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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

WLU.RG.53

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1945

Unit Date

2010

Language

English Japanese

source

Hiroshima University (Hiroshima, Japan)

Extent

1 Linear Feet one box and two folders

Repository

Washington and Lee University, University Library Special Collections and Archives

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

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The accompanying documentation notes that the tiles are safe for individuals to engage with as their radiation levels are not different from the radiation levels found in nature. However, out of extreme caution we ask that individuals handling the materials where gloves.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

These materials were donated to Washington and Lee University by Hiroshima University. This donation occurred as a result of then Acting President of Washington and Lee, James G. Leyburn's response to a call for donations from Tatsuo Morito, then President of Hiroshima University in 1951. This call for donations asked for books to help rebuild the research university and trees as a sign of peace and international friendship. Acting President Leyburn responded to this call with the donation of books selected by the librarian as well as \$5 for the purchase of a tree for campus.

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Mattie Clear in March 2024.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents

This collection is composed of 7 roof tiles and stones from ground zero at Hiroshima as well as supporting materials related to these items and pamphlets from Hiroshima University. From the supporting materials we know that these tiles were collected from the rivers in Hiroshima and that it is believed that these stones contain the souls of individuals whose lives were taken from them as a result of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. These items were shared with us in the hopes that they would serve as a reminder of the devastation and continued impact of the bombing on the Japanese people.

Separated Materials

In addition to the materials within this collection, Washington and Lee also received publications from Hiroshima University. These publications include a ten volumes set of Barefoot Gen and Akanegumo, 原爆 / 原爆の被害 / 原爆の被害 / 原爆の被害 / 原爆の被害 / 原爆の被害 / 原爆の被害 / 原爆の被害 / 原爆の被害 / 原爆の被害.

Keywords

Atomic bomb victims -- Japan -- Hiroshima-shi
Hiroshima University (Hiroshima, Japan)

Custodial History

This collection was previously described as Artifact 49 within the Washington and Lee University Artifact Collection.

Description of Subordinate Components

Roof Tiles and Stones

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23357

Unit Date 1945

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

source Hiroshima University (Hiroshima, Japan)

Extent 7 Item

Keywords

Atomic bomb victims -- Japan -- Hiroshima-shi
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Supporting Materials

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Unit Date 2010

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Container 1 (folder)

Language English Japanese

Creator Hiroshima University (Hiroshima, Japan)

Extent 1 Files

Hiroshima University Brochures

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23359

Unit Date 2010

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Container 2 (folder)

Language English Japanese

Creator Hiroshima University (Hiroshima, Japan)

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