

Name of Creator:	Kraeling, Carl Herman 1897-1966.
Title:	Carl H. Kraeling Papers
Dates:	1947-1955
Collection Number:	Coll. 012
Extent:	2 Boxes (2 cubic feet)
Location:	R1/2
Biographical Abstract:	<p>Carl Herman Kraeling was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1897. He studied at Columbia University, and earned his B.D. from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia in 1926. He taught New Testament Studies at Yale University and established the department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations there.</p> <p>Kraeling served as the president of the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) from 1949-1954. He supported the continued study of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and encouraged humanitarian awareness for Near Eastern refugees during a turbulent period in the area's history.</p>
Scope and Content Abstract:	<p>The collection contains correspondence with other archeologists and ASOR associates regarding research, finances, and political conditions in the Near East. The records also include annual financial records, trustee meeting minutes and memoranda, and information on an ongoing microfilming project.</p> <p>Of particular interest is correspondence regarding the discovery, processing, interpretation, and public unveiling of the Fourth Dead Sea Scroll and correspondence with the Archbishop Athanasius Yeshue Samuel.</p>

Languages:	Materials are primarily in English, with some Hebrew, Arabic, and French.
System of Arrangement:	Alphabetical by subject.
Restrictions:	The collection is unrestricted

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use:	Copyright restrictions may apply
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Biographical Note:	<p>Carl Herman Kraeling was born in Brooklyn, New York on March 10, 1897. He studied at Columbia University, graduating magna cum laude in 1918. He went on to earn his B.D. from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia in 1926. He taught New Testament Studies at Yale University where he was named the Buckingham Professor of New Testament Criticism and Interpretation in 1941. Kraeling established the department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at Yale, and became department chair in 1947. He also held the chair of New Testament Studies at Yale Divinity School.</p> <p>Kraeling served as the president of the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) from 1949-1954. During his years as president he supported the continued studies of the Dead Sea Scrolls and successfully raised funds for the study, preservation, and publishing of the Scrolls. He also encouraged humanitarian awareness for Near Eastern refugees during a turbulent period in the area's history. The hardships faced by the people of Iraq was a matter particularly close to his heart, and he published several newspaper and magazine articles on the subject. He also oversaw appointments of new staff members to the Jerusalem School and supported an ongoing ASOR project to microfilm a large collection of Greek Patriarchate manuscripts held in Sinai and Jerusalem.</p> <p>Kraeling was known to his colleagues as an excellent administrator and an</p>
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	extraordinary diplomat who was able to maintain his neutrality in the difficult political landscape of the Near East.
Bibliography:	<p>Albright, W.F.(April, 1970). Carl Herman Kraeling In Memoriam. <i>Bulletin of the American School of Oriental Research</i>, 198, 4-7.</p> <p>Seeger, Joseph D. (2001), ed. <i>An ASOR Mosaic</i>. Boston: American School of Oriental Research.</p>
Scope and Content Note:	<p>The collection contains correspondence with archeologists and ASOR associates regarding research, finances, and political conditions in the Near East. The records also include correspondence with ASOR trustees and corporation members regarding the publication of ASOR bulletins, journals, and scholarly papers.</p> <p>Other contents of the collection include annual budgets and financial information, trustee meeting minutes and memoranda, and information on an ongoing microfilming project.</p> <p>Of particular interest is correspondence regarding the discovery, processing, interpretation, and public unveiling of the Mar Athanasius Dead Sea Scroll. Later re-named the Genesis Apocrypha, the scroll was discovered in Qumran in 1947, and purchased by Archbishop Athanasius Yeshue Samuel. The collection contains correspondence with Archbishop Athanasius regarding the ownership of the physical and intellectual contents of the scroll.</p>

Series 1.	Administrative, 1947-1955
Series Volume:	0.5 cubic feet
Series Arrangement:	Alphabetical by subject.
Series Summary:	This series contains records regarding

			ASOR alumni, corporation and trustee members, corporation and board of trustee agendas and meeting minutes, presidential correspondence and reports, and administrative memoranda and notes.
Series Inventory			
<i>Box</i>	<i>Folder Number</i>	<i>Folder Title</i>	<i>Dates</i>
1	1	Alumni	1951-1954
1	2-5	Board of Trustees (4 folders)	1944-1954
1	6-12	Corporation (7 folders)	1943-1958

Series 2.	Subject files 1947-1955
Series Volume:	1.5 cubic feet
Series Arrangement:	Alphabetical by subject.
Series Summary:	<p>The General file contains various items collected during Kraeling's presidency. The file includes the will of George Barton, in which ASOR is named as a beneficiary. The file also contains manuscripts submitted to ASOR for review, a notice of the semi-centennial anniversary of ASOR, and information on a project led by Henry Field.</p> <p>The Appointments files contain correspondence regarding applicants for appointments to various institutions affiliated with ASOR. These institutions include the Jerusalem School, Yale University, and the University of Chicago. All appointments are for positions in teaching about the archeology, history, religions, and languages of the Near East.</p> <p>The Dead Sea Scrolls files contain records pertaining to the acquisition, processing, and publication of the Mar Athanasius Dead Sea Scroll, later known as the Genesis Apocrypha. The files also contain the processing agreement, publication and exhibition agreements, and financial statements regarding the Scroll. These files contain a sizable amount of correspondence between</p>

	<p>ASOR and the Archbishop Athanasius Yeshue Samuel.</p> <p>The Microfilming Project files contain records concerned a project to microfilm the Greek Patriarchate manuscripts located in Sinai and Jerusalem. The files contain a financial agreement between ASOR and the Library of Congress, lists of microfilmed manuscripts, financial records, and correspondence about the project.</p> <p>The Materials for Classroom Use file contains descriptions of materials produced by ASOR for use as teaching aids in classrooms. These materials include slide sets and coin collections.</p> <p>The Publications files series contain publications produced by ASOR. Materials include descriptions of books and journals for purchase, and press releases and articles for publication.</p>
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1	13	General	1947-1955
1	14-17	Appointments (4 folders)	1947-1954
1	18-20	Baghdad School (3 folders)	1948-1956
1	21-57	Correspondence (37 folders)	1947-1956
1	58-61	Dead Sea Scrolls (4 folders)	1947-1953
2	1-2	Fellowships (2 folders)	1947-1953
2	3-15	Financials (13 folders)	1947-1955
2	16-20	Jerusalem School (5 folders)	1947-1955
2	21	Materials for Classroom Use	n.d., 1948
2	22-24	Microfilming Project (3 folders)	1949-1950
2	25-26	Publications (2 folders)	1948-1953

Subject Headings:

600 - Subject Added Entry - Personal Name	Kraeling, Carl Herman, 1897-1966
610 - Subject Added Entry - Corporate Name	American Schools of Oriental Research
610 - Subject Added Entry - Corporate	American School of Oriental Research in

Name	Jerusalem
650 - Subject Added Entry - Topical Term	Dead Sea Scrolls. 1Q20

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