

# **Nuzi, Iraq expedition records**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	University of Pennsylvania: Penn Museum Archives
<b>Title</b>	Nuzi, Iraq expedition records
<b>Call number</b>	1019
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	1929-1940
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1925-1942
<b>Extent</b>	0.28 linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>The Harvard-Baghdad School Expedition (American Schools of Oriental Research, A.S.O.R) was sent to Excavate Nuzi near Kirkuk in Iraq. The expedition members consisted of staff from the Fogg Museum of Art, the Harvard Semitic Museum, and A.S.O.R., Baghdad. Excavations commenced in 1927-1928. From 1929 to 1931, the University Museum extended financial aid and the services of a helper, C.Bache, in return for his field training. Very few records pertaining to this excavation are available in the Museum's Archives, probably reflecting the Museum's limited participation. Where possible, a chronological order was imposed on the Near East records.</p>

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## **Biography/History**

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The Harvard-Baghdad School Expedition (American Schools of Oriental Research, A.S.O.R) was sent to Excavate Nuzi near Kirkuk in Iraq. The expedition members consisted of staff from the Fogg Museum of Art, the Harvard Semitic Museum, and A.S.O.R., Baghdad. Excavations commenced in 1927-1928, and were directed that season by E. Chiera (Professor of Assriology at the University of Pennsylvania and Field Director at A.S.O.R., Baghdad) who, in 1925, had excavated portions of the small mounds there (c.f. the Photograph Album Nuzi, 1925: Fieldnotes). Pfeiffer (Harvard University) resumed the work for the next season, 1928-1929. For the following two seasons, 1929 to 1931, R.F.S. Starr (Fogg Museum of Art) continued excavation as director. During this period, the University Museum extended financial aid and the services of a helper, C. Bache, in return for his field training.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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Where possible, a chronological order was imposed on the Near East records. Photographs were retained with the documents when they directly referred to content. Otherwise, the photographic collections hold material relating to excavations, objects, and travel photographs (see inventory). Large maps and drawings, when available are kept in the Oversize collections, and watercolors, small prints and drawings are in the Print Cabinet (see inventories).

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## **Administrative Information**

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### CORPORATE NAME(S)

- American School of Oriental Research in Baghdad.
- University of Pennsylvania. Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

### FORM/GENRE(S)

- Correspondence
- Field notes
- Photographic prints

### GEOGRAPHIC NAME(S)

- Kirk#k (Iraq)

### PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Bache, Charles, 1902-1942
- Chiera, Edward, 1885-1933
- Jayne, Horace Howard Furness, 1898-1975

### SUBJECT(S)

- Antiquities
- Excavations (Archaeology)

## Collection Inventory

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### GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1927-1931.

#### Scope and Contents note

Guidelines for Nuzi excavations, 1927 and 1929; reports from the field, some with sketches of the excavation, from Starr to D.G. Lyon and other Harvard scholars, and to H. Jayne; letters, reports and financial statements from C. Bache to H. Jayne, news releases, a note (1930) on the exhibition of the Harvard Mesopotamian Expedition and an epigraphical report from T.J. Meek to D. Lyon. Arranged chronologically.

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Harvard Baghdad School Expedition, general correspondence, 1929-1931.

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### FIELD NOTES, 1929-1930.

#### Scope and Contents note

Notes from field by Charles Bache. Original notebook aka. Contains material from excavations at Beech Bottom, W. VA. It is filed under North America/Mid. Atlantic and other small expeditions, 1911-1969/Beech Bottom/Box 16. (L-1-5). Notebook labelled "Beech Bottom" and "Charles Bache".

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Charles Bache Field Notebook, Kirkuk, Dec.-Mar.

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**PHOTOGRAPHS, 1925-1930.**

**Scope and Contents note**

Photographic catalogue; two sets of photographs, one from Chiera's 1925 excavation and the other from 1929-1930 season. Arranged by season.

	Box
Photograph catalogue of survey and excavation.	1

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**PUBLICATIONS, 1928-1942.**

**Scope and Contents note**

Preliminary report (1928); notes, annotated draft and final dissertation manuscript. Arranged topically.

	Box
Kirkuk, Preliminary Report, 1928.	1
Real Estate Transactions-Tablet translations, 1942.	1
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