The Digital Curation Project- Popularization of Democracy in Post-War Japan – virtual reunification of dispersed materials hidden in the Hussey Papers Archival collection, Japanese Association of Digital Humanities

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Progress report

Digital curation project
“Popularization of Democracy in Post-War Japan”
- Virtual reunification of dispersed materials hidden in the Hussey papers archival collection

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Virtual reunification of dispersed materials in the Hussey papers archival collection

First digital curation work 2017
Motivation

Infrastructure support for digital scholarship

- **Data** which can be used for data mining process
- Secure repository for data preservation and open access
- Secure cyber research space for collaboration
- IT technical support, legal issue support
- Digital scholarship librarians/specialists – human support for research and education

**LIBRARY** Secure Server
infrastructure for digital scholarship

**HYDRA FEDRA**
Hydra Fedora Community

Not yet at U-M Library
Theoretical framework

→ **Virtual reunification** as a strategy to gather together dispersed archival materials “to a single origin or common provenance.” (Punzalan, 2014)

**Example**

**International Dunhuang Project**
Digital curation

“reconstruct dispersed materials into ‘a small collection’ within one archived collection”  -- Punzalan (2014) --

Small collection of “Promoting democracy” material in the Hussey papers archive
DATA as COLLECTION
3650 title documents (by index) Collected by Alfred Rodman Hussey (1902-1964) during his work with the Government Section, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (SCAP), in the period of the Allied occupation of Japan following World War II, and later in the Central Intelligence Agency.

“SCAP organization chart” (file 1-D-2-1)
Significance of the Collection

1. Documents on the formation of the Ministry of Labor
2. Constitution file
3. Documents and the slides of the Constitution Popularization Society
   (Kenpō Fukyukai, 憲法普及会)
Significance of the Collection

1. Documents on the formation of the Ministry of Labor

The Hussey paper is indexed in the Ohara Institute of Social Research Hosei University

No. 1
【DB名】GHQ資料（社会・労働）資料インデックス（B1）
【分類1】1. GHQ関係
【分類2】G50
【内容】労働省設置関係（ハッシー文書）

G 5 0 労働省設置関係（ハッシー文書）
G 5 1 AFL PAPERS（ウィスコンシン大学所蔵）
G 5 2 文献リスト（英文）
G 5 3 FEC-318・合同労働委員会
G 5 4 日本共産党非合法化資料（含：団規令、破防法案）
G 5 5 Education Reform Policy in Occupied Japan そのII

58 Judiciary
59 Labor Strife
60 Report of Advisory Committee on Labor
61 Labor Ministry
62 Labor Standards Bill
63 Labor Regulation Laws
64 Welfare Laws
65 Labor Security Laws
66 Relief
Significance of the Collection

2. Constitution file

Constitution materials are also included in:

- Milo E. Rowell papers
  at the Hoover Institution Archives, the Stanford University and the University of Tokyo Library

- Charles Kades collections
  at the University of Maryland’s Prange Collection
  Amherst College Archives & Special Collections

- Beate Sirota Gordon Collection at the Mills College Special Collection (in process)

- Justin Williams papers at the University of Maryland’s Prange Collection

- RG-4 Records of General Headquarters,
  United States Army Forces, Pacific (USAFPAC), 1942-1947
  at the MacArthur Memorial

- “Framing the Constitution of Japan: Primary Sources in English, 1944-1949” (microfilm) published by the Congressional Information Service in 1989. 26 institutions hold by Worldcat

- National Diet Library of Japan
  Comprehensive collection
  憲政資料室 (Kensei shiryoshitsu)
  Modern Japanese Political History Materials Room
Virtual reunification

“the Birth of the Constitution of Japan”
National Diet Library of Japan
Digital Exhibition

Documents with Commentaries

Part 1 Military Defeat and Efforts to Reform the Constitution

- 1 Cairo Communiqué, December 1, 1943
- 2 Joseph Grew Address in Chicago, December 29, 1943
- 3 Formulating the Postwar Policy on Japan in the U.S. Department of State
- 4 A Message to the People of Japan from President of the United States, May 8, 1945
- 5 U.S. Initial Post-Surrender Policy for Japan
- 6 Records of Negotiations Related to the Acceptance of the Potsdam
- 7 Imperial Rescript of the Termination of the War, August 14, 1945
- 8 Truman’s Approval of “National Composition of Forces to Occupy Japan”, August 18, 1945

Compiled the documents “concerning the formation of the Constitution of Japan” (revised and completed in May 2004)
Significance of the Collection

3. Documents and the slides of the Constitution Popularization Society (Kenpō Fukyukai, 憲法普及会)

Hussey worked with the President of Kenpō Fukyukai, Mr. Histoshi Ashida.

Photo album of the celebration of the new Constitution.

One slide set (only one box of two, the second part)
The first part is not found anywhere else yet.
The narration pamphlet was found in the document files.
Preserve and Access on the Digital Collections

Only image, No texts on this site
Reunify “dispersed materials” in the large collection

“hidden” in the collection

Create ‘a small collection’ within one archived collection for research and education – Data as library collection
Used OMEKA Online Exhibits Site in 2017
New Changes in the policy and the IT infrastructure ..

→ Add texts and translation to the image

English Translation
A sudden blast of wind from the outside world blew into Japan when it went from a closed country to an open country. For the first time, the common people found that the shogun, daimyo, or samurai's ability to do as they pleased and trample them underfoot was intolerable, and they overthrew the Tokugawa government and destroyed the feudal system. That was the Meiji Restoration.

Added Entry - Corporate Name
03 日本幻燈株式會社

Published
[Japan : s.n., 1947?]

Description
16 slides : col. ; 4.1 x 5.4 cm. in box 5 x 7 x 6.7 cm.

Note
01 "制作日本幻燈株式會社" --box.

Subject Added Entry - Topical Term
Constitutional law Japan Slides.

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Reunify the image and the texts
Image display → Collection as Data
Entire text of the pamphlet, English translation

Slide 1 (image unavailable)
Captions: Jinken Sengen (Declaration of Human Rights)

Slide 2 (image unavailable)
When Japan was suffering from defeat in war and was trying to make a fresh start as a country with a peaceful culture, a new constitution that clearly articulated a way forward for us was established.

Slide 3 (image unavailable)
The new constitution, seeking perpetual peace, has as its basis these three ideas: to never engage in war again; governing democratically; and respecting the basic human rights of citizens.

Slide 4 (image unavailable)
Let's first examine the concept of fundamental human rights. The fundamental human rights included in the new constitution are the result of the freedoms acquired by humans over many years. They are things that have endured the test of time and are the outcome of many years of trial and error. What, then, are the efforts and trials that we humans have endured in the acquisition of our freedoms?
Under improvement.... Use Online Exhibit platform to tell “stories”

Other resource related to the new Constitution from the U-M Library and beyond

Outside Open Access resource related to the content

“Birth of the Constitution of Japan” at the National Diet Library
Original digital documents at the National Archive of Japan
United Nation Treaties
Others

Redesign
Collaboration

Digital Pedagogy Librarian

Summer Graduate Fellow

Senior academic technologist

Digital asset management consultant

Director of Connected Scholarship
Virtual repatriation

“Can this project be considered a ‘virtual repatriation’ to the Japanese community, who originally produced these materials in their effort to promote the new Japanese Constitution?”
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Please see the short paper for other references.