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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Repository:</b>      | Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives |
| <b>Title:</b>           | The Archibald Wenley Papers                                 |
| <b>Identifier:</b>      | FSA.A1996.05  |
| <b>Date:</b>            | 1924-1926   |
| <b>Extent:</b>          | 3 Boxes   |
| <b>Creator:</b>         | Wenley, A. G. (Archibald Gibson), 1898-1962                 |
| <b>Language:</b>        | English   |
| <b>Digital Content:</b> | <a href="#">Image(s): The Archibald Wenley Papers</a>       |

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## Administrative Information

### Citation

The Archibald Wenley Papers, Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives.  
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

### Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Archibald Wenley worked for the Freer Gallery of Art from 1924 until his death in 1962. From 1942 to 1962 he was the Director of the Freer Gallery of Art.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the field journals and maps created by A.G. Wenley when he accompanied Carl Whiting Bishop on his archaeological expedition to China on behalf of the Freer Gallery from 1924-1926. The journals are typewritten, with photographs and captions depicting the different sites Wenley visited. There are also duplicate copies with annotations on several of the entries.

## Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 2 series: Series 1: Journals, 1924-1926, bulk 1924-1925, Series 2: Maps, no date

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## Local Numbers

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Archaeological expeditions  
Archaeology

Types of Materials:

Field notes  
Maps  
Photographs

Names:

Bishop, Carl Whiting, 1881-1942  
Wenley, A. G. (Archibald Gibson), 1898-1962

Geographic Names:

Beidaihe (China)  
China  
Yun'gang Caves (China)

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## Container Listing

### Series FSA A1996.05 1: Archibald Gibson Wenley Papers, Series 1: Journals, 1924-1926, bulk 1924-1925

#### [Image\(s\)](#)

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Names: Bishop, Carl Whiting, 1881-1942  
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Topic: Archaeological expeditions  
Archaeology

Place: China

Genre/Form: Field notes  
Photographs

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Topic: Archaeological expeditions

Archaeology  
Place: China  
Genre/Form: Field notes  
Photographs

FSA A1996.05 1.02: Archaeology, Tombs. March 1924  
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Topic: Archaeological expeditions  
Archaeology  
Place: China  
Genre/Form: Field notes  
Photographs

FSA A1996.05 1.03: Notes and Records of Yu Ho Chen Trip, May 21-June 8, 1924  
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Archaeology

Place: China

Genre/Form: Field notes  
Photographs

FSA A1996.05 1.04: Notes on Site at Light House Point, Peitaiho. August 1924  
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Topic: Archaeological expeditions  
Archaeology

Place: Beidaihe (China)  
China

Genre/Form: Field notes  
Photographs

FSA A1996.05 1.05: Tatungfu and Yun Kang Trip April 13th-April 22nd, 1925  
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Topic: Archaeological expeditions  
Archaeology

Place: China  
Yun'gang Caves (China)

Genre/Form: Field notes  
Photographs

FSA A1996.05 1.06: Trip to Peitaiho, April 28th, 29th, 30th, 1925 [2 copies]  
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Topic: Archaeological expeditions  
Archaeology

Place: Beidaihe (China)  
China

Genre/Form: Field notes  
Photographs

FSA A1996.05 1.07: Trip to the Hsi Ling, May 30th-June 1st, 1925 [2 copies]



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Topic: Archaeological expeditions  
Archaeology

Place: China

Genre/Form: Field notes  
Photographs

FSA A1996.05 1.08: Information Acquired from the Site at Light House Point, Peitaiho, July - August, 1925 [2 copies]

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Archaeology

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China

Genre/Form: Field notes  
Photographs

FSA A1996.05 1.09: Notes on Trip to Yun Kang and Fang Shan, Shansi  
Province, China, September and October 1925  
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Archaeology

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