Finding Aid to the Toshio Yatsushiro Papers MS.212

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Abstract: Dr. Toshio Yatsushiro (b. 1917) is an anthropologist born in the United States to Japanese parents. Yatsushiro started advising and doing research for the federal government when he and his family were incarcerated in the Poston War Relocation Authority Camp during World War II. After the war, Yatsushiro taught at universities in the U.S. and Canada. While teaching at McGill University in Canada, the Canadian government hired Yatsushiro to do field studies on the Inuit settlement in Frobisher Bay, now Iqaluit, in Nunavut territory from 1958-1959. This collection, which spans from 1957-1962, includes Yatsushiro’s research notes during the Inuit study and his manuscript for an unpublished book based on his findings.
creator: Graburn, Nelson H. H.
creator: Yatsushiro, Lily
creator: Yatsushiro, Toshio, b. 1917
Biographical Note
Toshio Yatsushiro was born on May 5, 1917, in the United States and was raised by his Japanese-born parents in Hawaii. After finishing high school, he received a scholarship to the University of Redlands and began studying sociology in 1939. When World War II began during his senior year of college, Yatsushiro and his family from the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles were all sent to the Colorado River War Relocation Authority camp, also known as Poston, in Arizona. Poston was located on the Colorado River Indian Reservation and was therefore operated by the Office of Indian Affairs (OIA), now the Bureau of Indian Affairs, until 1943.
While teaching at McGill, the Canadian government commissioned Yatsushiro to do field studies on Inuit Eskimo residents of Frobisher Bay, now known as Iqaluit, in the Northwest Territory Nunavut to see how they were dealing with Canadian settlements between 1958 and 1959. Yatsushiro attended an international conference in 1959 and presented a preliminary report on his findings, which was critical of the government’s handling of the Inuit people of Baffin Island. The Canadian government terminated the contract, and Yatsushiro’s manuscript was never published.
Acquisition
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Arrangement
Materials are arranged by material type, then chronologically. Manuscript chapters start with Chapter 2 and go up to Chapter 11.
Processing history
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Scope and contents
This collection of papers includes the manuscript for a book titled The Changing Eskimo and research material relating to Inuit ethnology, archaeology, and anthropology from 1957-1962. Yatsushiro’s research materials included in this collection are from his work in Frobisher Bay from 1958-1959. Papers include field notes, field expenses, questionnaires, and transcripts of interviews. This collection also includes both business and personal correspondence, some of which includes correspondence to Yatsushiro’s wife Lily while she stayed with him in Frobisher Bay. Other papers in this collection include a bibliography on “Copper Eskimos,” notes on linguistics and orthography, government licenses, newsletters, newspaper clippings, examples of research proposals, and one of Yatsushiro’s student’s papers.

There is no evidence of The Changing Eskimo being published as a monograph, though there are notes that certain of the chapters were given as papers before some Anthropological meetings.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Arctic peoples
Bibliography
Changing Eskimo
Clippings
Copper Inuit
Correspondence
Field notes
Frobisher Bay (Nunavut : Bay)
Inuit -- Ethnology
Inuit -- Social life and customs
Inuit language -- Orthography and spelling
Iqaluit (Nunavut)
Japanese Americans
Licenses
Linguistics
Newsletters
Orthography and spelling
Questionnaires
Transcripts
**Box 1 1957-1962**

- Frobisher Bay census, population statistics.
- Frobisher Bay census, notes on families.
- Frobisher Bay census results. Also includes information and notes on families.
- *The Changing Eskimo*, economy (folder A)
- Additional "Minneapolis" note on folder.
- *The Changing Eskimo*, economy (folder B)
- *The Changing Eskimo*, chapter 3, climate
- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 4, demography
- Note on folder, "Vide #2 above".
- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 4, material culture
- "Material culture change versus conservatism" survey. Content is in relation to Chapter 4.
- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 7, attitudes toward wage employment draft and tables
- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 7, data survey in Eskimo language
- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 7, data survey translated
- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 7, code sheets of survey results
- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 7, job survey
- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 7, case studies
- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 8, income and expenditures
- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 8, purchase charts of selected Eskimos
- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 8, expenditure statistics
- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 8, miscellaneous
- *The Changing Eskimo* Tables for chapters 8, 4, and 6
- *The Changing Eskimo* Kinship blank charts for chapter 10
- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 10 Eskimo family structure (folder A)
- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 10, Eskimo family structure (folder B)
- Miscellaneous notes and "An Introduction to Frobisher Bay"
- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 10, Eskimo family structure (folder C)
- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 10, kinship genealogy charts (folder A)

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- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 10, kinship data (folder B)
- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 10, kinship data (folder C)
- *The Changing Eskimo* chapter 11, political organization
- Copper Eskimos articles. Extracts are from Human Relations Area Files (HRAF).
- Correspondence A
- Correspondence B
- Ditto masters of forms
- Eskimo language vocabulary notes
- Eskimo songs and tales – notes
- Field expenses
- Field notes, typed
- Frobisher development committee
- NHH Graburn's thesis proposal
- Graburn's MA thesis manuscript
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- Anthropological papers of Chas C. Hughes
- Preliminary outline, interim report
- Transcripts of interviews
- Answers to questionnaires A
- Answers to questionnaires B
- Government licenses for Canadian work
- Regarding linguistics and orthography
- Meteorological data
- Miscellany
- News clippings
- Photography information
- Rasmussen’s V Thule expedition Includes 2 typed copies
- Criminal data
- Notes
- Research proposals, biography
- Research proposal examples
- Frobisher Bay school records
- Case study. Includes two typed copies