Guide to the East Asian Artifacts Collection, 1845, 1853, 1960s

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Acquisition Information
Multiple sources ca. 1960s.

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection consists of items from and related to China and Japan. These include:

- A bilingual Chinese/Manchu scroll dated 1845, (reign of Emperor Daoguang). This is an imperial decree conferring a degree of rank on one Gan Kexiu.
- A photostat with translation of a Japanese scroll related to the expedition of Commodore Mathew C. Perry. Perry's expedition of 1853 is associated with the opening of Japan to greater western trade and influence. "Mr. Brown's
Translation,” with a reference to LC call numbers related to texts dating 1858 and 1876 concerning the Perry expedition and Japanese indemnity. The subject of the scroll is the warship “Shukehanna”/Susquehana, Perry’s flagship on first expedition.

- **N masks, 5 miniature clay models, gift, recommender: Harold Hackett, 1/26/66.**

**Other sources of information**

- Perry, Mathew Calbraith, *Narrative of the Expedition of an American Squadron to the China Seas and Japan: Performed in the Years 1852, 1853, 1854 Under the Command of Commodore M. C. Perry*, 3 v., Washington, D.C., 1856.

Online sources of information and photographs of the so-called Black Ships (Kurofune) of the Perry expedition:

| Box 1: 1 | Bilingual Chinese/Manchu scroll dated 1845 ((reign of Emperor Daoguang)) |
| Box 1: 1 | Imperial decree dated 1845 conferring a degree of rank on Gan Kexiu (???) with a note re letter from Chauncy Goodrich to Pearl Chase on scroll’s contents and its being a “fine example of good calligraphy”, 9/11/1964 |
| Box 1: 2 | Photostat (with translation) of Japanese scroll (related to Perry expedition) “Mr. Brown’s Translation” |
| Box 1: 2 | Abstract: [Subject of scroll is warship “Shukehanna”/Susquehana (Perry’s flagship on the first expedition, 1853) and geographical information situating North America in relation to Japan] |
| Box 1: 3 | **N masks, 5 miniature clay models, mounted and in wooden case** |