

Tepe Gawra, Iraq expedition records

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Penn Museum Archives
Creator	Jayne, Horace Howard Furness, 1898-1975
Creator	Speiser, E. A. (Ephraim Avigdor), 1902-1965
Title	Tepe Gawra, Iraq expedition records
Call number	1021
Date [bulk]	1932-1938
Date [inclusive]	1931-1950
Extent	6.25 linear foot
Language	English
Abstract	<p>Tepe Gawra is an ancient Mesopotamian settlement in northern Iraq, near the ancient site of Nineveh and fifteen miles northeast of the modern city of Mosul. It was excavated by archaeologists from the University of Pennsylvania, led by E.A. Speiser, who first discovered the site in 1927, and later, C. Bache. The excavations showed that the Tepe Gawra site was occupied from approximately 5000 B.C. to 1500 B.C. The textual records from Tepe Gawra consist of 11.85 linear feet of General Correspondence, Field Notes, Indexes and Catalogues, Field Registers, and Publications, plus Maps and Drawings. Where possible, a chronological order was imposed on the Near East records.</p>

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Biography/History

Tepe Gawra in northern Iraq was the site of excavations uncovering twenty-six levels of occupation spanning the years from about 5000 B.C. to 1500 B.C. This expedition was funded by the University Museum, A.S.O.R.- Baghdad, and Dropsie College in Philadelphia. Excavations took place from fall to spring, directed by E. A. Speiser (University of Pennsylvania, University Museum and A.S.O.R.- Baghdad) for the 1930-1931, 1931-1932, and 1936-1937 seasons, and by C. Bache (University Museum) for the 1932-1933, 1934-1936, and the 1937-1938 seasons. During 1933-1934, work started late because of complications due to a change in the Antiquities laws and was not represented by a separate field report.

Scope and Contents

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 excavation, objects, and travel photographs (see standard size photograph inventory). Large maps and drawings are kept in the Oversize cases, and smaller oversize items in the Print Cabinet (see inventories).

VI. Object Control and Photo Sheets – 8 ½ x 11 inch sheets with lists of objects or photos, written in Mosul, Baghdad or Philadelphia (recapitulations) in Box 2 (file 7, 8), box 3 (file 3, 5, 6, 8, 9)

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Controlled Access Headings

CORPORATE NAME(S)

- University of Pennsylvania. Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Correspondence
- Field notes
- Photographs
- Site plans

GEOGRAPHIC NAME(S)

- Tepe Gawra (deserted settlement)
- Tepe Gawra (Iraq)

PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Jayne, Horace Howard Furness, 1898-1975
- Speiser, E. A. (Ephraim Avigdor), 1902-1965

SUBJECT(S)

- Antiquities

- Archaeological expeditions
- Archaeology--Architecture, ancient
- Excavations (Archaeology)

Collection Inventory

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1931-1941.

Scope and Contents note

Reports from the field, financial statements, telegrams and letters to the director. Folders are organized in chronological order.

	Box
Correspondence 1931-1941.	1
Notes-Speiser's First Volume.	1
Correspondence 1932-1933.	1
Letter Reports-Third Season C. Bache.	1
Letters and Reports.	1
Correspondence-finances & customs.	1
E.A. Speiser.	1
O.G.S. Crawford to Speiser.	1
Khafaje Exp.- E.A. Speiser.	1
Elihu Grant.	1
Correspondence-Telegrams 1938.	1
Bache Correspondence 1938.	1

Bache Correspondence 1939.	1
Bache Correspondence 1940-1941.	1
Tobler's expenses.	1
E.B. Muller Personal Papers.	1
Plans of Levels.	2

FIELD NOTES, 1932.

Scope and Contents note

Maps and sketches of the various levels, register sheets, locus notes, object control sheets, burial sheets, photo catalogues, field reports, field and burial notebooks. Notes are arranged by stratum where possible.

	Box
Stratum IX Temple, Photos, Sketches, Maps & Text.	2
Architectural Description of Stratum X.	2
Stratum XI.	2
Round House & Stratum XI A.	2
Stratum XIII Acropolis.	2
Objects Grouped by Squares and Strata.	2
G4 Objects in Baghdad, Notes & Sketches.	2
Assorted Sketches of Site.	2

House Sketch.	2
Sketches on Tissue (site & pottery).	2
Uruk, Pen & Ink sketches- Shards.	2
Tholoi.	2
Well in Area A.	2
G4-G5 chits.	3
G5 chits-continued.	3
Artifact-analysis & listings.	3
Field Notes-lab analysis.	3
G7 Object Control Sheets & Locus Sheets.	3
Basic Register G4& G5 & G6 Kara Tepe, Tell Billa.	3
Grid Sheets.	3
Photo Catalogue G3.	3
Photo Catalogue G4.	3
Pendants – 2 Plates G7.	3
Locus Notes All Seasons (1 of 2).	3
Locus Notes All Seasons (2 of 2).	4
Pottery Basket Provenience chits-G4.	3
Field Notebook.	4

Field Notebooks.	4
Register Cards & Object Sheets of Beads, Pendants, Amulets & Ornaments.	4
Register Sheets & Card of Objects on Terracotta Photos.	4
Register Sheets & Cards of Objects on Stone Photos.	4
Register Sheets & Cards of Objects on Copper and Bone Photos.	4
Field Negative Numbers.	4
Field Reports-G3.	4
Field Reports-G4.	4
Field Reports-G6.	4
Reports from Field, Bache to Jayne.	4
SA "Prehistoric Burials of Tepe Gawra," AJA "Tepe Gawra,".	5
Burials-articles, plans.	5
Burial Sheets (1 of 2).	5
Burial Sheets (2 of 2).	5
Burial Sheets-location photos.	5
Field and Burial Notebook 6th Season.	5

INDEXES AND CATALOGUES, 1932-1938.

Scope and Contents note

Object description sheets, grid charts, chit sheets, indexes (complete and incomplete), object cards and level cards. Cards and sheets are arranged by stratum where possible.

	Box
G5- III Objects-Field Photos.	6
G7-II Objects-Field Notes.	6
Traveling.	6
Miscellaneous.	6
Seals and Imps.	6
G3-II Stone.	7
Gaming Pieces.	7
Seals, Buttons & Pendants.	7
Bone & Copper.	7
Pottery II.	7
Pottery, 7-226 to 7-882.	7
Terracotta.	7
Beads and Amulets.	7
Beads, Pendants, Pottery Tombs.	7
Bone, Ivory, Libn Tombs.	8
Objects from Tombs 7.1 to 7.75.	8

Photo Plates of Artifacts from Tombs.	8
Burials – Notes & Drawings.	8
Burials.	8
G3 – G4 Indexes.	10
8k8 – G3 Pottery.	11
G3 Iron to Beads.	12
G4 601 – G5 1767 Index.	13
G4 – G5 chits.	14
G5 – G6 chits.	15
1 -599 Grids.	16
1001-1615 Grids.	17
Levels 2-8 (1 of 2).	18
Levels 2-8 (2 of 2).	19

PUBLICATIONS, 1934-1950.

Scope and Contents note

First drafts for chapters of Volume II (Tobler). Also included are publication plates for Volumes I and II. Some are complete, but photographs and drawings have been removed from others. Arranged topically.

	Box
Introduction draft, Tobler, Vol. II.	20
Architectural Remains draft, Tobler, Vol. II.	20
Tomb Draft, Tobler, Vol. II.	20
Graves Draft, Tobler, Vol. II.	20
Pottery Draft, Tobler, Vol. II.	20
Terracotta Object Draft, Tobler, Vol. II.	20
Seals and Impressions Draft, Tobler, Vol. II.	20
Draft Tobler, Vol. II.	20
Draft, List of the Illustrated Specimens, Tobler, Vol. II.	20
List of Plates of Animal Figurines.	20
Plate Listing of Wall Nails and Pegs.	20
List of Plates on Misc. Stone.	20
List of Plates on Hammerstones and Mace Heads.	20
List of Plates on Celts.	20
Plates- Vol. I.	21
Objects, Plates-Tower Terrace Stratum VI, Vol. I.	21
Pottery and Sherds on Plates.	21
Seals on Plates-Vol. II.	22

Bone Tools on Plates 16D- Vol. II.	22
Plates and Register Sheets of Stone Objects- Vol. II.	22
Plates of Beads, Pendants and Ornaments- Vol. II.	22
Seal Impressions on Plates, Section III- Vol. II.	23
Artifacts on Plates, Section IV- Vol. II.	23
Bowls and Jars on Plates, G5- Vol. II.	23
Pottery on Plates, G5- Vol. II.	23
Shards on Plates, Motifs -Vol. II.	23
Plates of Cult Symbols, Uruls (?)- Vol. II.	23
Pottery on Plates- Vol. II.	23
Terracottas on Plates.	23
Hammerstones and Mace Heads- Vol. II.	23
Stone Photos- Vol. II.	23
Pottery on Plates G4 and G6- Vol. II.	24
Seals on Plates-Vol. II.	24
Arranged Plates- Vol. II.	24
Plates of Objects- Vol. II.	24
Plates of Bone and Obsidian- Vol. II.	24
Pottery on plates-Vol. II.	24

Seal Impressions on Plates, Sect. I, G4, G5, G6, Vol. II.	24
Seal Impressions on Plates, G4, Sect. II, Vol. II.	24
Pottery on Plates-Vol. II.	25
Pottery on plates XX-XVII empty.	25
Pottery on Plates- Vol. II.	25
Pottery on Plates (Area A and NE Band)- Vol. II.	25
Sherd Plates- Vol. II.	25
Pottery on Plates XI-IX- Vol. II.	25
Pottery on Plates, Area A and NEB- Vol. II.	25
Plates of Stone Implements- Vol. II.	26
Pottery on Plates -Vol.II.	26
Plates Stone Tools, Celts, Hammerstones- Vol. II.	26
Misc. Stone- Vol. II.	26

PLANS AND DRAWINGS.

	Map-case
Tepe Gawra: A. Levels 1-6 (M).	M-41
Tepe Gawra: B. Levels 8, 8B, 8C (M).	M-41

Tepe Gawra: C. Level 12A (M).	M-41
Tepe Gawra: D. Level 13 (M).	M-41
Tepe Gawra: E. Level 14 (M).	M-41
Tepe Gawra: F. Level 15A (M).	M-41
Tepe Gawra: G. Level 17 (M).	M-41
Tepe Gawra: H. Level 18 (M).	M-41
Tepe Gawra: I. Area A (M).	M-41
Tepe Gawra: J. Tombs (M).	M-41
Tepe Gawra: K. Miscellaneous (M).	M-41
Tepe Gawra: L. Level 10 (L).	M-41
Tepe Gawra: M. Level 10 A (L).	M-41
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Tepe Gawra: C. Level 12 (L).	M-42
Tepe Gawra: D. Level 15 (L).	M-42
Tepe Gawra: E. Level 16 (L).	M-42
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Tepe Gawra: G. Tombs (L).	M-42
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Tepe Gawra: D. Pottery drawings (Vol. II). 27 Sheets of pen and ink drawings of potsherds. Various sizes.	P-44

FIELD REGISTERS.

	Box
A. Field register Nos. 1001 -- 1684.	1
B. Field register Nos. 5001 -- 6098.	1
C. Field register G3-1 -- G3-478.	1
D. Field Register G3-1 -- G3-502.	1
E. Field register G4-601 -- G4-1232.	1
A. Field register G5-1233 -- G5-1767.	2
B. Field register. G6-1 -- G6-491 Register 1.	2
C. Field register G6-492 -- G6-627 Register 2.	2
D. Field register. G7-1 -- G7-500.	2
E. Register Objects without field numbers.	2