

Archive collections on Japan in the Manuscript Collection of The National Library of Australia

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Introduction

The National Library of Australia's manuscript collections primarily relate to Australia and Australians, but they also contain material of relevance to the study of Japan. These are the personal papers (and some oral history recordings) reflecting the activities of Australians or other nationalities in Japan or the Japanese in Australia. Their connection with Japan, where it is known, is made in catalogue records through title and subject entries and in more detail within finding aid descriptions or oral history transcripts.

At the same time there is an increasing research demand for primary source materials documenting social history, or history at the level of the individual. The personal narratives and records of everyday life that are contained in manuscript and oral history records are of particular interest to scholars.

This listing aims to draw some of the more significant manuscript and oral history sources together and assist scholars to discover relevant materials for their research. It is a small sample of Library holdings and users are encouraged to search the Library catalogue to discover further materials of interest, at www.catalogue.nla.gov.au

Scope

This list is of some selection of manuscript and oral history records which cover Japanese-related subjects in the Library's collections. The manuscript listings are for unpublished records held by the Library, some in microform format. The oral history holdings listed consist of interviews conducted with individuals.



Photo: JSAA 2013 Archive Session

Conditions of access to unpublished collections may change over time and the Library catalogue should be checked for the latest information. Contacting Manuscript and Picture Reference Staff for more specific enquiries would also be encouraged.

To use the Manuscript collection at the NLA

To use the Manuscript collection, you need to either,

- Fill in the request form, which are available in the Manuscript Reading Room, or,
- Call 02-6262-1259 (Picture and Manuscript Reference Phone Number),or
- Send request through 'Ask a Librarian' at <http://www.nla.gov.au/askalibrarian>

Often the conditions of use varies by collection base, so it is best to contact the Manuscript staff beforehand and check about the conditions before visiting the library, to save your time.

The index of a particular collection could be scanned and sent by e-mail to you upon request, if it is not available online yet.

Manuscript & Picture Reading Room is open 9 am to 5 pm on weekdays and with prior arrangement, the materials from those collections can be sent to another reading room, which opens for after hours or on weekends.

Photocopying of the materials from the Manuscript collections are possible for some of the collections; because of the fragile nature of the collection, the photo copying service are processed by the Library staff, not readers self copying.

Fees apply. Scanning services are not offered. Using own digital camera devices in the reading room is permitted.

Oral history collection will be requested online and will be supplied at Petherick Reading Room.

Major Archives on Japan in National Library of Australia

D.C.S. Sissons: an ANU academic, historian, Australia-Japan relationship

Harold S. Williams: Orientalist and historian, History of foreign settlements in Kobe & Yokohama

George Caiger: Author and educator

Neville Meaney: Academics on international relations and foreign policy, especially Australia's relations with Asia.

William Macmahon Ball: Political scientist, Diplomat

Harold Stewart: Poet who lived in Japan from 1966 until his death in 1995

William Arthur Towers: Soldier. After serving in New Guinea and New Britain, he joined the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces in Japan, 1945-1947

E.L. Piesse: Diplomat whose papers document many aspects of Australian-Japanese relations.

Alan Laing, 1930-1965: Anglican chaplain with the British Commonwealth of Nations Occupation Forces, served in Japan and Korea from 1946 to 1951.

Japan Australia video project 1981 Records, [1980]-1982: a cross-cultural survey of Australian school students' understanding of Japan

Papers of D.C.S. Sissons: an ANU academic, historian

Life dates: Sissons, D.C.S.(David Carlisle Stanley), 1925-2006

Collection dates: 1950-2006

Collection size: 60 boxes and one packet

Manuscript reference number: MS 3092

[Online Finding aids available](#)

Summary: Series 1 (3 boxes) of MS 3092 comprises copies of Sissons' writings from his completed research. The remainder of the collection (57 boxes) consists of research files on such subjects as Australians in Japan; Australian trade and immigration policies towards Japan; Australian involvement in the Allied occupation of Japan, 1945-1950; Japanese prisoners of war in Australia; Second World War war crimes trials; and, Japanese espionage in Australia. The collection also includes material gathered for a biography of Professor James Murdoch, the first Australian professor of Japanese. In June 2006 Sissons incorporated his papers held at MS 8230 into this collection

Biography: Historian and academic. David Carlisle Stanley Sissons was an historian in the Research School of Pacific Studies at the Australian National University where he was a research fellow from 1961-1965 and a fellow from 1965-1990. His principal fields of research were the history of Australia-Japan relations and the Second World War war crimes trials. In 1991, following his retirement from the ANU, Sissons took up a three-year post to establish an Australian Studies Centre at the Hiroshima Shudo University in Japan. Sissons died in Canberra in October 2006.

[Series 1 Writings by Sissons, 1956-2006](#)

[Series 2 Japanese foreign policy and public opinion, 1914-1922](#)

[Series 3 Trade Diversion Dispute, 1935-1936](#)

[Series 4 The Takasukas - an immigrant family](#)

[Series 5 Japanese prostitutes in Australia](#)

[Series 6 Professor James Murdoch\(1856-1921\)](#)

[Series 7 Cowra break-out](#)

[Series 8 Special Intelligence Section at Army Headquarters, Melbourne, 1942-1946](#)

[Series 9 Queensland's entry into the 1894 Anglo-Japanese Treaty of Commerce](#)

[Series 10 Australian War Crimes Trials, 1945-1951](#)

[Series 11 Webb Inquiries into War Crimes](#)

[Series 12 Sir William Webb and International Military Tribunal for the Far East](#)

[Series 13 Australian fears of Japan as a defence threat, 1895-1971](#)

[Series 14 Japanese language and linguists in Australia](#)

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- [Series 17 Japanese in South Australia, Northern Territory and New South Wales](#)
- [Series 18 Japanese and Immigration Restriction Act](#)
- [Series 19 Foreign ships in Japanese waters in the Bakumatsu period](#)
- [Series 20 Japanese-Australian Pearling and Law of the Sea Negotiations, 1951-1962](#)
- [Series 21 Australians in Japan](#)
- [Series 22 Japanese in Australia - Japanese sources](#)
- [Series 23 Japanese in Australia - photographs](#)
- [Series 24 Japanese in Australia - internees](#)
- [Series 25 Japanese residents in Victoria](#)
- [Series 26 Japanese residents in New Guinea](#)
- [Series 27 Japanese in Australia - war brides](#)

Papers of Harold S. Williams, 1867-2000: Orientalist and historian

Life dates: [Williams, Harold S. \(Harold Stannett\), 1898-1987](#)

Collection dates: 1867-2000

Collection size: 86 boxes

Manuscript reference number: MS 6681

[Online Finding Aid available](#)

Biography: Orientalist and historian. Harold Stannett Williams was born in Melbourne in 1898 and died in Kobe in 1987. Williams went to Japan for a visit in 1919. He decided to stay and, except during the Second World War when he served in the Australian Army, he lived there until his death. After the war he was a member of the Occupation Forces in Japan. On his return to civilian life in 1949, he renewed his business interests and, with his wife Gertrude, began his research into the history and culture of the foreign settlements. He was the author of numerous books on Japan including Tales of foreign settlements in Japan (1958), and Foreigners in Mikadoland (1963). Williams contributed articles to the Mainichi daily news and to other English language newspapers, both in Japan and other countries. In 1967 he was awarded the International Cultural Award of the Hyogo Prefectural Government. In 1972 Williams was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for service to historical research.

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- Series 4 Newspaper cuttings and notes
- Series 5 Photographs
- Series 6 Writings of Harold S. Williams
- Series 7 Manuscripts, typescripts and articles by other authors
- Series 8 Papers of Gertrude F. Williams
- Series 9 Publications
- Series 10 Cards, brochures, maps, plans and programs

Series 11 Indexes
Series 12 Personal and family documents
Series 13 Miscellaneous
Appendix 1 Williams' published books
Box List
Folio List
Photograph albums – microfiche list

Interview with Gertrude (Jean) Williams, foreign resident in Japan, prior to and following World War II [sound recording]

Interview recording of the wife of Harold S. Williams

[Williams, Jean \(Gertrude Jean\), 1909-1999](#)

Collection dates: 1989

Collection size: 9 tape reels

Call Number: ORAL TRC 2448

Transcript available (typescript, 129 leaves)

Jean Williams describes her experiences as a foreigner living in Japan over a 50 year period, prior to and following World War II. She speaks of life in Kobe; western influences on Japanese society; class distinctions; attitudes to historic preservation; Kobe Women's Club; the Kobe Club; pattern of life; moss gardens; hiking; Japanese countryside; charcoal burners; godowns; geisha; Mr Griffiths, a family friend; Christianity; persecutions; disease; hospital conditions; Harold S. Williams; his student days; entering insurance business; marriage; travel to Japan as a couple; getting used to Japanese culture; Japanese cleaning days; evacuation in 1940; Cowra breakout; 1923 Yokohama earthquake; years in Melbourne 1940-49; Australia's threat of invasion by Japanese; rebuilding book collection after war; visits to Japanese libraries; husband's research projects and writing; her interest in netsuki; husband's work for the War Crimes Tribunal.

Peter Williams interviewed by Keiko Tamura [sound recording]

Interview recording of the son of Harold S. Williams,
William, Peter John, 1943-,

Collection dates: 2003

Collection size: 4 sound files (ca. 212 min.)

Call Number: ORAL TRC 5001

Timed summary (9 p.) and uncorrected transcript (typescript, 94 leaves) available

In this interview Peter Williams, a grazier, born 1943 at Southamton, Queensland, talks about the life of his father Harold Stannett Williams (Orientalist and historian) who lived and

worked in Japan from 1919 until his death in 1987. He mentions his mother Gertrude (Jean) Williams, who shared her husband's interests and published a two-volume collection of their writings, 'West meets East: the foreign experience of Japan' (1992). Williams discusses his childhood experiences in Japan; growing up in a residential complex for foreigners in Kobe, Japan; the social life of foreigners in Japan in the immediate post-War period; cultural differences between Japan and Australia; the Australian ethnic identity.

Papers of George Caiger, circa 1920-1991: Author and educator

Life dates: Caiger, George, 1903-1991

Collection dates: ca. 1920-1991

Collection size: 16 boxes and 2 folio boxes

Manuscript reference number: MS Acc06/75, MS Acc08/124.

No Online Finding Aid available: Descriptive handwritten list prepared by Dr John Caiger in Box 1.

Summary: MS Acc06/75 comprises papers documenting Caiger's life and career, particularly his interest in Japan, including correspondence, manuscript and typescript drafts of writings and speeches, publications, notebooks, scrapbooks, photographs, personal documents, family history material and other papers.

The Acc08/124 instalment comprises a binder of papers and photographs relating to the life and career of Caiger, compiled by his son, Dr John Caiger. Included is a letter written by Mary Gilmore dated 22 August, 1953 (1 fol. box)

Biography: Author and educator. George Caiger was a lecturer in English in Japan for ten years prior to World War II, and then, during the war, served with the AIF. Between 1948 and 1951 Caiger worked as a secretary in the Australian Institute of International Affairs. He was associated with the Australian Broadcasting Commission in the 1940s and 1950s, and was public relations officer of the University of New South Wales in the 1950s and 1960s. As an author, Caiger published *Japan, a pictorial interpretation* (1932), *Talks in Tokyo: some English conversations for Japanese students* (1933), *Tell me about Tokyo* (1939), and *Tojo say no: Japanese ideas and ideals* (1943), among other works

Papers of Neville Meaney, 1977-1999: Academics on international relations and foreign policy, especially Australia's relations with Asia

Meaney, N.K. (Neville Kingsley)

Collection dates: 1977-1999

Collection size: 18 boxes and 2 folios

Manuscript reference number: MS 7330

[Online Finding aid available](#)

Relevant subjects: [_](#) | [Tanaka, Yasumasa](#) | [Australia-Japan Foundation](#) | [Elite \(Social sciences\) - Australia - Attitudes](#) | [Elite \(Social sciences\) - Japan - Attitudes](#) | [Australia - Relations - Japan](#) | [Japan - Relations - Australia](#)

Description: Papers associated with 'A survey of Australian leaders' attitudes towards Japan', a project conducted by Professors Neville Meaney, Trevor Matthews and Sol Encel in 1982, were purchased from Neville Meaney in 1987. In 1999 Professor Meaney donated the papers relating to the book *The Japanese Connection* (1988), a work that was an outcome of this survey. A small percentage of the material was obtained from Japanese sources and is in Japanese.

A significant part of the original consignment were the 169 audio tapes, of 90 minutes each, containing interviews with 163 of the 200 Australian leaders interviewed for the survey. They are held in the Oral History Section (ORAL TRC 2204), and access is restricted.

Papers relating to the exhibition 'Towards a New Vision: Australia & Japan, a Hundred Years of Photographs', which was held in 1997 to commemorate the centenary of relationships between Australia and Japan, form the major part of the 1999 donation. Included also are papers relating to Meaney's book *Towards a new vision: Australia and Japan through 100 years* (1999) which was based on the exhibition.

Biographical Note: Professor Neville Kingsley Meaney was educated at the University of Adelaide (MA) and Duke University (PhD). He went on to join the History Department of the University of Sydney, where he is an Associate Professor of History.

Meaney has won a number of awards, including the State Department Distinguished International Visitor Award (1976); the Australia-Japan Foundation Research Award (1982); and a National Library of Australia Harold White Fellowship (1984).

A member of the International Commission on International History in 1984; Visiting Professor of History and Australian Studies, University of Texas in 1990; and a lecturer in the Australian Senate's *Occasional lecture series* in 1995, Meaney has also been a member of the Advisory Panel to the Japan Foundation's Asia Centre. In 1997 he was Chair of the Australia-Japan Centenary Committee.

Meaney's main interests are in the field of international relations and foreign policy, [especially Australia's relations with Asia](#).

Apart from his works *The Japanese connection* (1988) and *Towards a New vision: Australia & Japan through 100 years* (1999), Meaney has published books and articles on Australia's relations with the world. These include *A history of Australian defence and foreign policy, 1901-23: volume 1, The search for security in the Pacific, 1901-1914* (1976); *Australia and the world: a documentary history from the 1870s to the 1970s* (1985); *Under new heavens: cultural transmission and the making of Australia* (1989) and *Fears and phobias: E. L. Piessé and the problem with Japan, 1909 - 1939* (1996).

Meaney has also participated in oral history projects. The National Library holds the *Neville Meaney collection of interviews with Australian historians* (ORAL TRC 2053), with 23 interviews held during 1986 and 1987.

- Series 1 A Survey of Australian leader's attitudes towards Japan: working papers, 1977-84
- Series 2 A Survey of Australian leaders' attitudes towards Japan: interview data and results summaries, 1982-83
- Series 3 *The Japanese Connection*, 1983-88
- Series 4 Exhibition: 'Towards a New Vision: Australia & Japan: a Hundred Years of Photographs', 1990-99
- Series 5 *Towards a new vision: Australian & Japan through a hundred years*, 1996-99
- Series 6 Miscellaneous papers, 1982-99

Neville Meaney Japan collection [Audio]

Collection dates: 1983
Collection size: 169 sound cassettes.
Call number: ORAL TRC 2204

Contents: a collection of interviews with 163 Australian leaders on their attitudes towards Japan. Interviews were conducted by Neville Meaney, Sol Encel and Trevor Matthews. As a result, "The Japanese connection" was published.

Papers of William Macmahon Ball, 1921-1985: Political scientist, Diplomat

Life dates: Ball, W. Macmahon (William Macmahon), 1901-1986
Collection dates: 1921-1985
Collection size: 46 boxes
Manuscript reference number: MS 7851

[Online Finding aid available](#)

Summary: Correspondence, typed diaries, drafts of articles, lectures and broadcasts, subject files, official reports, press cuttings, printed matter and other papers relating to most aspects of Ball's career and his involvement in political organisations. In some of his letters Ball discusses the friction between the himself and the Minister of External Affairs, H.V. Evatt. Correspondents include Tristan Buesst, Richard Boyer, Creighton Burns, Manning Clark, L.F. Crisp, W.D. Forsyth, Hartley Grattan, Sir Henry Gullett, Norman Harper, R.H. Molesworth, Sir Charles Moses, Nettie Palmer, G.O. Reid, Peter Ryan and David Sissons.

Biography: Political scientist and diplomat, Ball taught at the University of Melbourne and undertook missions in South-East Asia. He was Advisor to the United Nations Conference in

San Francisco in 1945 and a member of the Allied Council for Japan, 1946-47. He was a regular commentator on world affairs for the ABC and in newspapers and magazines.

Relevant subjects: [Diplomats - Australia - Archives.](#) | [Australia - Foreign relations - Asia.](#) | [Japan - History - Allied occupation, 1945-1952.](#)

Series 13 Japan, 1945-1977

From 1946 to 1947, Ball was a member of the Allied Council for Japan (see introduction to Series 12). Ball regarded this as the most important post of his career. While Ball's Asian diaries have been placed in the previous series, this series contains files specifically on Japan. Because Ball's interest in Japan was not confined to the 1946-1947 period, all material on this topic has been brought together in this series. Included are official reports, letters and articles. Many of the talks and letters are from a much later period, when Ball was called upon to discuss his recollections. At the end of the series are numerous published cuttings and pamphlets on Japan.

Folder 1-7 Allied Council for Japan: agenda, minutes and reports, 1946-1948

Folder 8 Allied Council for Japan; Reference Data, Volume 1

Folder 9-11 Allied Council for Japan: monthly reports, 1946-1947

Folder 12 Summation of non-military activities in Japan, April 1946

Folder 13 'A picture of the Japanese Army - Most Secret', undated, but post 1942

Folder 14 Correspondence, 1945-1947

Folder 15 Correspondence, 1946

Folder 16 Correspondence, Japan, 1947

Folder 17 Copies of secret and personal cables from Japan, 1947, photograph of Ball, letters and memoranda, 1946-1947

Folder 18 Correspondence about Japan, 1966-1977

Folder 19-38 Notes, articles, lectures, talks, seminar papers and background material on Japan

Packet 37a, 39-40 Publications on Japan

Papers of Harold Stewart: an Australian poet who lived in Japan from 1966 until his death in 1995

Life dates: Stewart, Harold, 1916-1995

Collection dates: 1933-1995

Collection size: 31 boxes

Manuscript reference number: MS 8973

[Online finding Aid available](#)

Abstract: The collection comprises personal, publishers' and general correspondence; financial papers; travel diaries; notebooks relating to his works and his interest in Asian history and culture; typescripts and other papers relating to his published works.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises personal, publishers' and general correspondence; financial papers; travel diaries; notebooks relating to his works and his interest in Asian history and culture; typescripts and other papers relating to his published works *A chime of windbells*, *Tannisho*, and *By the old walls of Kyoto*; manuscripts and typescripts of his unpublished works "Over the vermilion bridge", "New phoenix wings", and "Autumn landscape roll"; essays and other papers.

Major correspondents include the Australia Council, Dr Carmen Blacker, Tess van Sommers d'Alpuget, Dorothy Green, Michael Heyward (author of *The Ern Malley affair*), Stewart's patron Heinz Karrer, Peter Kelly, the potter Milton Moon, Ruth Niland (Park), Peter Talbot Wilcox and John Weatherhill Inc

Biography: Harold Frederick Stewart was a poet and Oriental scholar. He was born on 14 December 1916 and died on 7 Aug. 1995. Stewart grew up Drummoyne, NSW and was educated at Fort Street Boys High School and the State Conservatorium of Music. In 1936 he attended the University of Sydney but did not complete a degree.

In 1941 he was conscripted and sent to the Directorate of Research and Civil Affairs at the Victoria Barracks in Melbourne. In 1943 Stewart and James McAuley perpetrated the Ern Malley hoax against Max Harris, the editor of the modernist literary magazine *Angry Penguins*.

After the war Stewart lived in Melbourne and worked at the Norman Robb bookstore. In 1950 he organised a reading group in Asian philosophy, and during the 1950s ran courses for the Victorian Council of Adult Education on literature, music and Asian art and worked as a broadcaster with the ABC.

While Stewart's early writings were in the European classic tradition, his later works reflected his interest in Chinese and Japanese history and culture. His first book of poems, *Phoenix wings* was published by Angus & Robertson in 1948. In 1956 a sequence of poems entitled *Orpheus and other poems* was also published by Angus & Robertson. This work had previously won the *Sydney Morning Herald* 1949 verse competition.

In 1959-60 Stewart was awarded the Saionji Memorial Scholarship to study Japanese culture in Japan for one year. He visited Japan in 1961 and 1963 and in 1966 moved to Kyoto, never returning to Australia. In Kyoto he studied under Bando Shojun, a Shin Buddhist priest and Professor of Buddhism at Otani Daigaku (Shin Buddhist University in Kyoto). He continued to write, supported largely by Australia Council literature grants and his patron, Heinz Karrer.

His later publications were the haiku translations *A net of fireflies* (Rutland, Vt : C. E. Tuttle, 1960) and *A chime of windbells* (Rutland, Vt : C. E. Tuttle, 1969), the limited edition of *The exiled immortal : a song-cycle* (Canberra : Brindabella Press, 1980), *Tannisho* (Eastern Buddhist Society, 1980) a translation of the 13th century text written by Yuien-bo (with Bando Shojun), and *By the old walls of Kyoto : a year's cycle of landscape poems with prose*

commentaries (New York: Weatherhill, 1981), an account in verse of twelve of Kyoto's historic sights.

In 1987 Stewart was awarded the Fellowship of Australian Writers' Christopher Brennan Award.

In the year before his death, Stewart completed his largest work "Autumn landscape roll", a 5000 line poem on a voyage to the afterlife by the Tang dynasty poet Wu Tao Tzu.

Papers of William Arthur Towers: Soldier

Life dates: William Arthur Towers, 1918-1997

Collection dates: 1941-1994

Collection size: 3 boxes

Manuscript reference number: MS 9112

Online Finding Aid not available

Summary: Papers relate largely to Tower's war service in Japan and include letters, diaries, newsletters of the Fourth Field AIF Association, photographs and postcards of Japan, press cuttings and other memorabilia. 1. Letters to his mother describing war service in Victoria, Queensland, New Guinea, New Britain with the 4th Field Ambulance. Also letters from Japan while serving with the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces, 1941-1947. 2. Diaries recording service in Japan with the BCOF, Feb. 1946-Jan. 1947 (3 vols.) 3. Photographs recording the Hiroshima bombing aftermath, and visits to Tokyo, Kaitaichi, Kure, Fukuyama, Hiro, Niagata and Maiko, 1946-1947.

Biography: Private with the 4th Field Ambulance in 1941. After serving in New Guinea and New Britain, he joined the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces in Japan, 1945-1947.

Papers of E.L. Piesse: an Australian diplomat whose papers document many aspects of Australian-Japanese relations

Life dates: [Piesse, E. L. \(Edmund Leolin\), 1880-1947](#)

Collection dates: 1855-1946

Collection size: 10 boxes

Manuscript reference number: MS 882

Roneoed guide (23 p.) available

Most of the papers date from the years 1918-1923 and consist of semi-official and personal correspondence, memoranda and notes relating to Piesse's work in the Defence Dept. and the Prime Minister's Dept. They deal with the White Australia Policy, nationality legislation, the Pacific Islands, the New Hebrides Condominium, Nauru, the League of Nations, Japan,

China, Papua, the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, Australian defence, the 1921 Washington Disarmament Conference, and the Imperial Conferences of 1921, 1923 and 1926. Later papers are concerned with Piesse's writings on Japan and Australian defence for the Round Table Group and the Australian Institute of International Affairs. Principal correspondents are G.H. Blakeslee, E.T. Brown, D.A.S. Campbell, A.H. Charteris, Sir Joseph Cook, P.E. Deane, T.D. Dunlop, F.W. Griffiths, W.M. Hughes, Sir John Latham, E. Longfield Lloyd, James Murdoch, Lord Milner, L.R. Stanley, H.A. Thomson, F. E. Wallace, W.J.V. Windeyer, E.A. Wisdom.

Papers of Alan Laing, 1930-1965, Anglican chaplain with the British Commonwealth of Nations Occupation Forces, served in Japan and Korea from 1946 to 1951

Collection dates: 1930-1965

Collection size: 10 folders, 1 envelope

Manuscript reference number: MS 6210

No Finding Aid available

Two letters from the Australian War Memorial, articles, programs, press cuttings, photographs, invitations, menus relating to Laing's war experiences and the services he conducted.

Relevant subject areas:

[British Commonwealth Occupation Forces.](#) | [Chaplains - Japan - Archives.](#) | [Chaplains - Korea - Archives.](#) | [Korean War, 1950-1953.](#) | [Commonwealth countries - Armed forces - Chaplains - Archives](#)

Japan Australia video project 1981 Records, [1980]-1982

A cross-cultural survey of Australian school students' understanding of Japan and Japanese school students' understanding of Australia.

Collection dates: 1980-1982

Collection size: 3 boxes

Manuscript reference number: MS 7898.

No Finding Aid available

Summary: 1. Questionnaires completed by primary and secondary school students to determine their attitudes to Japan and Japanese people and their reactions to and understanding of the programs (folders 1-18); 2. Interviews with teachers, teachers' notes, video scripts and other papers (folders 19-23); 3. "International exchange of educational television programs: final report ..." (Canberra: Curriculum Development Centre, 1982).

History: The Japan-Australian Video Project was a joint study into the use of television programs for cross cultural understanding in schools undertaken by the National Institute for Educational Research, Tokyo, Japan, and the Curriculum Development Centre, Canberra.

Subjects: [Japan Australia video project 1981 - Archives.](#) | [Television programs - Japan.](#) | [Japan - Social life and customs - 1945-](#)

I attended the Japanese Studies Association of Australia conference, held at ANU from 8 to 11 of July. I participated in the Postgraduate workshop in the morning of the first day and promoted the Japan Study Grants and stayed to hear the presentations of the 30 young scholars on their researches. I gave a presentation on 'the English Manuscript collections on Japan at NLA', in one of the two sessions in 'Archive Forum', titled 'The secret of archives in research'. The other participants in the session were Bill Edwards of National Archives, Hiroko Matsuo of the Japan Centre of Asian Historical Records Database (JACAR) and Steven Bullard of Australian War Memorial. The second session of the same forum was on David Sissons and his collection at the NLA, presented by three scholars, including Prof Arthur Stockwin of University of Oxford. Prof. Stockwin and Dr Keiko Tamura of the ANU are working on a new publication on David Sissons' unpublished works, and are aiming to publish it through E-publishing platform at the ANU in a year or so. For the conference, there were more than 220 participants all together and 140 presentations were given. On top of it, there were three plenary sessions by the keynote speakers; 'Human rights' by Prof. Tessa Morris-Suzuki and Prof. Vera Mackie; 'Transnational destruction' by Prof Sheldon Garon of Princeton University; 'Post 3.11 Japan' by Prof. Hitoshi Abe of UCLA. In this conference, there was a presentation ceremony for Prof. Tessa Morris-Suzuki awarded the Fukuoka Academic Prize, which I also attended. The conference was of a great occasion to observe the new scholarship trends in Japanese Studies and meet with scholars face to face.