

Guide to the Jean M. Conklin Papers

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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Conklin, Jean M.

TITLE: Jean M. Conklin papers

DATES: 1890–2006

BULK DATES: 1935–2006

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 30.33 linear feet (68 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English; Japanese

SUMMARY: The personal and family papers of Jean M. Conklin, Yale University employee and wife of Yale anthropology professor Harold C. Conklin.

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- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the estate of Harold C. Conklin, 2016.

Conditions Governing Access

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

The bulk of the materials was arranged by the donor. Information included in the Scope and Contents note and the collection inventory is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from a survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the collection inventory are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles were supplied by staff during processing.

Biographical / Historical

Jean Mieko Conklin was born in Sharon, Pennsylvania on August 26, 1926 to Masanobu Morisuye and Kikue Hasegawa Morisuye, Japanese immigrants. Masanobu, Jean's father, was an engineer at the Westinghouse Corporation and founded the first Japanese American Boy Scout troop in the United States. Jean graduated from Oberlin College in 1948 and earned a master's degree in biology from Brown University in 1950. After graduating from Oberlin, Jean married Yale University anthropology professor Harold C. Conklin and accompanied him as a research assistant on several of his anthropological field trips. Jean worked at Yale University in a variety of roles, serving in several positions at the Yale School of Medicine, the Human Resources department, the Office of the General Counsel, and the Athletic Director's office. Her avocational interests included family genealogy, which is documented extensively in her papers, as well as photography, writing, and travel. Jean died in Hamden, Connecticut on July 22, 2010 at the age of 83.

Scope and Contents

The Jean M. Conklin papers document the life of a Japanese American family that settled initially in San Francisco, California and later in Sharon, Pennsylvania. Included in the collection are materials created and collected by Jean Conklin about the Morisuye (Jean's father's line) and Hasegawa (Jean's mother's line) families, of which Jean was among the first generation born in the United States. Also included among the material is documentation about Jean's father, Masanobu Moriuye, and his efforts to establish the first Japanese American Boy Scout troop in San Francisco, as well as materials documenting Jean's childhood, college years, and life as the wife of Yale anthropology professor Harold C. Conklin. Also included are pieces of Jean's artwork, Jean's public school and college papers, family correspondence, family scrapbooks, 8mm-

film footage of family travel between the 1930s and 1960s, VHS tapes, photographs, slides, and research materials related to her family's genealogy.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in six series: I. Correspondence, 1940-2006. II. Family Papers, 1915-2005. III. School Papers, Notebooks, and Diaries, 1930-2004. IV. Travel Papers, 1952-2003. V. Scrapbooks and Photographs, 1890-1980. VI. Audiovisual Materials, 1930-1999.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1940–2006

This series primarily consists of incoming and outgoing correspondence between Jean Conklin and members of her immediate and extended family during the mid-to-late 20th century. Some correspondence between Jean and Harold (Hal) Conklin and their friends is also included. Topics include family history, family events, and accounts of trips taken by Jean and Hal Conklin as part of Hal Conklin's anthropological research. Occasionally related materials are included with the correspondence.

Arranged as received from the donor.

b. 1, f. 1	Arai, Fujiko, family correspondence and notes	1940–2004
b. 1, f. 2	Buehler, Yo (Yoshiko) Buehler	1981–2002
b. 1, f. 3-10	Conklin family	June 1957- September 1963
b. 2, f. 1	Komatsu Hasegawa (Sister Emmanuele)	1980–1999
b. 2, f. 2	Jablonko, Alison	1999–2001
b. 2, f. 3	Kakuno, Eiko, correspondence and notes	1988–2006
b. 2, f. 4	Mitarai, Evelyn	1993–2002
b. 2, f. 5	Morisue, Jo, housesitting	1968
b. 2, f. 6	Morisue, Jo	1963–1998
b. 2, f. 7	Morisue, Jo, correspondence and Word War II FBI relocation permit materials	1942–2004
b. 2, f. 8	Morisuye, Masae, letters and memorabilia	1996–2005
b. 2, f. 9	Morisue, Tiffany	1997–2002
b. 3, f. 1	Murano, Yaeko	1999–2002
b. 3, f. 2-3	Nao, Tamaki	1985–2005
b. 3, f. 4	Nao, Ruth (Ruth Towns)	1990–2002
b. 3, f. 5	Nao, Becky (Becky Koblitz)	1993–2001
b. 3, f. 6	Okabe, Keiki	1974–1999
b. 3, f. 7	Riemer, Father Robert	1997–2002
b. 3, f. 8	Sato, Etsuko, correspondence and papers	1992–2001
b. 3, f. 9	Shimizu	2000–2004
b. 3, f. 10	Shimizu family trees Also includes family trees for the Morisuye and Conklin families.	1979–1987
b. 3, f. 11	Japan	1992–1996

b. 3, f. 12	Jean Conklin, round robin	1991–2003
b. 3, f. 13	Morisuye mass mailings	1969–1984
b. 3, f. 14	Christmas mass mailings	1984–1986
b. 4, f. 1	Family correspondence of Jean Conklin, Kikue Hasegawa Morisuye, Masanobu Morisuye, and Eleanor Morisuye Masae	1950–1953
b. 4, f. 2	Letters to Jean and Hal Conklin, birth of Bruce Conklin, and Morisuye trip	1955–1976
b. 4, f. 3-5	Morisuye family	1963–1983
b. 4, f. 6	Kikue Hasegawa Morisuye, Meadville, Pennsylvania	1980–1985
b. 4, f. 7	Masanobu Morisuye, photography techniques	1963
b. 4, f. 8	Kikue Hasegawa Morisuye, correspondence and memorabilia	1968–1985
b. 5, f. 1	Condolence letters for Masae Morisuye's passing	1981
b. 5, f. 2	Condolence letters for Kikue Hasegawa Morisuye's passing	1985–1986
b. 5, f. 3	Kikue Morisuye, illness and passing	1985–1986
b. 5, f. 4	Masanobu Morisuye, illness and passing	1981
b. 5, f. 5	Conklin visit to Japan	1957–1958
b. 5, f. 6	Harold Conklin Iban trip, 1957	1957–1997
b. 5, f. 7	Barrio Council of Kinakin irrigation petition	1962–1963
b. 5, f. 8	Trip notes	1956–1997
b. 5, f. 9	Family correspondence, miscellaneous	1961–1999

Series II: Family Papers, 1915–2005

This series consists of genealogical and other materials related to the Morisuye and Hasegawa families. Materials found in this series include genealogical charts, family history narratives, news articles, correspondence, photographs, and notes.

Also included in this series are materials created and collected by Jean's parents, including documentation relating to Masanobu Morisuye's efforts to establish a Japanese American Boy Scout troop in San Francisco and his work as an engineer, as well as notebooks, drawings, and sketches created by Kikue Hasegawa Morisuye.

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General

b. 6, f. 1	Hasegawa family genealogical charts	1992
b. 6, f. 2	Toru Hasegawa family	1988–2003
b. 6, f. 3	Akira Hasegawa family	1985–2005
b. 6, f. 4-5	Komatsu Hasegawa (Sister Emmanuele)	1925–2004
	<i>Hasegawa Story</i> materials	1900–1987
b. 6, f. 6	Original English version	1987
b. 6, f. 7	Background material	1900–1985
b. 7, f. 1	Revised version with photographs	1987
b. 7, f. 2	Japanese translation by Syuziro Uziie and Yoshiko Bhueler	1985
b. 7, f. 3	Hasegawa clan genealogy	1985–1994
b. 7, f. 4	Ginnosuke Hasegawa and family, photographs and anecdotes	1915–1963
b. 8, f. 1	Jo Morisue tape transcripts	1933–1992
b. 8, f. 2	Morisue family news articles	1933–1981
b. 8, f. 3	Kikue Morisuye genealogical charts	1970–1990
b. 8, f. 4	Addresses for family in Japan	1990–1996
b. 8, f. 5	Japanese family birthdays	1990–1999
b. 8, f. 6	Bruce Conklin term paper on Morisuye family history	1977
b. 8, f. 7	Morisuye and Hasegawa family stories	1974–1983
b. 8, f. 8	Hasegawa and Morisuye family genealogies and anecdotes	1976–1984
b. 8, f. 9	Genealogical charts	1990–1996
b. 8, f. 10	Shimizu family genealogies	1991–2005
b. 8, f. 11-12	Jo Morisuye genealogical charts	1991–2002

General (continued)

b. 8, f. 13	Japan kinship notes	1999–2001
b. 8, f. 14	Calligraphy, family names in Japanese	1980–1989
b. 8, f. 15	Notes on contents of two Morisuye family films	2004
b. 8, f. 16	Jean Conklin retirement from Yale Human Resources and social events	1989–1990
b. 9, f. 1-2	Artwork	Circa 1950s- circa 1980s
b. 9, f. 3	Calendar	1973
Masanobu Morisuye		
	Boy Scout Troop 12	1915–1992
b. 10, f. 1	San Francisco	1989–1992
b. 10, f. 2	History, anniversary, photographs	1915–1990
b. 10, f. 3	Correspondence	1959–1979
b. 10, f. 4	Anniversary celebration books	1960–1990
	Engineering career	1947–1979
b. 10, f. 5	International Executive Service Corps documents and photographs	1968–1979
b. 10, f. 6	Westinghouse booklets and keepsakes	1947–1976
b. 10, f. 7	Westinghouse disclosures and patents	1938–1962
b. 10, f. 8	Westinghouse retirement letters and dinner program	1963
b. 11, f. 1-4	Notebooks and diaries	1898-1981, undated
b. 9, f. 4	Awards	1950s-1970s
	Kikue Morisuye	1933–1982
b. 11, f. 5	Writings on Cha-no-yu, Sumi, and festivals	1933
b. 11, f. 6	Calligraphy, spelling notes, etc.	1958–1982
b. 11, f. 7	Calligraphy	1800s
b. 12, f. 1	Calendar chalk drawings	1940–1982
b. 12, f. 2	Writings, news clippings, and keepsakes	1940–1982
b. 12, f. 3-6	Notebooks and diaries	1925–1970
b. 13, f. 1-3	Notebooks and diaries	1972, 1982, undated

Series III: School Papers, Notebooks, and Diaries, 1930–2004

This series consists of materials related to Jean's high school years and her time as an undergraduate at Oberlin College. Materials include sketches, notebooks, diaries, scrapbooks, and assorted high school, college, and church papers.

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b. 14, f. 1	Sketches	1958
b. 14, f. 2	Sharon High School	1944–2004
b. 14, f. 3	Sharon First Methodist Church	1960–1979
b. 14, f. 4	Oberlin documents	1944–1995
b. 14, f. 5	Correspondence with former Oberlin classmates	1990–1992
b. 14, f. 6	Oberlin commencement program, bulletin, and handbooks	1943–1950
b. 14, f. 7	Brown University	1948–1950
b. 15, f. 1	Diplomas	1944, 1948, 1950
b. 15, f. 2-6	Notebooks and diaries	1937–1963
b. 16, f. 1-6	Notebooks and diaries	1968-1986, undated
b. 17, f. 1	Notebooks and diaries	Undated
b. 17, f. 2-3	Sketch notebooks	Undated

Series IV: Travel Papers, 1952–2003

This series consists of notes and correspondence related to the extensive personal and professional travels of the Morisuye family and of Hal and Jean Conklin.

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b. 18, f. 1	Japan	1952
b. 18, f. 2	Japan and around the world trip	1963
b. 18, f. 3	Brazil	1969–1970
b. 18, f. 4	Morisuye family vacation to San Francisco	1978–1979
b. 18, f. 5	Yale Alumni Association Indonesia trip	1983
b. 18, f. 6	Meadville, Pennsylvania	1985–1986
b. 18, f. 7	Yale Alumni Association Melanesia trip	1987
b. 18, f. 8	Japan	1992
b. 18, f. 9	Moose Creek, Idaho	June 1994-1996
b. 18, f. 10	Japan	1995
b. 19, f. 1	Japan	1999
b. 19, f. 2	<i>An Ifugao Notebook</i> English	2002
b. 19, f. 3	Strathcona, Alberta	2002–2003

Series V: Scrapbooks and Photographs, 1890–1980

This series includes scrapbooks, photographs, and slides documenting the early life, genealogy, and travels of Jean Conklin and her family. Many of the photographs and slides were taken by Masanobu Morisuye, who was an amateur photographer.

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b. 20, f. 1	Scrapbook	Circa 1940s
b. 21, f. 1	Scrapbook	Circa 1940s
b. 22, f. 1-3	Scrapbooks and ephemera	1930s-1950s, 1980s
b. 23, f. 1	Hasegawa family photographs	1890–1963
b. 23, f. 2	Japanese family photographs	1900–1994
b. 23, f. 3	Family photographs	1890–1986
b. 23, f. 4	Hasegawa and Morisuye family photographs, copies	1890–1986
b. 23, f. 5	Masanobu Morisuye, class photographs and illustration clippings	1919
b. 23, f. 6	Masanobu Morisuye photographs	1970s
b. 24, f. 1	Slide organizational chart	Circa 1941-circa 1980
b. 24, f. 2	Brazil slides	1969
b. 24, f. 3	Japan family slides	1957–1969
b. 24, f. 4-6	Morisuye family trip slides	1941–1979
b. 25, f. 1-2	Morisuye family trip slides	1941–1979
b. 25, f. 3-5	Jean's slides	1940–1977
	Masanobu Morisuye, slides	1919–1980
b. 26, f. 1	Exhibition slides, early family slides	1944–1982
b. 26, f. 2	Exhibition slides	1960–1980
b. 26, f. 3	Retirement slides, old landscape slides	1941–1979
b. 27, f. 1-3	Negatives	1940–1980
b. 28, f. 1-4	Negatives	1940–1980

Series VI: Audiovisual Materials, 1930–1999

This series is comprised of 8mm films and VHS tapes documenting the early life and travels of Jean Conklin and her family. Some commercially produced 8mm film reels acquired by Jean during her travels are also included.

Arranged in no particular order.

reel 29	Jean and Eleanor with ducks at Buhl Farm <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1930–1939
reel 30	Jean and Eleanor with dog <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1930–1939
reel 31	Westinghouse tennis team <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1930–1939
reel 32	Ice skating at Buhl Farm <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1940–1949
reel 33	World's Fair <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1940
reel 34	Vacation part I <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1941
reel 35	Jean's class day <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1944
reel 36	Zion <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1944
reel 37	Jean and Eleanor at Cornell <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1944
reel 38	Vacation <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1948
reel 39	Bruce in playpen at 70 Morningside Drive <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1959
reel 40	Bruce, 1 year old <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1960
reel 41	Km on Columbia campus, with Bruce <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1960
reel 42	Bruce <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1960–1961
reel 43	Bruce in Sharon <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1961
reel 44	Mark on rollerboard, travel films <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1968
reel 45	Riding in horse-drawn carriage, Williamsburg <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1930–1939

reel 46	Trip west <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1944
reel 47	Zion <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1944
reel 48	Trip to Japan, Mount Fuji <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1963
reel 49	Shot of city street <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1960–1969
reel 50	MM/KM world trip <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1963
reel 51	Bruce and Mark <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1963–1964
reel 52	Japanese Music: Koto, Shakuhachi <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1960–1969
reel 53	Sakura, Sakura Hotaru <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1960–1969
reel 54	<i>See Roam Around America</i> <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i> English	1960–1969
reel 55	Light Classical Music Travelogue <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1960–1969
reel 56	Koto and Folk Songs <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1960–1969
reel 57	<i>Koto Classics</i> <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i> English	1960–1969
reel 58	Untitled <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1960–1969
reel 59	Obachan <i>1 Film Reel (8mm)</i>	1960–1969
b. 60	Katsanori's service and Kosaka Nao's service <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i>	1996
b. 61	In Nagoya, Tukupui, and Ebina <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i>	July 1999
b. 62	Morisuye home movies "A" <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i>	1990–1999
b. 63	Bryce Canyon family trip <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i>	1990–1999
b. 64	Jean C reels 9-12 <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i>	1990–1999

b. 65	Jean A reels <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i>	1990–1999
b. 66	Jean B reels 0-8 <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i>	1990–1999
b. 67	Jean D reels: Jean, Hal, Bruce, Mark <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i>	1990–1999
b. 68	Jean's comments on two Morisuye videos, with transcript <i>1 Audiocassette</i>	1990–1999

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.

Subjects

Japanese American families
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Names

Conklin, Harold C., 1926-2016
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