

# Guide to the John Fee Embree Papers

MS 976



compiled by Staff of Manuscripts and Archives

October 1984

Yale University Library  
P.O. Box 208240  
New Haven, CT 06520-8240  
(203) 432-1735  
(203) 432-7441

[beinecke.library@yale.edu](mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu)

<http://www.library.yale.edu/mssa/>

---

## Table of Contents

Collection Overview .....	3
Requesting Instructions .....	3
Administrative Information .....	4
Immediate Source of Acquisition .....	4
Conditions Governing Access .....	4
Conditions Governing Use .....	4
Preferred Citation .....	4
Biographical / Historical .....	4
Scope and Contents .....	4
Collection Contents .....	5
Selected Search Terms .....	8

---

## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Manuscripts and Archives  
Yale University Library  
P.O. Box 208240  
New Haven, CT 06520-8240  
(203) 432-1735  
(203) 432-7441  
beinecke.library@yale.edu  
<http://www.library.yale.edu/mssa/>

**CALL NUMBER:** MS 976

**CREATOR:** Embree, John F. (John Fee), 1908-1950

**TITLE:** John Fee Embree papers

**DATES:** 1926-1950

**BULK DATES:** 1945-1950

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Miscellaneous papers of John Fee Embree, sociologist and director of Southeast Asia Studies at Yale University, 1950. Two journals of trips to the Far East, 1926 and 1947-1948, the latter accompanied by numerous photographs, postcards, wood cuts, and other illustrations are included. Also in the papers are correspondence and mimeographed memoranda of the American Council of Learned Societies, the Social Science Research Council and the Far Eastern Association, 1948-1951, on the advancement of Asian studies in the United States. There are also documents, reports and lecture outlines from the School of Naval Administration, Hoover Institute, 1945-1946, on the Far East and countries in the South Pacific, and manuscripts by Embree on East Asia and the Japanese in America.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/mssa.ms.0976>

---

## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use in the Manuscripts and Archives reading room, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/mssa.ms.0976>.

To order reproductions from this collection, please go to [http://www.library.yale.edu/mssa/ifr\\_copy\\_order.html](http://www.library.yale.edu/mssa/ifr_copy_order.html). The information you will need to submit an order includes: the collection call number, collection title, series or accession number, box number, and folder number or name.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

---

## Administrative Information

---

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Part of the John F. Embree Papers were given to Yale University Library by Mrs. Ella L. Wiswell in 1965 and by Stanford University in 1968.

---

### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

---

### Conditions Governing Use

Copyright status for collection materials is unknown. Transmission or reproduction of materials protected by U.S. Copyright Law (Title 17, U.S.C.) beyond that allowed by fair use requires the written permission of the copyright owners. Works not in the public domain cannot be commercially exploited without permission of the copyright owners. Responsibility for any use rests exclusively with the user.

---

### Preferred Citation

John Fee Embree Papers (MS 976). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

---

## Biographical / Historical

John Fee Embree, 1908-1950: sociologist and anthropologist; B.A., University of Hawaii, 1931; M.A., University of Toronto, 1934; Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1937; associate professor, sociology, Yale University, 1948-1950; research associate, anthropology and director, Southeast Asia Studies, Yale University, 1950.

*Historical Register of Yale University, 1937-1951.*

---

## Scope and Contents

The John F. Embree Papers consist of journals, manuscripts, photographs, woodcuts, reprints, and miscellaneous papers spanning from 1926 to 1950. Most are related to Embree's education and employment as a scholar in Asian studies. Researchers will find additional material in the Edwin Rogers Embree Papers, Manuscript Group No. 198.

Part of the John F. Embree Papers were given to Yale University Library by Mrs. Ella L. Wiswell in 1965 and by Stanford University in 1968. The rest appear to have been transferred from his father's papers.

---

## Collection Contents

- b. 1, f. 1      "Family journal," February 3, 1926 to July 17, 1926  
English  
This is a report of a trip beginning with Embree's arrival in Kobe, with entries for Tokyo, Nara, Kyoto via Toba and Yamada, Singapore, Batavia, Siam, Penang, Colombo, Ceylon, Suez, Marseilles, Paris.
- 
- b. 1, f. 2      Journal, v. 1, Mar 26, 1927 to Jan 18, 1948. p.22-255  
A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at [beinecke.library@yale.edu](mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu) to request access to the digital copy.  
  
I. Travel notes on Hong Kong, Manila, Batavia and Singapore. Mar 26-Apr 8, 1947  
II. Bangkok. Early impressions. Apr 10-20, 1947  
III. Bangkok. Apr 20-30, 1947.  
IV. Bangkok. May 3-Jul 30, 1947  
V. Chiangmai. Jul 31-Aug 5, 1947  
VII. (sic) Saigon. Aug-Oct 1947  
[unnumbered]. Hanoi. Nov 2-Jan 18,1948
- 
- b. 1, f. 3      Journal, v.2, Jan 20, 1948-April 23, 1948. p.256-422  
A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at [beinecke.library@yale.edu](mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu) to request access to the digital copy.  
  
VIII. Laos. Jan 20-Feb 4, 1948  
IX. Cambodia. Feb 8-Feb 20, 1948  
X. Burma. Feb 20-Mar 7, 1948  
[XI] Indonesia. Mar 8-Mar 26, 1948  
VI. [?] Siam Summary [Misplaced. Should be in v.1]  
[unnumbered] Saigon. Mar 31-Apr 23, 1948
- 
- b. 1, f. 4      Journals (Supplement). Figs. 1-87  
A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at [beinecke.library@yale.edu](mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu) to request access to the digital copy.  
  
[Photographs of places and persons mentioned in the journals in folders 2 and 3]
- 
- b. 1, f. 5      Journals (Supplement). Figs. 88-183  
A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at [beinecke.library@yale.edu](mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu) to request access to the digital copy.  
  
[Photographs of persons and places mentioned in the journals in folders 2 and 3]
-

b. 2, f. 5	Photographs, postcards, wood-cuts, magazine illustrations and other pictures, arranged by country. Photographs and other materials made or collected presumably in 1947-1948.	
b. 2, f. 6	Burma	
b. 2, f. 7	Cambodia Photographs, postcards	
b. 2, f. 8	Cambodia. Woodcuts Story of Indra. Nos. 11-20. See also <a href="#">box 2, folder 11</a>	
b. 2, f. 9	Indonesia	
b. 2, f. 10	Laos. Photographs, postcards	
b. 2, f. 11	Laos. Woodcuts. Nos. 1-30. See <a href="#">box 2, folder 8</a>	
b. 2, f. 12	Philippines. Photographs	
b. 2, f. 13	Thailand. Photographs	
b. 2, f. 14	Vietnam. Photographs	
b. 3, f. 15	Hoover Institute. School of Naval Administration Documents 1 - 25. 1946.	
b. 3, f. 16	_____. Documents 26 - 65. 1946 English	
b. 3, f. 17	_____. Documents 66 - 97. 1946 English	
b. 3, f. 18	_____. Documents 98 - 108. 1946 English	
b. 3, f. 18	[The documents in folders. 15-18 are a series of reports-ethnographic, economic, sociological, historical, etc.-on countries in the Far East and in the South Pacific.] English	
b. 3, f. 19	Papers relating to the Far Eastern Association, 1948-1950	
b. 3, f. 20	ACLS - SSRC Joint Committee on Southern Asia. Papers, 1949	
b. 3, f. 21	[ <u>underline</u> ].Papers, 1950-1951 English	
b. 3, f. 22	Maspero, Georges. <i>The Kingdom of Champa</i> . A translation of Chapter I of <i>Le Royaume du Champa</i> [by John Fee Embree]. Yale University, Southeast Asia Studies, 1949. 56 leaves (typescript, mimeographed).	
	<u>Miscellaneous manuscripts</u>	
b. 4, f. 1	Two American writers at the present, day. (On Willa Cather and Sinclair Lewis.) 8 p. (typescript)	1927 November 23
b. 4, f. 2	Ascent of Waialeale. A personal narrative. 63 p. (typescript)	1932 March-April

b. 4, f. 3	On the face of it. Notes on a summer in Karuigawa, Japan 1932. 68 p. (photostatic copy of ms.) Photographs and postcards laid in A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1932 June 10- September 10
b. 4, f. 4	Embree, John and Ella. Preliminary report on the social organization of Suye Mura, Island of Kyushu, Japan 28,iii p. (mimeographed) A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1936 February 15
b. 4, f. 5	KGU Radio Broadcast. On Richard Wright's <i>Native Son</i> . 9 p. (typescript) A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1940 May 8
b. 4, f. 5	Some causes of unrest at Relocation Centers, 5 p. (typescript carbon)	1943 January 7
b. 4, f. 5	Americans of Japanese ancestry, 5 p., (mimeographed)	[1943?]
b. 4, f. 5	TL (carbon copy) to Harry D. Gideonse criticizing his speech, "American policy in Indonesia." 6 p.	1949 June 8
b. 4, f. 5	Proposal for a social study of an Asiatic city. As a first step in a comparative urban sociology and an essential base of knowledge for modern international relations without war. 5 p. (typed carbon) With covering letter to Edwin Rogers Embree	1949 June 28
<u>Proposal to U.S. government</u>		
b. 4, f. 6	The FEAP and the LEAP* A project for East Asia. 1948 January 29, 5, 16 p. (typescript) charts A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	
<u>Reprints of articles</u>		
b. 4, f. 7	"Relocation of Japanese in United States," <i>Journal of the Washington Academy of Sciences</i> . v.33, no.8 English	1943 August 15
b. 4, f. 7	"Military occupation of Japan," <i>Far Eastern Survey</i> English	1944 September 20
b. 4, f. 7	"Democracy in postwar Japan," <i>The American Journal of Sociology</i> , v.1, no. 3 English	1944 November
b. 4, f. 7	"A visit to Laos, French Indochina," <i>Journal of the Washington Academy of Sciences</i> , v. 39, no. 5 English	1949 May 15
b. 4, f. 7	"Some problems of an American cultural officer in Asia," <i>American Anthropologist</i> . v. 51 English	1949

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Geographic Names**

Asia -- Description and travel  
Southeast Asia -- Description and travel

### **Occupations**

Anthropologists

### **Subjects**

Sociologists

### **Names**

Embree, John F. (John Fee), 1908-1950

### **Corporate Bodies**

American Council of Learned Societies  
Association for Asian Studies  
Social Science Research Council (U.S.)  
Yale University. Southeast Asia Studies  
Yale University -- Faculty  
Yale University -- Officials and employees