volume 2. Joint rights  
Volume 2. Von Sick "Die Waniaturu"  
Volume 2. Turu Tales

### **Box 15**

#### Turu Notes and Works by Schneider

Bibliography  
Cash-record of expenses  
Miscellaneous materials  
Miscellany: Notes  
Miscellany: Charts and Graphs  
*Economics in an African Society: The Wahi Wanyaturu* [Draft 1, Summer and Fall 1961]

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Olson, Howard S. "Rimi Proverbs" [Papers presented at a meeting of the Rimi Anthropological Association, Singida, November 7, 1960]  
Reche, Otto, "Concerning the ethnography of the drainless region of German East Africa," in *Treatise of the Hamburg Institute for the Colonies*, vol. xvii, set B.  
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Von Sich, Eberhard, "The Waniaturu " [translation with copies of illustrations]  
White Fathers, "The Ulimi or Turu" [typescript copy]

### **Box 16**

Photographic negatives of reference works with catalog [selected pages of district officer's book, "White Father's book," court records] [negatives rolled]

## **Box 16B**

Photographic negatives of reference works with catalog [selected pages of district officer's book, "White Father's book," court records] [negatives in archival preservers comprising 17 folders]

Microfilm Catalogue [2 copies, 2 folders]

## **SERIES 4. OTHER MATERIALS. 17.5 inches.**

This series comprises draft manuscripts, conference presentations, lecture notes, and typescripts of Turu fieldnotes. Correspondence relating to the founding of the Society for Economic Anthropology appears in Box 19.

## **Box 17**

Accident & Order (iv - 275) [4 folders]  
Anthropology African Development Manuscript (1984) [3 folders]  
Anthropology's Contribution to Understanding Development  
Bibliography of Revitalization Movements  
Causes of Human Behavior  
Development and the Pastoralists of East Africa  
Divergence/Convergence  
How to Understand Levi-Strauss

## **Box 18**

Kalenjin Today Project [14 folders]  
Lion-Men of Singida  
Maps of Distribution  
Principles of Development  
Revitalization phenomena [draft]  
Revitalization phenomena [publication]  
Romantic Love Among the Turu  
The Study of Economic Behavior in Pastoral Societies

## **Box 19**

Society for Economic Anthropology [3 folders]  
Society of Economic Anthropology Newsletter

## **Box 20**

Turu typescript notebooks, 2<sup>nd</sup> set, Vol. I-VIII [8 folders]

**SERIES 5. GENERAL AFRICA. 15 inches.**

General reference materials on African society and culture.

**Box 21**

L'uomo [pamphlet]

Locational Profile

*Scientific American* [photocopied article]

Dowling, John H. "The Goodfellows vs. The Dalton Gang: the Assumption of Economic Anthropology" reprinted from *Journal of Anthropological Research* (35) 3, 1979

Basic data on Livestock population

"A chief's guide and Handbook" issue by the Government of Kenya, The Eagle Press: Nairobi, 1949

"Livestock population in Africa." The East African Institute of Social Research, 1950-1955 (booklet)

Comparative charts of African cultures [oversized]

Jacobs, Alan H. "The Traditional Political Organization of the Pastoral Masai." Unpublished D.Phil. thesis, Oxford University, 1965 [microfilm]

**Box 22**

Photographs "The Africans" [portraits, agriculture, children, women, cows, advertising, objects, art], miscellaneous photos, unidentified negatives. [9 folders]

**Box 23**

Reference material (miscellaneous photos) C. Waldemar Werther/ Die Mittleren Hochländer des Nördlichen Deutsch-Ost-Afrika.

**SERIES 6. SOUND RECORDINGS. 15 inches.**

Folder "[Audio ephemera]" consists of loose notes separated from the sound recordings. For more information about the sound recordings, please see the individual catalog records for the recordings at <http://siris-archives.si.edu>.

**Manuscript Folder 24**

[Audio ephemera]

**Audio Cabinets**

SCHNEIDER 1

Afro-American Music (East Africa., West Africa., Congo, New World). Two 7-inch reels. 3 3/4 ips (list included with reels)

SCHNEIDER 2.

H.K. Schneider, lectures for course entitled "Introductory Anthropology" Religion and Ritual. One 5-inch reel. 1 7/8 ips (ca. 70 minutes). 5/14/66.

SCHNEIDER 3

H.K. Schneider, lectures for course entitled "Introductory Anthropology: Kinship and Marriage." One 3.5-inch reel.. 15/16 ips (ca. 70 minutes). 5/7/66

SCHNEIDER 4

H.K. Schneider, lectures for a course entitled "American Society" Integration [of society]. One 5-inch reel. 1 7/8 ips (ca. 70 minutes). 1/24/68.

SCHNEIDER 5

H.K. Schneider, lectures for a course entitled "American Society", Corporations and Informal Organization. One 5-inch reel. 1 7/8 ips (ca. 70 minutes). 2/23/68.

SCHNEIDER 6

Dictation on Turu Art.

SCHNEIDER 7

Emerging Africa in the Light of its Past (slide lecture?)

SCHNEIDER 8

Government and Economics. One 5-inch reel (part). 1 7/8 ips (Government ca. 70 minutes). 2/16/68, & 3/6/68.

SCHNEIDER 9

Law. One 5-inch reel. 1 7/8 ips (ca. 1 hour). 2/15/68

SCHNEIDER 10

National Association of Educational Broadcasters, Ways of Mankind (radio program), prepared under the supervision of W. Goldschmidt. Two 7-inch reels. 1 7/8 ips (program list on box)

SCHNEIDER 11

New Directions in Formal Economic Anthropology: Operationalizing the Method, session at American Anthropological Association meeting, New York, session chaired by Schneider, with speakers John Cole, Matthew Edel, Richard Salisbury, Shepard Forman (commentator), Mannie Nash (commentator), Scott Cook, David Greenwood, Gerald Berthud, Walter Goldschmidt, Leopold Posposil (commentator), and Sutti Ortiz (commentator). Two 7-inch reels. 11/19/71.

SCHNEIDER 12

Race, A Question of Methodology. One 5-inch reel. 1 7/8 ips (ca. 70 minutes). 1/15/68.

SCHNEIDER 13

Revolution and Revitalization (not heard; recorded at 15/16 ips). Two 7-inch reels

SCHNEIDER 14

Ritual. One 5-inch reel. 1 7/8. Also one cassette containing a portion of the lecture concerning Turu customs and continuing it (stops abruptly). 2/23/68.

SCHNEIDER 15

Socio-linguistics. One 5-inch reel. 1 7/8 ips, (ca. 70 minutes). 5/21/66

SCHNEIDER 16

Technology and the Dispersion of Mankind. One 5-inch reel. 1 7/8 ips (ca. 70 minutes); 1/24/68.

SCHNEIDER 17

Tribal, folk and cafe music of West Africa. One 7-inch reel. 3 3/4 ips (list included with reel)

SCHNEIDER 18

George Stocking lecture on the history of British anthropology. 3.5-inch reel. 1 7/8. 3/10/71.

SCHNEIDER 19

Unidentified sound tape recording

SCHNEIDER 20

Unidentified sound tape recording

SCHNEIDER 21

Unidentified sound tape recording

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