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MS 7596 Chinese money for the dead

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 7596 Chinese money for the dead
Identifier:	NAA.MS7596
Date:	undated
Extent:	20 Items (pieces ; 15.8x9.7 cm)
Creator:	ANONYMOUS Graham, David Crockett
Language:	Undetermined

Administrative Information

Provenance

Gift of D.C. Graham, received in 1926. Transferred to the archives by Chang-su Houchins, November 3, 1994.

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Scope and Contents

The Chinese term jingyi (literally, clothing blessed by the Buddhist scripture) refers also to the paper money made for the dead. It is a rectangular piece of paper with the design of incised strings of coins in the center. It is burned so that the dead will receive holdy blessings and have money for use in the netherworld.

Local Numbers

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Local Note

Information from Huey-ing Jeng, museum inter from George Washington University, and Chang-su Houchins, of the Department of Anthropology.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Chinese -- money for dead
Chinese -- mortuary custom
Jingyi
mortuary custom -- Chinese

Cultures:

Chinese -- money for dead
Chinese -- mortuary custom