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John Hadley Cox Archaeological Study Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives
Title:	John Hadley Cox Archaeological Study Collection
Date:	circa 1936-1939
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Creator:	Cox, John Hadley, 1913-2005
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Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Image(s): John Hadley Cox Archaeological Study Collection

Administrative Information

Provenance

Photographs donated by John Hadley Cox, 1991. Film donated by John Hadley Cox, 1992.

Citation

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Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical / Historical

John Hadley Cox (b. 1913) was a collector of Chinese archaeological ceramic, pottery and bronze vessels, predominantly from the Ch'angsha region of Hunan Province, South Central China. Upon graduating from Yale University in 1935, he spent two years teaching at Yale University's Yale-in-China program in Changsha. In 1991, Mr. Cox also donated 106 potsherds of Thai, Cambodian, Vietnamese and Chinese origin to the Freer Gallery Study Collection. Mr. Cox also left numerous items of his collection to the art gallery of his alma mater.

Scope and Contents

Lantern slides taken in the mid to late 1930s pertaining to objects in Mr. Cox's collection, namely ceramics, bronzes, lacquer, and figures found at archaeological sites in Changsha, Hunan province of China, dating primarily from the

Zhou and Han Dynasties and from the Warring States period. Also includes lantern slides and glass plate negatives of the Chu silk manuscripts and a 16mm film (and beta cam copy) of the 1935 Dragon Boat Festival at Changsha.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 18 series: :

- Series 1: Tombs & grave at Changsha (Hunan Province), 1936-1937
- Series 2: Changsha Exhibition (Yale, 1939)
- Series 3: Objects from the same Chu Tomb, Changsha
- Series 4: Bronze vessels
- Series 5: Bronze objects
- Series 6: Bronze mirrors
- Series 7: Bronze object
- Series 8: Chu pottery
- Series 9: Han and later ceramics
- Series 10: Chu wooden "Zhenmushou"
- Series 11: Chu wooden burial figures
- Series 12: Other Chu wooden pieces
- Series 13: Chu lacquer pieces
- Series 14: Lacquer pattern
- Series 15: Others
- Series 16: Chu silk manuscript
- Series 17: Unidentified Slides
- Series 18: Dragon Boat Festival Film

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Archaeology -- China -- Antiquities
Bronzes, Chinese
Ceramics -- China
Lacquer and lacquering -- China
Pottery -- China

Types of Materials:

Lantern slides

Places:

Changsha (Hunan Sheng, China)
China -- Hunan Province -- Changsha

Container Listing

Series 1: Excavation Site at Ch'ang-sha Yale-in-China, 1936-1937

Scope and Contents: Box 1 series 1 containing 10 photo slides depicting Yale-in-China program at an excavation site in Changsha, China.

Box 1, Folder 1	1.1 Ch'ang-sha (Hunan Province) Grave Site Excavation
Box 1, Folder 2	1.2 Ch'ang-sha (Hunan Province) Men at Grave Site
Box 1, Folder 3	1.3 Ch'ang-sha (Hunan Province) Tombs ("Dongshi" Type)
Box 1, Folder 4	1.4 Ch'ang-sha (Hunan Province) Man at Tomb Opening
Box 1, Folder 5	1.5 Ch'ang-sha (Hunan Province) Tombs ("Dongshi" Type); Man in Foreground
Box 1, Folder 6	1.6 Ch'ang-sha (Hunan Province) Man (Mr. Earth?) at Site
Box 1, Folder 7	1.7 Ch'ang-sha (Hunan Province) Excavated Tomb ("Tukeng" Type)
Box 1, Folder 8	1.8 Ch'ang-sha (Hunan Province) Tomb ("Muguo" Type)
Box 1, Folder 9	1.9 Ch'ang-sha (Hunan Province) Tomb ("Muguo" Type)
Box 1, Folder 10	1.10 Ch'ang-sha (Hunan Province) Tomb ("Muguo" Type), Probably the Chu Tomb of Xiao-Wumen Excavated in 1936

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Series 2: Ch'ang-sha Exhibition (Yale 1939)

Scope and Contents: Box 1 series 2 containing 10 photo slides depicting the Changsha exhibition at Yale University in 1939.

Box 1, Folder 11	2.1 Ch'ang-sha Exhibition (Yale 1939), Rear: TER Case 6: Wood Figure 8; Front: TER Case 2: Bronze Mirror 22
Box 1, Folder 12	2.2 Ch'ang-sha Exhibition (Yale 1939), TER Case 3: 13 Pieces of Bronze, Excavated from XiaoWumien Chu Tomb
Box 1, Folder 13	2.3 Ch'ang-sha Exhibition (Yale 1939), TER Case 4: Replaced Case 2, Miscellaneous: Bronze Coins + Ceramics
Box 1, Folder 14	2.4 Ch'ang-sha Exhibition (Yale 1939), TER Case 9: Carved Talc
Box 1, Folder 15	2.5 Ch'ang-sha Exhibition (Yale 1939), CR Cases 2, 3, 4, + 8. Photographs on Wall, Views of Gougong palace
Box 1, Folder 16	2.6 Ch'ang-sha Exhibition (Yale 1939), CR Cases 4, 5, 6, + 8
Box 1, Folder 17	2.7 Ch'ang-sha Exhibition (Yale 1939), CR Case 2: Ceramics + Wood Sculpture
Box 1, Folder 18	2.8 Ch'ang-Sha Exhibition (Yale 1939), CR Case 3: Ceramics, Musical Instruments, Scales, Etc.
Box 1, Folder 19	2.9 Ch'ang-sha Exhibition (Yale 1939), CR Case 5: Ceramics, Mirrors, Etc.
Box 1, Folder 20	2.10 Ch'ang-sha Exhibition (Yale 1939), CR Case 6: Ceramics

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Series 3: Objects from Same Chu Tomb, Ch'ang-sha (Hunan Province)

Scope and Contents: Box 1 series 3 containing 8 photo slides depicting objects from Chu Tomb, Changsha, China.

Box 1, Folder 21	3.1 Objects from Same Chu Tomb, Ch'ang-sha, Cover of Bronze Vessel
Box 1, Folder 22	3.2 Objects from Same Chu Tomb, Ch'ang-sha, Bronze Duck (Left View) [Caution: Cracked Glass]
Box 1, Folder 23	3.3 Objects from Same Chu Tomb, Ch'ang-sha, Bronze Duck (Frontal View)
Box 1, Folder 24	3.4 Objects from Same Chu Tomb, Ch'ang-sha, Bronze Duck (Right View)
Box 1, Folder 25	3.5 Objects from Same Chu Tomb, Ch'ang-sha, Pair of Chariot Hub-Caps
Box 1, Folder 26	3.6 Objects from Same Chu Tomb, Ch'ang-sha, Pair of Ring Handles Decorated with Monster Masks
Box 1, Folder 27	3.7 Objects from Same Chu Tomb, Ch'ang-sha, Wood Tiger [Caution: Cracked Glass]
Box 1, Folder 28	3.8 Objects from Same Chu Tomb, Ch'ang-sha, Wood Tiger (Pair with 3.7?)

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Series 4: Bronze Vessels, Ch'ang-sha

Scope and Contents: Box 1 series 4 containing 2 photo slides depicting bronze vessels from Changsha, China.

Box 1, Folder 29	4.1 Bronze Vessels, Ch'ang-sha, HU (Early Warring State?) Also Numbered No. 12?
Box 1, Folder 30	4.2 Bronze Vessels, Chang-sha Ding (Late Warring State?), Tripod Bronze? No. 19

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Series 5: Bronze Objects, Ch'ang-sha

Scope and Contents: Box 1 series 5 containing 5 photo slides depicting bronze objects from Changsha, China.

Box 1, Folder 31 5.1

Box 1, Folder 32 5.2

Box 1, Folder 33 5.3

Box 1, Folder 34 5.4

Box 1, Folder 35 5.5

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Series 6: Bronze Mirrors, Ch'ang-sha

Box 1, Folder 36 6.1

Box 1, Folder 37 6.2

Box 1, Folder 38 6.3

Box 1, Folder 39 6.4

Box 1, Folder 40 6.5

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Series 7: Bronze Object, Ch'ang-sha

Box 1, Folder 41 7.1

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Series 8: Chu Pottery

Box 1, Folder 42 8.1

Box 1, Folder 43 8.2

Box 1, Folder 44 8.3

Box 1, Folder 45 8.4

Box 1, Folder 46 8.5

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Series 9: Han and Later Ceramics

Box 1, Folder 47	9.1
Box 1, Folder 48	9.2
Box 1, Folder 49	9.3
Box 1, Folder 50	9.4
Box 1, Folder 51	9.5
Box 1, Folder 52	9.6
Box 1, Folder 53	9.7
Box 1, Folder 54	9.8
Box 1, Folder 55	9.9
Box 1, Folder 56	9.10
Box 1, Folder 57	9.11
Box 1, Folder 58	9.12
Box 1, Folder 59	9.13
Box 1, Folder 60	9.14

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Series 10: Chu Wooden "Zhen Mu Shou"

Box 2, Folder 1	10.1 Chu Wooden "Zhen Mu Shoe" Double Head
Box 2, Folder 2	10.2 Chu Wooden "Zhen Mu Shou" Double Head
Box 2, Folder 3	10.3 Chu Wooden "Zhen Mu Shou" Double Head
Box 2, Folder 4	10.4 Chu Wooden "Zhen Mu Shou" Double Head
Box 2, Folder 5	10.5 Chu Wooden "Zhen Mu Shou" Double Head
Box 2, Folder 6	10.6
Box 2, Folder 7	10.7

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Series 11: Chu Wooden Burial Figures

Box 2, Folder 8	11.1
Box 2, Folder 9	11.2
Box 2, Folder 10	11.3
Box 2, Folder 11	11.4
Box 2, Folder 12	11.5

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Series 12: Other Chu Wooden Pieces

Box 2, Folder 13	12.1
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Box 2, Folder 14	12.2
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Series 13: Chu Lacquer and Pieces

Box 2, Folder 15	13.1
Box 2, Folder 16	13.2
Box 2, Folder 17	13.3
Box 2, Folder 18	13.4
Box 2, Folder 19	13.5
Box 2, Folder 20	13.6
Box 2, Folder 21	13.7
Box 2, Folder 22	13.8
Box 2, Folder 23	13.9

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Series 14: Lacquer Pattern

Box 2, Folder 24	14.1
Box 2, Folder 25	14.2
Box 2, Folder 26	14.3
Box 2, Folder 27	14.4
Box 2, Folder 28	14.5
Box 2, Folder 29	14.6
Box 2, Folder 30	14.7
Box 2, Folder 31	14.8

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Series 15: Others

Box 2, Folder 32	15.1 Jade
Box 2, Folder 33	15.2 Seal
Box 2, Folder 34	15.3 Map

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Series 16: Chu Silk Manuscript

Box 2, Folder 35	16.1
Box 2, Folder 36	16.2
Box 2, Folder 37	16.3
Box 2, Folder 38	16.4
Box 2, Folder 39	16.5
Box 2, Folder 40	16.6
Box 2, Folder 41	16.7
Box 2, Folder 42	16.8
Box 2, Folder 43	16.9
Box 3, Folder 1	Chu Silk Mss. Neg. No. 1
Box 4, Folder 1	Chu Silk Mss. Neg. No. 2
Box 3, Folder 2	Chu Silk Mss. "Reversed Neg." Neg. No. 3
Box 4, Folder 2	Chu Silk Mss. (Extra Neg.) Neg. No. 4
Box 3, Folder 3	Chu Silk Mss. Neg. No. 5
Box 3, Folder 4	Chu Silk Mss. Neg. No. 6
Box 3, Folder 5	Chu Silk Mss. "Reversed Negative" Neg. No. 7
Box 3, Folder 6	Chu Silk Mss. Neg. No. 8
Box 3, Folder 7	Chu Silk Mss. Neg. No. 9 [Small Crack]
Box 3, Folder 8	Chu Silk Mss. "Reversed Negative" Neg. No. 10
Box 3, Folder 9	Chu Silk Mss. Neg. No. 11
Box 3, Folder 10	Chu Silk Mss. Neg. No. 12

Box 4, Folder 3

Chu Silk Mss. "Reversed Negative H728B" Neg. No. 13

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Series 17: Unidentified Negatives

Box 5, Folder 1	[untitled], undated
Box 5, Folder 2	[untitled], undated
Box 5, Folder 3	[untitled], undated
Box 5, Folder 4	[untitled], undated
Box 5, Folder 5	[untitled], undated
Box 5, Folder 6	[untitled], undated
Box 5, Folder 7	[untitled], undated
Box 5, Folder 8	[untitled], undated
Box 5, Folder 9	[untitled], undated
Box 5, Folder 10	[untitled], undated
Box 5, Folder 11	[untitled], undated
Box 5, Folder 12	[untitled], undated
Box 5, Folder 13	[untitled], undated
Box 5, Folder 14	[untitled], undated
Box 5, Folder 15	[untitled], undated

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Series 18: Dragon Boat Festival Film, circa 1935-1936

Box 6

Scope and Contents: Includes 16mm original film and Betacam duplicate.

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