
Guide to the James Freeman Files

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Descriptive Summary

Title: James Freeman files

Date: 1978-2003

Collection Number: MS-SEA033

Creator: Freeman, James

Extent: 3.2 linear feet (6 boxes)

Languages: The collection is in English and Vietnamese.

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Abstract: This collection is comprised of materials collected by James Freeman, a professor of anthropology at San Jose State University. Correspondence and reports of organizations and individuals involved in refugee issues and reports from refugee camps are included, as are handwritten notes and cassette tapes of interviews with Vietnamese Americans who settled in the United States after the Vietnam War that were conducted for Freeman's book *Hearts of sorrow: Vietnamese-American lives*.

Access

The collection is open for research. Interview tapes and transcripts are restricted until 2039-01-01. Restrictions are noted at the file level.

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Acquisition Information

Gift of James Freeman, 2004.

Processing History

Processed by Julia Stringfellow, 2005. Processing was supported by a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant.

Historical Background

James M. Freeman is Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at San Jose State University in San Jose, California. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Northwestern University in 1958, a Master of Arts in Social Relations from Harvard University in 1964, and a PhD in Social Relations from Harvard University in 1968. His area of research since 1992 has included work, identity, and community in high-tech regions, involving in depth interviews in high-tech companies on the connections between work, family, and cultural identity. He has also collected the life stories of people living in India, of Vietnamese refugees, and of the people in the Silicon Valley Cultures Project over the past 25 years. Freeman hoped to capture the spirit of these people through their narratives and to convey this to a wide reading public, such as through the publication of his book *Hearts of sorrow: Vietnamese-American lives* in 1989.

For further information on James Freeman, see [The Silicon Valley Cultures Project Website](#) .

Collection Scope and Content Summary

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Collection Arrangement

This collection is arranged in 2 series.

Series 1. Topical files, 1978-2003. 1.4 linear feet

Series 2. Interview notes and audio cassette recordings, 1983-1999. 1.8 linear feet

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Freeman, James M., 1936- -- Archives.
Refugees -- United States -- Archives.
Refugees -- Vietnam -- Archives.
Refugees -- Services for -- United States -- Archives.
Vietnamese Americans -- Archives.
Vietnamese Americans -- Interviews.

Genres and Formats of Materials

Letters -- 20th century.
Reports -- 20th century.
Sound recordings -- 20th century.
Audiocassettes -- 20th century.
Interviews -- 20th century.

Titles

Southeast Asian Archive.

Series 1. **Topical files 1978-2003**

Physical Description: 1.4 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

This series is comprised of items regarding Southeast Asian refugee issues. Materials include reports from refugee camps, organizational reports and correspondence, and publications of individuals.

Arrangement

The series is arranged topically.

Box : Folder 1 :
1-2

Aid to Refugee Children Without Parents, correspondence and organizational materials 1982-1999

Physical Description: 2 folders.

Box : Folder 1 : 3
Box : Folder 1 : 4
Box : Folder 1 : 5

Cards and invitations 1997
Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees publications 1991-1994
Committee for Coordination of Services to Displaced Persons in Thailand (CSDPT), Handbook, Refugee Services in Thailand 1982

Box : Folder 1 : 6

Congressional Research Service (CRS) brief, "Refugee Admissions and Resettlement Policy" 1993

Box : Folder 1 : 7
Box : Folder 1 :
8-9

Dong Rek articles, sources for articles, correspondence and notes 1988-1994
Freeman, James, and Nguyen, Huu Dinh, publications 1985-1998

Physical Description: 2 folders.

Box : Folder 1 : 10
Box : Folder 1 : 11
Box : Folder 1 : 12
Box : Folder 1 : 13
Box : Folder 1 : 14

Friends of Hue Foundation, newsletters and organizational materials 2000-2003
Hong Kong refugee camps, correspondence and reports 1989-1996
Indonesia refugee camps, reports and correspondence 1991-1993
International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees materials 1991-1997
International Forum on the Comprehensive Plan of Action (CPA), program materials 1989-1992

Box : Folder 1 : 15
Box : Folder 1 : 16
Box : Folder 1 : 17
Box : Folder 1 :
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International Social Service Hong Kong Branch, reports and newsletters 1992-1997
Laos and Thailand refugee camps, reports 1989-1999
Malaysia refugee camps, correspondence and reports 1991-1999
Newspaper clippings 1982-2000

Physical Description: 3 folders.

- Box : Folder 1 : 21 **Hieu, Nguyen, correspondence 1982-1984**
Box : Folder 1 : 22 **Non-governmental organizations (NGO), correspondence and organizational materials 1991-1999**
- Box : Folder 1 : 23 **Nordic Assistance to Repatriated Vietnamese (NARV), correspondence and organizational materials 1991-1994**
- Box : Folder 1 :
24-25 **Palawan, Philippines, refugee camps, correspondence and reports 1991-1999**
 Physical Description: 2 folders.
- Box : Folder 1 :
26-27 **Refugee Concern Hong Kong, correspondence and reports 1991-1996**
 Physical Description: 2 folders.
- Box : Folder 2 : 1 **Strauch, Judith, "The Chinese Exodus from Vietnam: Implications for the Southeast Asian Chinese" 1980**
- Box : Folder 2 :
2-4 **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**
- Box : Folder 2 : 2 **Convention on the Rights of the Child materials 1989-1993**
Box : Folder 2 :
3-4 **Reports and program materials 1985-1995**
 Physical Description: 2 folders.
- Box : Folder 2 : 5 **United States State Department materials 1991**
Box : Folder 2 : 6 **Vietnamese refugees, reports and publications 1978-2000**
Box : Folder 2 : 7 **Vietnamese refugees living in Japan, reports 1990**
Box : Folder 2 : 8 **Vietnamese refugees living in the United States, reports 1978-1993**
Box : Folder 2 : 9 **Zulfacar, Diane, "Surviving Without Parents: Indo-Chinese Refugee Minors in New South Wales (NSW)" 1984**

Series 2. **Interview notes and audio cassette recordings 1983-1999**

Physical Description: 1.6 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

This series is comprised of handwritten interview notes and interview transcripts from interviews James Freeman conducted with Vietnamese refugees for his book, *Hearts of sorrow : Vietnamese-American lives*. Audio cassette tapes are also included that contain the interviews.

Access Information

Access to this entire series, which contains information concerning the personal situation of Vietnamese refugees in the refugee camps, is restricted until 2039-01-01.