Inventory of the Tess Johnston papers

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Abstract: Correspondence, writings, printed matter, and photographs relating to Western communities and architecture in Shanghai and elsewhere in China. Mainly collected research material for publications by Tess Johnston.  
Location note: Hoover Institution Archives.  
Creator: Johnston, Tess  
Access  
The collection is open for research; materials must be requested at least two business days in advance of intended use.  
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1949 Graduated from Harrisonburg High School in Charlottesville, Virginia.  
1953 Joined the foreign service as an office secretary and was promoted to secretary to the consulate general in Dusseldorf, Germany.  
1958-1967 Received Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in German from the University of Virginia.  
1962-1967 Taught at the University of Virginia and at the College of William and Mary in Virginia.  
1975 Rejoined Foreign Service, assigned to Consulate General in Frankfurt, Germany.  
1976 Transferred to Embassy in East Berlin, Germany.  
1978 Transferred to New Delhi, India.  
1981-1986 First tour of duty in Shanghai.  
1986 Named Foreign Service Secretary of the Year for her work coordinating the visit of President Ronald Reagan to Shanghai.  
1986-1989 Acted as secretary to the administrative counselor at the United States Embassy in Paris, France.  
1989 Second tour of duty in Shanghai.  
1993 Co-founded Old China Hand Press with Er Dongqiang (also known as Deke Ehr)  
1993 Published A Last Look : Western Architecture in Old China with Dongqiang Er.  
1994 Published Near to Heaven : Western Architecture in China's Old Summer Resorts with Dongqiang Er.  
1996 Published Far From Home : Western Architecture in China's Northern Treaty Ports with Dongqiang Er.  
1996 Retired from the American Foreign Service.  
1996 Published God And Country : Western Religious Architecture in Old China with Dongqiang Er (also known as Deke Erh).  
1997 Published Welcome to Shanghai : A Guide for New Expatriate Residents To Help Them Make The Most of Their Shanghai Experience and The Last Colonies : Western Architecture in China's Southern Treaty Ports with Dongqiang Er.  
2000 Published Frenchtown Shanghai : Western Architecture in Shanghai's Old French Concession with Dongqiang Er.  
Scope and Contents note  
Contains correspondence, writings, printed matter, and photographs, relating to Western communities and architecture in Shanghai and elsewhere in China, mainly collected research material for publications by Tess Johnston. The Personal Materials contains primarily correspondence and articles regarding Tess Johnston's writings and research materials, including inquiries regarding various topics, as well as press and promotional materials for Johnston’s various
writings. The Shanghai History includes books, articles, newsletters, clippings, expatriate association membership directories, printed matter, and various publications from the Old China Hand Press. Of note are the various memoirs written by family members detailing their experiences living as expatriates in China. The Photographs includes photographs of architecture and buildings taken by Tess Johnston in various cities around China in preparation for her books regarding European architecture in China.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
Architecture--China.
China--History.
Europeans--China.
Shanghai (China)--History.

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**Personal Materials 1930-2010**

Scope and Contents note
Correspondence and biographical materials.

- **Box 1**: Correspondence 1986-2010
- **Box 2**: Correspondence (continued) 1986-2010
- **Box/Folder 3 : 1**: Case audit files 1930
- **Box/Folder 3 : 2-5**: Membership directories and name lists 1995-1999
- **Box/Folder 3 : 6-7**: Clippings, book reviews and articles 1994-2000
- **Box/Folder 3 : 8**: Press and promotional materials 2009-2010
- **Box/Folder 3 : 8**: Press and promotional materials 1995-2005
- **Box/Folder 4 : 4**: Faxes and articles written by Tess Johnston 1997-1999
- **Box/Folder 4 : 5**: "President Bill Clinton's Visit" 1998
- **Box/Folder 4 : 6**: Articles written by and regarding Tess Johnston 1994-2001
- **Box/Folder 4 : 7**: *Shanghai Art Deco* manuscript undated

**Shanghai History 1929-2012**

Scope and Contents note
Maps, books, newspapers, manuscripts, memoirs, bank records, and correspondence regarding expatriate history in Shanghai.

- **Box/Folder 4 : 8**: Photocopies of street maps, sections 1-118 undated
- **Box 5**: Two bound volumes of the *North-China Herald* 1929-1931
- **Box 6**: Two bound volumes of the *North-China Herald* 1932-1933
- **Box 7**: Two bound volumes of the *North-China Herald* 1933-1934
- **Box 8**: Two bound volumes of the *North-China Herald* April-September 1934
- **Box 9**: Photocopy of 1947 *Shanghai Street Directory* circa 1990s
- **Box/Folder 10 : 1**: *Cosmopolitan Club of Wuhan* bylaws undated
- **Box/Folder 10 : 2**: *Reprints on China: An annotated Catalog of Western language Reprints on China* circa 1990s
- **Box/Folder 10 : 3**: *Map of the Western Hills: Including a detailed description of the spots of interest and of the roads leading to same* 1935
- **Box/Folder 10 : 4**: *Travelers' Guide: Kiaochow-Tsinan Railway* 1931
- **Box/Folder 10 : 5**: *City Guides and Descriptions of Theater Historian* circa 1920s
- **Box/Folder 10 : 6**: *The China Magazine* November - December 1946
- **Box/Folder 10 : 7-9**: Three books in Chinese 1973-1977
- **Box/Folder 11 : 1**: Two books in Chinese 1990
- **Box/Folder 11 : 2**: Directory of the China-America Council of Commerce and Industry 1946
- **Box/Folder 11 : 3**: *The China Weekly Review* 1931
- **Box/Folder 11 : 4**: *The China Critic* 1931
- **Box/Folder 11 : 5**: "Consular List" 1956
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Photocopy from the National Geographic Magazine Volume XVIII, Number 10

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Scope and Contents note
Materials in German.

Box/Folder 21 : 4  Clipping from the Shanghai Star 1994
Box/Folder 21 : 5  Sheet music undated
Box/Folder 21 : 6  Shanghai Library's English-language holdings undated
Box/Folder 21 : 7  Newsletter in Russian from the Association of Former Residents of China 2014
Box/Folder 21 : 8  Old China Hands Reunion 2000
Box/Folder 21 : 9  Book agreement and travel itinerary 1992-1994
Box/Folder 21 : 10  Various newsletters 2002
Box/Folder 21 : 11  Pamphlets undated
Box/Folder 21 : 12  Copy of China Daily newspaper 9/13/1991
Box/Folder 21 : 13  Embassy Court apartments materials undated
Box/Folder 21 : 14  Various materials regarding Shanghai architecture 2002
Box/Folder 22 : 1  Expo 2010 Shanghai China 2010
Box/Folder 22 : 2  American Women's Club of Shanghai Directories 2001-2013
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Box/Folder 22 : 7  Key Officers of Foreign Service Posts 1996
Box/Folder 22 : 8  The Old China Hand Gazette 1995-2004
Box/Folder 22 : 9  Expatriate organizations membership directories 1988-2006
Box/Folder 22 : 10  Tips for Consular Personnel Living in Shanghai undated
Box/Folder 22 : 11  Asia and the Pacific, McBlain books catalog 138 Circa 1990s
Box 23
Box 24
One bound volume of Finance and Commerce 1941
Box 25
Includes four maps of Shanghai, photocopy of book in Chinese, manuscript of book titled Frenchtown Shanghai: Western Architecture in Shanghai's Old French Concession, Shanghai Talk newspaper, City documents from Harbin with translations from Russian Circa 1990s
Scope and Contents note
Materials in Russian, and Chinese

Box 26
Chinese Weekly Review 1948
Box 27
Black photo album undated
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Photographs from back photo album 1928-1934
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Two newspaper clippings from black photo album undated

Correspondence, 1937-2001

Box/Folder 13 : 7  Correspondence from Joan Munday 1987-2001
Box/Folder 14 : 2  Correspondence from Jacqueline "Jackie" Tanner 1998
Box/Folder 16 : 6  Various emails 1992-2001
Box/Folder 16 : 10  Correspondence and clippings regarding Rosholt 1937-1997
Box/Folder 22 : 2  Shanghai postcards undated

Memoirs 1998-2011
Scope and Contents note
Published and unpublished memoirs of expatriates in China.

Box/Folder 17 : 5  Materials regarding Daisy Kwok Circa 1990s
Box/Folder 17 : 6-7  Only Trees Need Roots? by J.H. Jessen undated
Box/Folder 18 : 1  Only Trees Need Roots? by J.H. Jessen undated

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| Box/Folder 18 : 2 | "Rambling Rose: The Life of Wilfred John Hubert Twilley" undated |
| Box/Folder 18 : 3 | Charles Campbell memoir 1998 |
| Box/Folder 18 : 4-5 | "The Life and Times of Oliver Cary Lockhart" undated |
| Box/Folder 18 : 6 | China Doctor: The Life Story of Harry Willis Miller by Raymond S. Moore 1998 |
| Box/Folder 18 : 7 | "The Celestial City" undated |
| Box/Folder 18 : 8 | "The China Letters" undated |
| Box/Folder 19 : 1-2 | "Betwixt and Between" by Margaret Sun undated |
| Box/Folder 19 : 3 | "Selling Souls in Sin City: Shanghai Singing and Dancing Girls in Print, Film, and Politics, 1920-1949" by Andrew D. Field undated |
| Box/Folder 19 : 4 | Interview with Joyce Mayne 1999 |
| Box/Folder 19 : 5-6 | Growing Up In Shanghai by Wolfgang Troeger undated |
| Box/Folder 19 : 7 | "Highlights of a Life" by Mary Malcolm-Kluge undated |
| Box/Folder 19 : 8 | John R. Rawlinson correspondence 2002 |
| Box/Folder 19 : 9 | Photocopies from Margaret Sun's book undated |
| Box/Folder 19 : 10 | Memoir regarding Cuba by Liliane Willens 2003 |
| Box/Folder 19 : 11 | "Russian Prostitution in Shanghai, 1920-1949" by Marcia R. Ristaino and various articles 1998 |
| Box/Folder 20 : 1-2 | One Hard Boiled Egg! The Stories of Walter Palmer by Mike Palmer, manuscript and correspondence with author 2011 |

**Photographs Circa 1990s**

Scope and Contents note

Photographs of buildings from albums labeled "Former Treaty Ports"

| Box/Folder 29 : 1-8 | Anhui Circa 1990s |
| Box/Folder 29 : 9-19 | Dalian undated |
| Box/Folder 29 : 20-31 | Harbin Circa 1990s |
| Box/Folder 30 : 1-3 | Harbin undated |
| Box/Folder 30 : 4-5 | Ningbo undated |
| Box/Folder 30 : 6-17 | Tianjin Circa 1990s |
| Box/Folder 30 : 18-26 | Qingdao Circa 1990s |
| Box/Folder 30 : 27-30 | Wuhan undated |
| Box/Folder 31 : 1-11 | Wuhan undated |
| Box/Folder 31 : 12-27 | Xiamen undated |

Map case

Contains one copy of The Leader newspaper dated 1929 August 2, one map titled "Nanking-Shanghai and Shanghai-Hongchow-Ningpo Railways", and two newspaper clippings from Black Photo Album 1929-1932

**Digital Media undated**

Scope and Contents note

Includes a hard drive and CDs. Material not yet described.