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Two Models of Primary Source Collection

1. The CCD Collection
Japanese print publications submitted to the CCD for censorship review (e.g. The Prange Collection)

2. Military and Civilian Leaders’ Personal Collection
Governmental and personal documents donated to U.S. academic institutions
Three Cases of Collecting and Integrating SCAP Officers’/Civilians’ Collections
Case 1: The Prange as a Hub of Allied Occupation Resources

15 Gift Collections

• 7 Papers
• 2 Photographs and Oral History
• 1 Photographs and Slides
• 1 Photographs and Report
• 1 Photo Album
• 1 Photographs
• 1 Slides
• 1 Oral Histories
Features of SCAP/Civilian Leaders’ Personal Collections

• A variety of domains/fields
  SCAP: Division of Legislation, Labor, Intelligence
  Civilian: Journalist, Attorney, Professional Housewife

• A variety of types of materials
  Governmental documents, personal correspondence, photographs

• No copyright constraints for Open Access!
Charles L. Kades Papers on the Internet Archive

Charles L. Kades papers: Relating to the Writing of the Japanese Constitution (1947)
24 representatives of Orphanages in Nagasaki City came to thank C.O. for "LARA" Goods on 9 June 48"
Case 2: University of Michigan

Hassey Paper Collection

Integrating scattered resources within one collection and beyond the institution
Alfred Rodman Hussey papers, (1945-1948)  
the University of Michigan Library Special Collections

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)

Hussey’s photo from the documentary “Nihonkoku kenpō tanjō (日本国憲法誕生)”, NHK, 2007.
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
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
“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

1-1 Cairo Communiqué, December 1, 1943

1-2 Joseph Grew, Address in Chicago, December 29, 1943

1-3 Formulating the Post-war Policy on Japan in the U.S. Department of State

1-4 A Message to the People of Japan from President of the United States, May 8, 1945

1-5 U.S. Initial Post-Surrender Policy for Japan

1-6 Records of Negotiations Related to the Acceptance of the Potsdam

1-7 Imperial Rescript of the Termination of the War, August 14, 1945

1-8 Truman’s Approval of the National Composition of Forces to Occupy Japan, August 19, 1945

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

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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.
Microfilmed in 1977

Held by

Library of Congress
National Diet Library
1 company in Japan
11 US University libraries
2 Canadian University libraries

Microfilm check list in Hathi Trust
Preserve and Access, Utilize and Create ....
Hidden “scattered materials” in the large collection

“hidden” in the collection

Create resource for Education and Research
Collaboration

Researcher

Graduate Student
(web design & translation)

Librarian
(project manager)
Integrate scattered materials into “a small collection” inside the large collection
Slide + Narration pamphlet

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

“Digital Booklet” more useful than PDF style E-books
Collection development in the Military Intelligence field

Examples

Microfilm:
Military intelligence in the Pacific, 1942-1946 bulletins of the Intelligence Center, Pacific Ocean area, Joint Intelligence Center, Pacific Ocean area, and the Commander-In-Chief, Pacific and Pacific Ocean area.

Commercial database:
Gale | Cengage Learning (in process)
Japan: Records of the U.S. Department of State 1910 - 1950

Adam Matthews – Archives direct online
the documents from The National Archives, United Kingdom
Foreign Office Files for Japan, 1919-1952 [Imperialism and the War in the Pacific, 1931-1945]
Case 3: University of Hawaii at Manoa

The Stanley Kaizawa Kabuki Collection and Others

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Toward a Comprehensive Scope of Allied Occupation Resources

To create a survey aimed at developing a list of Allied Occupation Resources and ask for responses from overseas librarians

• SCAP Officials’ Gift Collections held by overseas institutions

• Civilians’ Gift Collections held by overseas institutions
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