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Guide to the Ralph S. and Rose L. Solecki
papers, 1904-2017 (bulk 1950-1999)

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Ralph S. and Rose L. Solecki papers
Identifier:	NAA.2016-29
Date:	1904-2017 (bulk 1951-1999)
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Creator:	Solecki, Ralph S. Solecki, Rose L.
Language:	Collection is primarily in English. Some files are in French, German, Kurdish, Arabic, Polish, and Russian.
Summary:	The papers of Ralph S. and Rose L. Solecki, 1904-2017 (bulk 1951-1999) primarily document their archaeological excavations and subsequent analysis of Near East sites including Shanidar Cave and Zawi Chemi Shanidar in northern Iraq; Yabroud, Syria; and Nahr Ibrahim and El Masloukh, Lebanon primarily during the 1950s-1980s. The papers also include their work at other sites throughout the Near East and North America and files relating to the professional careers at the Smithsonian Institution, Columbia University, and Texas A and M University. The collection consists of field notes, data and analysis, manuscript drafts, publications, correspondence, illustrations and maps, photographic prints, negatives, slides, and recorded film.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Ralph S. and Rose L. Solecki papers

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

These papers were donated to the National Anthropological Archives by Ralph and Rose Solecki and their sons, John and William, in 2016, 2018, and 2019.

Related Materials

The Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History's Department of Anthropology contains archaeological and ethnographic collections relating to the work of Ralph and Rose Solecki including accession numbers 202536, 209544, 217009, 220078, 220920, 224956, 232170, 242336, 249217, 356696.

Accession 220078 contains archaeological and archaeobiological material excavated by Ralph and Rose Solecki at Shanidar Cave and Zawi Chemi Shanidar. An accretion transferred in 2016 was cataloged as part of the Ralph S. and Rose L. Solecki Papers and Artifacts Project (2017-2019) and cross-references excavation and artifact analysis within the Solecki papers.

Processing Information

The collection arrived at the National Anthropological Archives in two primary deposits. The first accession was stored at the Soleckis' home in South Orange, NJ and at Columbia University and then transferred to the NAA in 2016. These materials were primarily arranged by archaeological site or affiliated institution. The second accretion of materials was stored at the Soleckis' home, transferred in 2018, and were similarly arranged by site or institution in which the files were affiliated. The archivist has maintained this arrangement. Original folder titles have also been maintained. Weeding of materials was undertaken to remove duplicate material. Material was either transferred to the John Wesley Powell Library of Anthropology or destroyed. In Series 5: Research and Teaching Files, only the material that was annotated or rare/unpublished was retained.

Molly Kamph processed and encoded series 1 and some of 3 from 2017-2019. Material still in process has been rehoused but remains to be arranged and described.

MS 7091 has been relocated into the Ralph S. and Rose L. Solecki papers. MS 4348, MS 4358, MS 4613, MS 92-10, MS 92-35, and PL 77 are in process to be incorporated into the papers.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Ralph S. Solecki (1917-2019) and Rose L. Solecki (b. 1925) are archaeologists that worked in the Near East at Shanidar Cave and Zawi Chemi Shanidar in northern Iraq (1951-1960); Yabroud, Syria (1963-1965, 1981, 1987); and Nahr Ibrahim and El Masloukh in Lebanon (1969-1973). Ralph Solecki also conducted archaeological field work in North America at sites in Nebraska, Alaska, and New York as well as with the Smithsonian Institution's River Basin Surveys. From 1958-1988, Ralph Solecki was a professor of anthropology at Columbia University. The Soleckis became adjunct faculty at Texas A&M University.

Stefan Ralph Solecki was born on October 15th, 1917 in Brooklyn, New York. After graduating from Newtown High School in 1936, he attended the City College of New York from 1936-1941 and received a B.S. in Geology in 1942. Solecki then served in the US Army and fought in World War II. He was discharged in 1945. In 1946, Solecki enrolled at Columbia University to study Anthropology, and he received a M.A. degree in 1950. During this time, Solecki worked for the River Basin Surveys at the Smithsonian Institution. He also accompanied a geological survey to northern Alaska in 1949. In 1951, he became an associate curator of archaeology at the Smithsonian Institution. In that same year, he traveled to Iraq to survey prehistoric sites and began Season I of excavation at Shanidar Cave. Solecki then received a Fulbright fellowship to return to Iraq in 1953-1954 to continue excavations at Shanidar Cave (Season II) and conduct research at the Iraq Museum in Baghdad. In 1958, he received his PhD in Anthropology from Columbia University and accepted a faculty position within the Department of Anthropology at Columbia University. Following the final two seasons of excavation at Shanidar Cave (see below for details on Season III and IV), Solecki led a number of Columbia University expeditions to various locations around the Middle East, Africa, and Europe. He also spent three seasons (1963-1964, 1981,

1987) surveying and excavating the site of Yabroud in Syria and three field seasons excavating the sites of Nahr Ibrahim (1969, 1970, 1973) and El Masloukh (1969) in Lebanon. Solecki retired from Columbia University in 1988.

Rose Muriel (née Lilien) Solecki was born on November 18th, 1925 in New York City, New York. She completed her undergraduate studies in Anthropology from Hunter College in 1945, and she went on to receive her M.A. and PhD degrees in Anthropology from Columbia University. While at Columbia, she studied under William Duncan Strong and joined Strong's excavations in Peru from 1952-1953. Rose Solecki acted as a research associate within the Department of Anthropology at Columbia University until Ralph Solecki's retirement in 1988.

Ralph and Rose met at Columbia University as students and married in 1955. In 1956-1957, both Ralph and Rose Solecki travelled to Iraq, where Ralph conducted a third season of excavation at Shanidar Cave and Rose excavated the nearby Zawi Chemi Shanidar village site. In 1960, the Soleckis returned for a fourth and final field season of excavation at Shanidar Cave and Zawi Chemi Shanidar, where they were accompanied by Smithsonian Institution curator of Physical Anthropology, T. Dale Stewart. Ralph and Rose Solecki both held positions at Columbia University until Ralph's retirement in 1988. In 1990, Ralph and Rose served as adjunct professors at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. In 2000, they left Texas A&M University and moved to South Orange, New Jersey.

Ralph Solecki died in Livingston, New Jersey on March 20, 2019.

Chronology of the Life of Ralph S. Solecki

<i>1917 October 15</i>	Born in Brooklyn, New York, USA
<i>1942</i>	B.S. in Geology from City College of New York
<i>1942-1945</i>	Served in the United States Army during World War II
<i>1948</i>	Started working with the Smithsonian Institution's River Basin Surveys
<i>1948-1949</i>	Accompanied a United States Geological Survey party to the upper Kokpowruk and Kokolik rivers at the Brooks Range in northwestern Alaska
<i>1950</i>	M.A. in Anthropology from Columbia University
<i>1951</i>	First field season at Shanidar Cave, Iraq
<i>1953-1954</i>	Fulbright fellowship to conduct fieldwork in Iraq Second field season at Shanidar Cave, Iraq Shanidar Child skeleton discovered
<i>1955</i>	Married Rose M. Lilien
<i>1956-1957</i>	Third field season at Shanidar Cave, Iraq Shanidar I, II, and III skeletons discovered
<i>1958</i>	Appointed Associate Curator of Archaeology at the Smithsonian Institution PhD in Anthropology from Columbia University Accepted post at Columbia University as Associate Professor of Anthropology
<i>1960</i>	Fourth field season at Shanidar Cave Shanidar IV, V, VI, VII (or IV-VII), and VIII skeletons discovered

1961-1962	Columbia University Nubian Expedition to Sudan
1963	Columbia University Near East (C.U.N.E.) Expedition to Seberde, Turkey and Yabroud, Syria
1964-1965	Columbia University Near East (C.U.N.E.) Expedition to Yabroud, Syria
1969-1973	Three field seasons at Nahr Ibrahim and El Masloukh, Lebanon
1971	Authored <i>Shanidar: The First Flower People</i>
1981	Archaeological survey at Yabroud, Syria
1987-1988	Field season at Yabroud, Syria
1988	Retired from Columbia University
1990-2000	Served as Adjunct Professor of Anthropology at Texas A&M University
2004	Coauthored <i>The Proto-Neolithic Cemetery in Shanidar Cave</i> with Rose L. Solecki and Anagnostis Agelarakis
2019 March 20	Died in Livingston, New Jersey

Chronology of the Life of Rose L. Solecki

1925 November 18	Born in New York City, New York
circa 1945	B.S. in Anthropology at Hunter College
1946	Enrolled at Columbia University
1952-1953	Field season in Peru under William Duncan Strong
1956	PhD from Columbia University
1956-1957	Field season at Zawi Chemi Shanidar, Iraq
1960	Field season at Zawi Chemi Shanidar, Iraq
1990-2000	Served as Adjunct Professor of Anthropology at Texas A&M University
2004	Coauthored <i>The Proto-Neolithic Cemetery in Shanidar Cave</i> with Ralph S. Solecki and Anagnostis P. Agelarakis

Scope and Contents

The papers of Ralph S. and Rose L. Solecki document their archaeological excavations and subsequent analysis of Near East sites including Shanidar Cave and Zawi Chemi Shanidar in northern Iraq; Yabroud, Syria; Nahr Ibrahim and El Masloukh, Lebanon primarily during the 1950s-1980s. The papers also reflect their academic careers as students and faculty at Columbia University, staff at the Smithsonian Institution, and adjunct faculty at Texas A&M University.

The bulk of the collection consists of materials relating to the Soleckis' archaeological excavations at Shanidar Cave and Zawi Chemi Shanidar in northern Iraq (1951-1960); Yabroud, Syria (1963-1965, 1981, 1987-1988); Nahr Ibrahim and El Masloukh, Lebanon (1969-1973). These materials include field notebooks, excavation catalogs, research notes, data analysis, manuscript drafts, publications, correspondence, illustrations, maps, photographs, slides, sound recordings, and film. Similar materials from other expeditions and projects include aerial photography projects in the 1950s-1960s; expeditions to Alaska in 1949 and 1961; expeditions to Sudan, Iran, and Turkey through the Columbia University

Near East expeditions (or C.U.N.E.) throughout the 1960s-1970s; and various archaeological projects elsewhere in North America such as Ralph's work with the River Basin Surveys in the 1940s-1950s, New York, and elsewhere in the eastern United States, contain similar materials.

The papers also contain research and teaching files in the form of annotated publications, course materials, student theses, and other files from their time as students and faculty at Columbia University, staff at the Smithsonian Institution, and adjunct faculty at Texas A&M University. Correspondence and administrative files such as grant applications, daybooks, and departmental forms and files from their professional careers are also within the collection. Personal files, while sparse, are also represented.

Arrangement

The Ralph S. and Rose L. Solecki papers are divided into 7 series:

- Series 1: Shanidar Cave and Zawi Chemi Shanidar, Iraq, 1947-2017 (bulk 1951-1990)
- Series 2: Yabroud, Syria, 1964-1992 (bulk 1960s-1980s)
- Series 3: Nahr Ibrahim and El Masloukh, Lebanon, 1968-1998 (bulk 1969-1973)
- Series 4: Other Expeditions and Projects
- Series 5: Research and Teaching Files
- Series 6: Correspondence and Administrative Files
- Series 7: Personal Files

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Shanidar: The humanity of Neanderthal man. New York: Penguin Press, 1972.

The proto-neolithic cemetery in Shanidar Cave. College Station, TX: Texas A&M University Press, 2004

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Archaeologists
Archaeology -- Iraq
Early man -- Neanderthal
Excavations (Archaeology)
Human evolution

Occupations:

Women archaeologists

Geographic Names:

Shanidar Cave (Iraq)

Container Listing

Series 1: Shanidar Cave and Zawi Chemi Shanidar, Iraq, 1947-2017 (bulk 1951-1990)

Multiple languages.

This series comprises materials relating to Ralph and Rose Solecki's excavations at Shanidar Cave and Zawi Chemi Shanidar sites from 1951-1960 as well as subsequent analyses. The analytical and administrative files relating to the excavations date between 1951 and 2017 with the bulk dating from 1951-1990.

Included are field notebooks of the Soleckis and their students, field and artifact catalogs, field and artifact data cards, research files, drafts and manuscripts, publications, correspondence, maps of the sites and geographical region in Iraq, illustrations of artifacts and site sequencing, and photographs and slides of Shanidar Cave, Zawi Chemi Shanidar, and other locations in Iraq.

Series 1 is divided into 8 subseries: (1.1) Season I-IV Excavation Field Notebooks, Excavation Catalogs, and Notes, 1951-1963; (1.2) Field and Artifact Data Cards, 1951-1998; (1.3) Excavation and Artifact Analysis, 1951-2017; (1.4) Writings and Publications, 1951-2012; (1.5) Correspondence and Administrative files, 1947-2011; (1.6) Illustrations and Maps, 1951-2003; (1.7) Photographs and Slides, 1950-2017; (1.8) Sound Recordings, 1971-1975; and (1.9) Film, [1951-1993]

1.1: Season I-IV Field Notebooks, Excavation Catalogs, and Notes, 1951-1963

This subseries is comprised of field notebooks, transcriptions of field notebooks, excavation and artifact catalogs, and other notes created during or shortly after the Soleckis' four seasons of excavations (Season I: 1951, Season II: 1953-1954, Season III- 1956-1957, Season IV: 1960) at the Shanidar Cave, Zawi Chemi Shanidar, and other sites in northern Iraq. The materials date from 1951-1963. Included are notes by their students Jacques Bordaz, Philip E. Smith, and others.

Subseries 1.1 is further divided into type of materials including Field Notebooks, 1951-1960 and Excavation and Artifact Catalogs and Notes, 1951-1963. They are then arranged chronologically.

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- Box 2 Shanidar I- Red Notebook, Solecki, circa 1956-1957
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- Box 2 1. Gundi Shekft Field Notebook Fall 1956 (III Season) 2. Descriptions of Artifacts from Shanidar Cave (III Season)[Ground and Polished Stone, Bone, Metal, Glass, etc.] 3. Descriptions of Artifacts from Gundi Shkeft Shanidar (III Season) 4. Descriptions of Late Period (Layer D) Artifacts and Marble Pendant from Zawi Chemi Shanidar (III Season), 1956
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- Box 4 1957 Shanidar , 1957 March 4- 1957 June 21
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1.2: Field and Artifact Data Cards, 1951-1998 (bulk 1951-1960)

Multiple languages.

This subseries is comprised of artifact and field data cards relating to Ralph and Rose Solecki's Season I-IV excavations at Shanidar Cave and Zawi Chemi Shanidar in 1951, 1953, 1956-1957, and 1960. The notecards present stratigraphic data from excavations at the site, and some contain descriptions of artifacts and illustrations or photographs of the corresponding artifact.

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- Box 53 S.C. P.N. Cemetery- Figure 35- Pecked/Ground Stone Tools (Must Be Photographed), 2001
- Box 53 Shanidar Season IV Stone Drawings, 2003 April 10
- Box 54 Fig. 2- The Location of Shanidar Cave, undated
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Box 54	S.C. (Layer B1)- Illustrations- Ill. III, undated
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Box 55	Shanidar Map, undated
Cabinet Oversized	Shanidar Neanderthals Excavation Plans, undated
Box 96	Xerox Copies of Two Shanidar Maps, undated
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1.7: Photographs and Slides, 1950-2017

This subseries is comprised of photographic prints, negatives, albums, and slides that depict travel around, excavations at, and artifacts from Shanidar Cave in northern Iraq and its environs. The materials date from 1950-2011, with the bulk dating from the excavations at Shanidar Cave from 1951-1960. Most of the photographs were taken by Ralph Solecki, Rose Solecki, or their students and colleagues including Jacques Bordaz, T. Dale Stewart, Douglas Campana, and Philip E. Smith.

To date not all matched individual negatives correspond to individual prints, and vice versa. However, the photograph albums do contain numbered prints of the images that will correspond to negatives found within the "Shanidar Negative Number 1-3544, Unlabeled Negatives, circa 1951-1960".

Subseries 1.7 is further divided into Prints, Negatives, and Albums, 1950-2017 (bulk 1951-1960) and 35mm Slides, 1950-1993. The materials are then arranged chronologically.

Boxes 55-63 contain prints and corresponding documentation; Boxes 64-70 contain photograph albums; Boxes 71-89 contain negatives; Boxes 90-95 contain primarily 35mm slides; and Box 96 contains oversized material.

Prints, Negatives, and Albums, 1950-2017 (bulk 1951-1960)

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Box 55	Iraq Eridu, circa 1950
Box 62; Box 71	Prints Shanidar, 1950, circa 1951- circa 1960, circa 1966, 1967-1969
Box 55	Shanidar Maps and Photographs, 1950, 1975, 2011
Box 64	Album: Shanidar- 1950 Survey, 1952 #702-905 and 640-2, 1950-1952
Box 89	Iraq Warka 1953, Batas Cave 1950, Shanidar-Der 1953, 1950-1953

Box 65	Album: Shanidar Cave and Rowanduz Survey 1950-1952, 1954 Photo Nos. 259-704, 1950-1954
Box 55	Shanidar Baby- Faber 1402 C.9- Iraq, 1950-1959
Box 56	C-LB-38542, circa 1951- circa 1960
Box 56	Dick Forbis, circa 1951- circa 1960, undated
Box 62; Box 89	Misc. Shanidar, circa 1951- circa 1960
Box 71	Musical Instruments Kurdistan Negatives 1-10, circa 1951- circa 1960
Box 56	Photos for Paper on Kurds, circa 1951- circa 1960
Box 62	Prints Shanidar, circa 1951- circa 1960, 1967-1969
Box 56	Shanidar IV and Views, circa 1951- circa 1960, 1999
Box 56	Shanidar Artifact Photographs and Scenes at Shanidar Cave, circa 1951- circa 1960, 1986-1989
Box 56	Shanidar Cave and Plaster Cast of Shanidar Skeleton, circa 1951- circa 1960
Box 56	Shanidar Cave- Proto-Neolithic, circa 1951- circa 1960
Box 56	Shanidar Cave, Shanidar IV, Excavations, circa 1951- circa 1960
Box 56	Shanidar Film #2, circa 1951- circa 1960
Box 62; Box 63	Shanidar Misc. Identified Prints and Negatives, Shanidar Duplicate Prints, circa 1951- circa 1960, 1968
Box 56	Shanidar Misc. Photographs, circa 1951- circa 1960, 1966
Box 72; Box 73; Box 74; Box 75; Box 76; Box 77;	Shanidar Negative Numbers 1-3544, Unlabeled Negatives, circa 1951- circa 1960

Box 78;
Box 79;
Box 80;
Box 81;
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Box 83;
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Box 63; Shanidar Negs. 3005-3554, circa 1951-circa 1960, undated
Box 84;
Box 85;
Box 86

Box 89 Shanidar Numbered Film, circa 1951- circa 1960

Box 96 Shanidar Oversized Photographs, circa 1951- circa 1960

Box 56 Shanidar Photographs (Some Color), circa 1951- circa 1960

Box 56 Shanidar Skeletons, circa 1951- circa 1960

Box 56 UR Send to Shanidar , circa 1951- circa 1960

Box 57 Portraits of Ralph Solecki and Shanidar Cave, circa 1951- circa 1960

Box 57 Shanidar Photo and Map, circa 1951-1966

Box 57 Shanidar Photo Lists- Season I-III, 1951-1957

Box 87 Iraq- Habbaniya Camp, circa 1952

Box 57 Solecki and Shanidar Photographs, circa 1952-1976

Box 57 No. 1915 and Kurd Singing, 1952

Box 57 Ralph Solecki Iraq Kurdistan, 1952

Box 66 Album: Shanidar Cave, 1952

Box 89 Shanidar Negatives from "Alaska Negatives" , 1952, circa 1957

Box 57 Shanidar Views and Excavations, 1952, 1960, 1980

Box 67 Album: Shanidar Cave, 1952-1954

Box 57 Shanidar Cave and Zawi Chemi Views, General Studies, 1952-1973

Box 58 Shanidar Cave- Photographs, circa 1953-1959

Box 58 Shanidar Cave- Photographs- People and Places, circa 1953-1959

Box 58 Shanidar Film #4-7, 9, 11-13, 1953, 1989

Box 89 Taalo, Iraq, 1953, 1992, 2002

Box 87 Illustrations for Article, circa 1956- circa 1957, circa 1966, circa 2005

Box 59 Shanidar I Feet, circa 1956-1957

Box 59 Shanidar II, circa 1956-1957

Box 59 Shanidar I Withered Arm, circa 1956- circa 1960, 1980

Box 59 Shanidar Cave and Excavations, circa 1956-1957

Box 59 Michael Munsell Moulin, Zawi Chemi, circa 1956-1960

Box 59 Shanidar IV, circa 1956-1960

Box 98 Zawi Chemi Shanidar Oversized Photographs , circa 1956- circa 1960

Box 59 Feast in Kurdish Tent, 1956

Box 87;
Box 89 Color Shanidar I, 1956-1957

Box 59 Shanidar Cave, Iraq Photographs, 1956-1957

Box 68 Album: Shanidar Season III, 1956-1957

Box 59 Shanidar I, 1956-1958

Box 59 Bordaz's Notes on Shanidar Photos, 1956-1960

Box 59 Shanidar III, 1957

Box 88 Possibly Z.C.S., circa 1960

Box 59 Shanidar 4 "Flower Burial", circa 1960

Box 89 Shanidar Cave Proto-Neolithic Cemetery- Stone Artifacts and Other Pieces from Fill Layer B, circa 1960

Box 59 Shanidar 1960 Large Negative 5x7 Artifacts Shanidar IV, Shanidar Artifacts Layer A-B Section Stratigraphy, Layer A3 Maps, Drawings, Negative 8x10, 1960

Box 59 Shanidar Cave- Proto-Neolithic Artifacts Photos- Z.C.S., 1960

Box 69 Album: Shanidar Cave Season IV, 1960

Box 70 Album: Shanidar Cave Season IV- Proto-Neolithic and Neanderthals, 1960

Box 59 T. Dale Stewart and Ibrahim as Sayhi Excavating Shanidar IV, 1960

Box 59 Reprints Shanidar, 1960-1963, 1989

Box 59 Shanidar 1960- Description of Negatives 2000-2038, 1966- Description of Negatives [?], 1960-1966

Cabinet Oversized Album: Shanidar Lithic Artifacts, Neg. No. 3493-3544, circa 1966

Box 59 Shanidar Misc. Box- Z.C.S. and S.C. Close Up Photos of Artifacts, circa 1975

Box 59 Shanidar 1978- Museum Collection Photos B 10/10/1980, circa 1978-1980

Box 59 Bad Shots of Shanidar Collection in Baghdad Museum , 1978

Box 89 Shanidar Cave General Info, Layer D Neanderthals, Proto-Neolithic Cemetery , 1978

Box 59 Aerial Photos Mucosin. Iraq, circa 1980-circa 1989

Box 59 Negatives of Illustrations Z.C.S., 1980

Box 59 Iraq Museum, Baghdad Fall 1988, 1988

Box 59 Shanidar Cave Artifact Photos Identification, 1989

Box 60	Plate 20 Bone Tools from Burials 22 and 24, circa 1990- circa 2000
Box 60	Proto-Neolithic Stone Querns, circa 1990- circa 2000
Box 60	S.C. Photograph- Plate 1, circa 1990- circa 2000
Box 60	S.C. P.N. Cemetery Burials 10, 14, 17 Cat. No. 351, 373, 376, Fig. 17, circa 1990- circa 2000
Box 60	S.C. P.N. Cemetery Burial 11, 355 IV Plate 12 Fig. 17, circa 1990- circa 2000
Box 60	S.C. Proto-Neolithic Cemetery Photos, circa 1990- circa 2000
Box 60	Shanidar Cave Layer D- Photos of Artifacts, circa 1990- circa 2000
Box 60	Smithsonian Artifacts, 1991
Box 60	Zawi Chemi Shanidar Photo Neg. , circa 1990- circa 2000
Box 60; Box 89	Photographs Kurdistan, Shanidar Cave, 1993 June- 1998
Box 60; Box 89	Shanidar Cave Non-Artifacts View, Locales, Etc. , 1998 June
Box 60	Shanidar Cave Photos, circa 2017
Box 60	Artifact No. 3461, undated
Box 60; Box 61	Campana- Shanidar Artifacts, undated
Box 61	Dokan Cave- 779[?], undated
Box 61	Gundi Shkreft- Photos - Historic Site - Halfway to Shanidar Cave form Shanidar, undated
Box 61	Marvin Kay- Shanidar Cave- Photos of Burins- Use Wear, undated
Box 61	Plate 3- Neg. No. 2188, undated
Box 61	Notes Accompanying Shanidar Negatives, undated

Box 61 Shanidar Cave- Plate 2, undated

Box 61 Shanidar Cave Sign, undated

Box 89 Shanidar for Copy, undated

Box 61;
Box 89 Z.C.S. Negatives, undated

35mm Slides, 1950-1993

Box 91 Shanidar Numbered Slides and Misc., circa 1950-circa 1969

Box 91 Shanidar and Zawi Chemi, circa 1950- circa 1969

Box 90 Around Lake Urmia- Rezaiyeh Iran, 1950

Box 90 High Zagros Kurdistan Iraq-Iran, 1950

Box 90 Kurdistan Iraq Expedition to Topzawa, 1950

Box 90 Kurdistan Iraq-Iran, 1950

Box 91 Kurdistan Herki Mosul Erbil Album, 1950-1957, 1966, 1989-1993

Box 91 Shanidar 2 Album, 1951-1960, 1978, 1993

Box 92 Shanidar Cave 1-12, circa 1951-1960

Box 92 Shanidar Cave 13-43 , circa 1951-1960

Box 92 Shanidar Cave 44-95, circa 1951-1960

Box 93 Shanidar Cave Zawi Chemi Album, 1951-1960, 1970-1973, 1989-1993

Box 92 Shanidar and Area Album, 1951-1966, 1978, 1988-1993

Box 92 Shanidar Album, 1951-1968, 1993

Box 94 Culled Slides N. Iraq, 1951-1978, 1989-1993

Box 90 Shanidar Cave and Valley, 1956-1957

Box 95	Shanidar 2, circa 1956- circa 1957
Box 95	Proto-neolithic Burials, 1957-1960
Box 95	Shanidar Cave Proto-Neolithic Cemetery Area, circa 1960
Box 95	Shanidar Maps, circa 1960- circa 1989
Box 95	Proto Neolithic Shanidar Zawi Chemi Artifacts, 1960
Box 95	Shanidar 1960 Proto-Neolithic Beads, 1960
Box 95	Proto-Neolithic Z.C.S. Natufian, circa 1984
Box 95	Shanidar Cave Texas A&M Feb 13 1990 Yabroud Shelter IV, 1990
Box 95	Shanidar Artifacts, undated
Box 95	Shanidar Slides , undated

1.8: Sound Recordings, 1971-1975

This subseries is comprised of three sound recordings dating from 1971-1975 of Ralph Solecki's lectures and presentations regarding his book *Shanidar, The First Flower People*.

Subseries 1.8 is arranged chronologically.

Box 97	Shanidar- The First Flower People, 1971 October 25 - 1971 November 11 <i>1 Sound tape reel (5 inch reel)</i> Broadcast on KAUM 96.5 FM: 10/25/71 Length: 6:53 Date: 11/11/71 Speed: 7.5 ips
Box 97	Recording Tape Made by George Lloyd of Ralph S. T.V. Presentation , circa 1975 <i>2 Sound tape reels (2 inch reels)</i>

1.9: Films, [1951-1993]

Original and duplicate print motion picture films and video transfer copies from anthropologist Ralph S. Solecki related to his archaeological field work in Iraq, Syria and Turkey from 1953-1965. These A-V materials form part of the Ralph S. Solecki papers at the National Anthropological Archives. The film footage documents several archaeological sites excavated by Dr. Solecki included the excavations at Shanidar Cave in Northern Iraq. Also include in the footage is documentation of the daily life in the area surrounding the digs and the local inhabitants hired to assist with the labor involved in the extensive excavations. Notes accompanying the film rolls identify local communities as Kurdish and Yezidi.

An item level Excel inventory created with notes on the condition of the individual rolls as well as basic technical evaluation sheets started for the technical file.

Subseries 1.9 is arranged chronologically.

More films were added to the collection with accession 2018-10 and are currently in process.

The film exhibits signs of extensive handling and considerable wear: perforation and sprocket damage, scratches, dirt, etc. The film has a slight odor of acetate deterioration; A-D strip testing did not indicate any rolls greater than "1". Judging by some of the labels and notes attached to the original film cans, some film rolls appeared switched from their designated cans most likely while at film and video labs. Dr. Solecki's notes helped to correct this, but as stated above, some notes indicate possible additional footage currently not accounted for.

2018.3.1: IRAQ, 1951

2018.3.2: [Ralph S. Solecki Archaeological Film Ftge. of Iraq, ca. 1953], circa 1953

2018.3.4: [Ralph S. Solecki Archaeological Film Ftge. of Southern Iraq, ca. 1953] , circa 1953

2018.3.5: Shanidar Excavations by Prof. Ralph S. Solecki Part 1 & 2 , circa 1951- circa 1960

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Series 2: Yabroud, Syria , 1964-1992 (bulk 1960-1990)

Multiple languages.

Files relating to Yabroud, Syria are still in process.

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Series 3: Nahr Ibrahim and El Masloukh, Lebanon, 1969-1998 (bulk 1969-1973)

Multiple languages.

Files relating to Nahr Ibrahim and El Masloukh, Lebanon are still in process.

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Series 4: Other Expeditions and Projects

Files relating to other expeditions and projects are still in process.

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Series 5: Research and Teaching Files

Research and Teaching Files are still in process.

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Series 6: Correspondence and Administrative Files

Correspondence and Administrative files are still in process.

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Series 7: Personal Files

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