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## Guide to the John Wesley Coulter journals relating to travels in the Pacific and Asia

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	John Wesley Coulter journals relating to travels in the Pacific and Asia
<b>Date:</b>	1932-1960
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.2023-06
<b>Creator:</b>	Coulter, John Wesley, 1893-1967
<b>Extent:</b>	0.75 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

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## Biographical / Historical

John Wesley Coulter (1893-1967) was a geographer (PhD Chicago circa 1926) at the University of Hawaii (1928-1941) and later at the University of Cincinnati (1945-1963). He called himself a "cultural geographer," making ethnographic observations in a pocket notebook during his travels throughout the Pacific and parts of Asia.

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## Scope and Contents

Collection contains 26 journals, each of which documents Coulter's travels in a specific location, including Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia, Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Guam, Hawaii, Vanuatu, tahiti, Japan, China, Europe, and other locations.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Places:

- Australia
- Burma
- China
- Fiji
- Guam

Indonesia  
Japan  
Marshall Islands  
Micronesia  
New Zealand  
Tahiti (French Polynesia: Island)