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Li Chi Reports

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Li Chi Reports
<b>Identifier:</b>	FSA.A2003.10
<b>Date:</b>	1926-1931
<b>Creator:</b>	Li, Ji, 1896-1979
<b>Extent:</b>	3 Boxes
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Li Chi Reports</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Transferred from the Library in 2003.

### Citation

The Li Chi Reports, 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

Li Chi was born in 1896 in Hubei Province, China. He received his Ph.D. in anthropology from Harvard in 1923. He was a member of Carl Whiting Bishop's archaeological team during Freer Gallery sponsored expeditions to China from 1926 to 1929. His later activities were funded both by the Freer Gallery and Academia Sinica. His chief contribution to archaeology was the systematic excavation of Anyang, and the establishment of the historical authenticity of the Shang dynasty. After the Japanese invasion and the fall of the Mainland to the Communists, Li fled to Taiwan where he was head of anthropology and archaeology at the National University.

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## Scope and Contents

Li Chi was a prominent Chinese archaeologist, trained in the United States and one of the first Chinese archaeologists to conduct and teach scientific archaeology in China. This collection contains the manuscripts of the reports Li Chi prepared for the Freer Gallery when he was a member of the archaeological expeditions in China sponsored by the Freer Gallery of Art and headed by Carl Whiting Bishop during the years 1926 to 1929. The Li Chi Reports describe the expedition's findings at various Chinese archaeological sites, including

Hsi-yin-ts'un which details an archaeological dig co-sponsored by the Freer Gallery of Art and the Tsing Hua Research Institute and the 1928-1929 excavation at Yin-Hsu.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged into 2 series: Series 1: Report Manuscripts, 1926-1931, Series 2: Rubbings, Photographs and Maps, 1926-1929

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## Local Numbers

FSA A2003.10

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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:

Maps  
Photographs  
Reports

### Names:

Bishop, Carl Whiting, 1881-1942  
Li, Ji, 1896-1979

### Places:

China

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## Container Listing

FSA A2003.10 1: [Report of an Archaeological Trip to the Lower Part of the Feng River Valley Taken between February 6 and April 12, 1926. With 1 map, 11 Plates and 59 Figures \[some plates and figures missing\]](#)

5 Folders

Creator: Li, Ji, 1896-1979

Language: English.

Notes: FSA A2003.10 1

This manuscript is part of the Li Ji Reports, Series 1: Report Manuscripts, 1926-1931.

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Li Chi was a member of Carl Whiting Bishop's archaeological team during a Freer-Gallery sponsored expeditions to China from 1926 to 1929.

Names: Li, Ji, 1896-1979

Bishop, Carl Whiting, 1881-1942

Topic: Archaeology

Archaeological expeditions

Place: China

Genre/Form: Reports

Photographs

FSA A2003.10 2: [Report of digging a Pre-historical Site at Hsi-yin-ts'un, 4p. Jan 7, 1927](#)

1 Folder

Creator: Li, Ji, 1896-1979

Language: English.

Notes: FSA A2003.10 2

This manuscript is part of the Li Ji Reports, 1926-1931.

Series 2: Li Chi was a prominent Chinese archaeologist, trained in the United States and one of the first Chinese archaeologists to conduct and teach scientific archaeology in China. This collection contains the manuscripts of the reports Li Chi prepared for the Freer Gallery when he was a member of the archaeological expeditions in China sponsored by the Freer Gallery of Art and headed by Carl Whiting Bishop during the years 1926 to 1929. This specific manuscript describes Li Ji's initial notes regarding the excavations at Hsi-yin-ts'un.

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Topic: Archaeology  
Archaeological expeditions  
Place: China  
Genre/Form: Reports  
Photographs  
Maps

FSA A2003.10 2.1: [The Pre-historic Remains at Hsi-yin Ts'un, A Preliminary Report](#)

3 Folders

Creator: Li, Ji, 1896-1979  
Language: English.  
Notes: FSA A2003.10 2.1

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Archaeological expeditions  
Place: China  
Genre/Form: Reports

FSA A2003.10 3: [\[Yin-Hsü Trip, 1928-1929\]](#)

8 Folders

Creator: Li, Ji, 1896-1979  
Language: English.  
Notes: FSA A2003.10 3

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Bishop, Carl Whiting, 1881-1942  
Topic: Archaeology  
Archaeological expeditions  
Place: Yinxu (Extinct city)  
China  
Genre/Form: Reports  
Photographs

FSA A2003.10 4.1: [Preliminary Notes on Potteries from Hsiao-T'un-T'sun, ca.1929](#)

1 Folder

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Language: English.

Notes: FSA A2003.10 4.1

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Topic: Archaeology  
Archaeological expeditions  
Place: China  
Genre/Form: Reports  
Photographs

FSA A2003.10 4.2: [Preliminary Observations on the Nature of the Deposit of the Ying-Shang Site at Hsiao-T'un-Ts'un, Anyang, Honan, ca.1931](#)

1 Folder

Creator: Li, Ji, 1896-1979

Language: English.

Notes: FSA A2003.10 4.2

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archaeological expeditions in China sponsored by the Freer Gallery of Art and headed by Carl Whiting Bishop during the years 1926 to 1929. This specific manuscript describes Li Ji's report on the nature of the deposit at the Ying-Shang site.

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Bishop, Carl Whiting, 1881-1942

Topic: Archaeology  
Archaeological expeditions

Place: Yinxu (Extinct city)  
China

Genre/Form: Reports  
Photographs  
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