

## **Alice E. Kober Papers**

### **Program in Aegean Scripts and Prehistory (PASP)**

Classics Department  
University of Texas at Austin

#### **Collection Summary**

**Creator:** Alice Elizabeth Kober

**Title:** Alice E. Kober Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1932-1950

**Bulk Dates:** 1946-1950

**Abstract:** The materials of Alice E. Kober representing her research in support of the decipherment of Linear B. The collection includes correspondence, scholarly publications, statistical charts, and thousands of hand-written slips of paper cut to size and arranged in cigarette carton files.

**Quantity:** Various containers located in the PASP offices: 58 boxes, and 6 out of 10 drawers in a vertical file cabinet; approximately 188,825 items (28.0 linear feet/13.7 cubic feet).

**Call Number:** N/A, pending.

#### **Administrative Information**

##### **Acquisition Information:**

Donors: Emmett Bennett, Jr., Thomas G. Palaima, the Ashmolean Museum, and the J.W. Sundwall Archive.

Donation Date: 1985-2002

##### **Processing Information:**

Item level inventory and finding aid.

By: S. A. Trombley

Date: Fall 2002/Spring 2003

Revised: Fall 2007 by C. Costlow

## **Index Terms**

### **Persons**

Bennett, Emmett Jr.  
Blegen, Carl W.  
Bloch, Bernard  
Bossert, Helmuth Theodore  
Brann, Eva  
Caratelli, Giovanni Pugliese  
Chapouthier, Fernand  
Cochran, Emory E.  
Daniel, J. F.  
Deroy, Louis  
Diringer, D.  
Dow, Sterling  
Edgerton, Franklin  
Evans, Sir Arthur  
Forbes, W.T.M.  
Gordon, M. F.G.  
Grumach, Ernst  
Hahn, E. Adelaide  
Hammer, Jacob  
Hrozný, Bedrich  
Kober family  
Ktisotopoulos, K.D.  
Mellos, Ilias Vénézis  
Moe, Henry Allen  
Myres, Sir John L.  
Palaima, Thomas  
Peruzzi, Emilio  
Raubitschek, A.E.  
Reiss, Ernst  
Salmony, Alfred  
Strauss, Herbert  
Sturtevant, Edgar Howard  
Sundwall, Johannes  
Swindler, Mary  
Thompson, D'Arcy W.  
Trombley, Susan  
Vanderpool, Eugene  
Ventriss, Michael

### **Organizations**

American School of Classical Studies  
Archaeological Institute of America  
British School of Classical Studies  
Brooklyn College

Classical Association of the Atlantic States  
Guggenheim Memorial Foundation  
Harvard University Peabody Museum  
Hunter College  
Linguistic Society of America  
Metropolitan Museum of Art  
New York Classical Club  
Oxford University  
Oxford University Press  
University of Chicago Oriental Institute  
University of Pennsylvania Center for Minoan Linguistic Research  
University of Pennsylvania University Museum  
War Department, Army Service Forces

### **Publications**

*American Journal of Archaeology*  
*American Journal of Philology*  
*Archiv Orientalní*  
*Classical Outlook*  
*Classical Philology*  
*Classical Weekly*  
*Dictionary of Languages*  
*Jahrbuch für Kleinasiatische Forschung*  
*Language*  
*Medieval and Renaissance Latin Translations and Commentaries*  
*Science Service*

### **Subjects**

Aegean scripts  
Ancient peoples from:  
    Aegean Islands  
    Attica  
    Caria and other areas of Asia Minor  
    Cilicia  
    Cyprus  
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    Lycia  
    Pelasgi  
    Peloponnese  
    Loleges  
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Linear A

Linear B  
Linguistics  
Semiotics

**Places**

Brooklyn  
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Pylos

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Article reprints  
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Manuscripts  
Photocopies  
Statistical graphs,  
Working notebooks

## Creator Sketch

Alice E. Kober (1906 – 1950) was a Classical scholar and academician whose fastidiously detailed and documented life's work contributed to the decipherment of Linear B. Miss Kober contended that if a language has inflection, certain signs are bound to appear over and over again in certain positions of the written words, as prefixes, suffixes, or infixes. Until just days before her death from cancer at the age of 43, she employed a unique heuristic approach that proved conclusively the Mycenaean script (circa 1500 – 1100 BC) is inflected. Her findings and methods were subsumed by Michael Ventris (1922 – 1956) who in 1952 successfully deciphered Linear B as a syllabic language of archaic Greek etymology.

Miss Kober was born, educated, employed, and died in New York City. She attended Hunter College High School, transitioned into Hunter College and graduated with an A.B. degree in 1928. She received an M.A. and Ph.D in Philosophy from Columbia University. As a professor of Classics at Brooklyn College, she cites her prodigious work load of teaching five classes as the cause for feeling “so worn out that for the first time in my life I am worrying about my health” (Kober, Letters, 2 May 49).

As a scholar of Aegean languages Miss Kober began work with Linear B in 1931. In an effort to procure access to materials unavailable to the public, she engaged in a working relationship with Sir John Myres (1869-1954) of Oxford University in late 1946. Sir John was the legal guardian of the collection of Sir Arthur Evans (1851-1941) who unearthed Linear B tablets at Knossos in 1900. In anticipation of a visit to Oxford, Miss Kober ran time trials to estimate her ability to record the maximum amount of Knossos materials during her 5 week tenure, although she would have to factor in a reduction of that rate when her fingers were “stiff from cold” in post-War rationed England (Kober, Correspondence, 8 Feb 1947). She produced copious files with entries written on 2x3 and 4x6 inch recycled pieces of paper (over 186,000) cut from greeting cards, lecture announcements, envelopes, etc. in an attempt to both limit the bulk of her materials and to circumvent severe paper shortages.

Alice E. Kober's collaboration with Sir John produced her system of numeration and classification of Linear B tablets that provides a common vocabulary and order for all scholars. Her undervalued input in the publication of *Scripta Minoa, Vol. II* (Oxford University Press, 1952), the definitive publication of materials from Knossos, was extensively and exhaustively carried on through a steady correspondence between Brooklyn and Oxford. Miss Kober published seminal articles in the *American Journal of Archaeology* and lectured to linguistic and Classics societies. Even as her health declined, she worked diligently to establish the Center for Minoan Linguistic Research at the University of Pennsylvania.

Miss Kober, described by a former teacher as “outstanding not only for her clarity of mind but also for her fearlessness and honesty” (Myres, Correspondence, 15 Jan. 1951) was suspicious of her contemporaries' opinions about Linear B stating definitively that “I am only interested in what the Minoans wrote” (Kober, Correspondence, 22 Nov. 1948). With doggedness and éclat, Kober produced meticulous research materials that are stunning as both empirical tools and works of art.

## Scope and Content of the Records

Research material, publications, manuscripts, lectures, correspondence and professional material are included in the approximately 188,825 items that comprise the Alice E. Kober Papers (1932-1950) of the Program in Aegean Scripts and Prehistory. The bulk of the items support the decipherment of Linear B while correspondence, lectures, and professional material add context to the research material.

The first group, Research Material (approx. 187,032 items), is comprised of five sub-groups. The first and second sub-groups are scholarly notes regarding Linear B and to a far lesser extent other Aegean scripts. The Research Notes (approx. 186,747 items) and the Linear B Research Notebooks (40 items) show 65 syllables and a smaller number of words arranged in a variety of ways to discern patterns of use and frequency. The majority of the materials relate to tablets discovered at Knossos. The Research Notes sub-group consists of paper slips cut to 2x3” (approx. 116,672) and arranged in card board cigarette box files or cut to 4x6” (approx. 63,360) and kept in a vertical file cabinet. There are an approximate 6,791 loose notes cards. These notes are the raw material with which Alice E. Kober discovered inflection in Linear B, formed the basis of her scholarly writings, and collaborated with Sir John L. Myres. They were also used in an attempt to understand the origin of Linear B by comparing it to other known languages of the general area.

The third sub-group, Tabulations (114 items), contains graphs and other statistical representations of patterns of word and sign use in Linear B (from both Knossos and Pylos) as evidenced in Kober’s voluminous research notes.

The fourth sub-group, Tablet Transcriptions, contains copies of Linear B inscriptions from tablets found on mainland Greece at Pylos (29 items). The material, made public in Emmett Bennett Jr.’s dissertation, was used by Kober to confirm theories predicated on the Knossos materials.

The fifth and final subgroup consists of research material by Michael Ventris (3 items), utilized by Kober in the course of her own research, and notes on Hittite vocabulary, by an unknown author.

The second group of material consists of the publications of Alice E. Kober (28 items). Included are her Columbia University Ph.D. dissertation, three articles published in the *American Journal of Archaeology*, and other assorted article offprints and reviews.

The third group contains several article and review manuscripts (70 items), including “Tentative Arrangement of Linear B Inscriptions from Knossos,” which was published in *Scripta Minoa*, *The Written Documents of Minoan Crete with Specific Reference to the Archives of Knossos, Vol. II*, and other notable drafts, such as that of “A Note on Some ‘Cattle’ Tablets from Knossos.”

The fourth group consists of lectures and associated research materials (1,014 items). Kober prepared lectures for her students at Brooklyn College and also made formal presentations

to scholarly societies, such as the Yale Linguistics Club and the Archaeological Institute of America. The sub-group Ancient Peoples (1,000 items) includes extensive notes and citations about the language and culture of over 15 pre-Hellenic civilizations.

The fifth group is comprised of material documenting Kober's professional activities and affiliations (125 items), including a Curriculum Vitae and resume (6 items), forms and records from Brooklyn College (12 items), and extensive material relating to her receipt of the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship (103 items). Also included are two manuscripts of *Scripta Minoa III*, with extensive notations and edits by Kober, made in preparation for the volume's publication.

The sixth group, Biographical Material (26 items), includes short biographies authored by Emmett L. Bennett, Jr., obituaries, a copy of her death certificate, and genealogical material of the Kober family.

The seventh group is comprised of letters written to and from Alice E. Kober, Sir John L. Myres, Michael Ventris, and other individuals, institutions and publications (522 items). The bulk of the items are a steady stream of letters sent by Kober to Sir John (66 items) in furtherance of the publication of *Scripta Minoa, Volumes II and III*, and correspondence with John Franklin Daniel (123 items), a close friend and colleague of Kober's, and J. W. Sundwall (64 items).

The eighth and final group (6 items) consists of papers and articles written about Kober, including one written in memory of her by one of her students at Brooklyn College, Eva Brann. Also included are pieces written by Prof. Thomas Palaima, director of the PASP Archives, and Susan Trombley, the archivist who worked on the materials in the 2002/2003 academic year.

## **Provenance**

The bulk of the materials were donated by Emmett L. Bennett, Jr. to PASP under the custody of Dr. Thomas G. Palaima.

## **Related Material**

Ashmolean Museum  
Beaumont Street, Oxford OX1 2PH  
<http://www.ashmolean.org/>

Emmett Bennett, Jr. Papers; Michael Ventris Papers  
Program in Aegean Scripts and Prehistory  
Department of Classics, University of Texas at Austin  
<http://www.utexas.edu/research/pasp/>

Guggenheim Foundation  
345 Hudson Street, 12th floor, New York, New York  
<http://www.guggenheim.org/resources/archive.html>

Institute of Classical Studies at the University of London  
Senate House North Block, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU  
<http://icls.sas.ac.uk/>

J.W. Sundwall Archive  
Åbo Akademis Bibliotek, Sweden  
<http://web.abo.fi/library/welcomee.sht>

Oxford University Centre for Linguistics and Philology  
Walton Street, Oxford OX1 2HG  
<http://www.ling-phil.ox.ac.uk/>

University of Pennsylvania University Museum  
3260 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104  
<http://www.museum.upenn.edu/>

## **Organization of Records**

The Kober collection is arranged in folders placed within archival storage boxes. The material is shelved on existing cabinets in the PASP offices.

## **Detailed Description of the Collection**

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.



**Alice E. Kober Papers**  
**1932-1950, n.d.**  
**Approx. 188,684 items**

**Research Material, circa 1945-1950, n.d. (approx. 187,032 items)**

**Research Notes, n.d. (approx. 186,747 items)**

- Box 1                    “B check anal. in progress”  
                              Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 2                    “B Inscri Alph order being changed to classification”  
                              Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 3                    “B Inscri Evans’ order”  
                              Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 4                    “B voc. in Myres’ order”  
                              Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 5                    “Old Voc., all suff. checked through 1”  
                              Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 6                    “Pylos – Bennett Voc., etc”  
                              Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 7                    “Pylos Voc. check Sign Anal.”  
                              Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 8                    “Signs of Various Scripts, acc. Shape”  
                              Note cards (4x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 9                    “Statistics B prec + foll”  
                              Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 10                    “Words, Alpha Order”  
                              Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 11                    Unlabeled  
                              Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 12                    Unlabeled  
                              Note cards (4x2 3/4”) in cigarette carton (approx. 1,400 items)
- Box 13                    Unlabeled  
                              Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
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Box 14 Note cards (2x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)

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Box 25 Note cards (2x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)

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Box 26 Note cards (2x3") (approx. 1,331 items)

Unlabeled

Box 27 Note cards (2x3") loose in bundle (approx. 1,875 items)

Unlabeled

Box 28 Note cards (2x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)

Unlabeled

Box 29 Note cards (2x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)

- Unlabeled
- Box 30 Note cards (2x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 1,775 items)
- Box 31 "Carian, Anal. not finished"  
Note cards (2x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 32 "Chaldean translations – phonetic V inscr. partly sorted"  
Note cards (2x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 33 "Cipro-Minoan" and Linear B inscriptions with corresponding notes,  
including where the sign is found.  
Note cards (4x6" and 3x5") (approx. 5,000 items)
- Box 34 "Cipro-Minoan and Linear B"  
Note cards (4x3") (approx. 363 items)
- Box 35 "H Analysis" and "Sign List All Car."  
Note cards (4x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 36 "Hurrian I. Signs sequent. A-TUP"  
Note cards (2x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 37 "Hurrian I. Words"  
Note cards (2x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 38 "Hurrian II. Il-zum"  
Note cards (2x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 39 "Hurrian III. Sequent. Prec"  
Note cards (2x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 40 "Lycian I, Inscr in numerical order, Anal. begun"  
Note cards (2x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 41 "Lycian II"  
Note cards (2x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,480 items)
- Box 42 "Lycian II, Vocabulary (2)"  
Note cards (2x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 43 "Lycian III, Vocabulary 1"  
Note cards (2x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 44 "Lycian V, inscr. partly sorted"  
Note cards (2x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)

- Box 45 “Lydian I. Signs prec by i.e. sequent”  
Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 46 “Lydian II S Signs, inscr. words”  
Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 47 “Lydian IV Signs P”  
Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- Box 48 “Prot-Hallic H.H.”  
Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)
- F2.1 “Miscellaneous”  
Note cards (4x6”) in two rows (approx. 8,360 items)
- F2.2 “Words in General”  
Note cards (4x6”) in two rows (approx. 11,000 items)
- F2.7 “Diagraphic Indexes”  
Note cards (4x6”) in two rows (approx. 11,000 items)
- F2.8 “Diagraphic Indexes”  
Note cards (4x6”) in two rows (approx. 11,000 items)
- F2.9 “Diagraphic Indexes”  
Note cards (4x6”) in two rows (approx. 11,000 items)
- F2.10 “Diagraphic Indexes”  
Note cards (4x6”) in two rows (approx. 11,000 items)
- Box 49.1 “Aa finished”  
2x3” note cards (7 items)
- “Tentative Arrangement of Knossos Inscriptions into Categories According to Content,”  
n.d. (2 item)
- Box 49.2 Carbon copy of pages 1-2 with handwritten notes
- Box 49.2 Photocopy of original
- Box 49.3 Booklets on Sanskrit vocabulary  
Note paper (4 items)
- Box 49.4 “Subsidiary words,” n.d.  
Handwritten notes (3 items)
- Notes on vocabulary, by tablet number

- Box 49.5                                    Typed notes with handwritten notations (1 item)
- Box 49.6                                    Notes on vocabulary, n.d. (4 items)  
    Photocopies of handwritten notes (2 items)  
    “Statement of principals in determining vocabulary” (1 item)
- Box 49.6                                    Photocopy of handwritten notes (1 item)  
    “A summary statement about the plan according to which the  
    inscriptions were arranged” (1 item)
- Box 49.6                                    Photocopy of typed notes (1 item)

**Research Notebooks, circa 1945 - 1950 (40 items)**

- Box 49.7                                    “Juxtaposition Analysis” (1 item)  
    Spiral bound notebook (1 item)
- Box 49.8                                    “Various Alph 115” (6 items)  
    Spiral bound notebook (1 item)
- Box 49.8                                    Hand-written pages, loose (5 items)
- Box 49.9                                    “Words” (29 items)  
    Spiral bound notebook (1 item)
- Box 49.9                                    Hand-written pages, loose (28 items)
- Box 49.10                                   “Words New List” (1 item)  
    Spiral bound notebook (1 item)
- Box 49.11                                   “Minoan and Related Scripts, 2” (1 item)  
    Spiral bound notebook (1 item)
- Box 49.12                                   “Statistics” (1 item)  
    Spiral bound notebook (1 item)
- Box 49.13                                   Notes on Greek vocabulary (1 item)  
    Loose leaf notebook (1 item)

**Tabulations, n.d. (114 items)**

- Box 50.1                                   Statistics on diagraphic frequencies of Pylos signs transcribed from  
    Emmett Bennett, Jr.’s Ph.D. dissertation (18 items)  
    Worksheets (18 items)
- Box 50.2                                   Diagraphic frequencies of Knossos and Pylos (87 items)  
    Worksheets (87 items)
- Box 50.3                                   Linear B Inflection (1 item)  
    Grids (1 item)
- Sign frequency matrix (2 items)

- Box 50.4                               Grids (2 items)
- Box 50.5                               “Statistics – IMF” (1 item)  
Grids (1 item)
- Box 50.6                               “Tabulation of Diagraphic Frequencies: Knossos and Pylos” (1 item)  
Bound hand-written document (1 item)
- Box 50.7                               Statistical analysis of sign occurrences  
Bound booklet of graphs (1 item)
- Box 50.8                               Sign occurrences and charts (1 item)  
Loose leaf notebook
- Box 50.9                               Tabulations of inscriptions and signs (2 items)  
Photocopies of handwritten tabulations
- Tablet Transcriptions, n.d. (29 items)**
- Box 51.1                               Pylos, readings in old numeration (1 item)  
Bound booklet (1 item)
- Box 51.2                               Pylos tablet transcriptions(1 item)  
Hand-drawn, mimeographed pages (1 item)
- Box 51.3                               Normalized transcriptions (26 items)  
Photocopies (26 items)
- Box 51.4                               Tablet transcriptions (1 item)  
Photocopies (1 item)
- Assorted Material, n.d. (102 items)**
- Box 51.5                               Research material from Michael Ventris (3 items)  
“List of signs used in sign-groups” chart (1 item)
- Box 51.5                               Oversized “Syllabary B” chart (1 item)
- Box 51.6                               “Minoan ‘A’ Syllabary Transcript Index” booklet (1 item)
- Box 51.8                               Notes on Hittite, unknown author (99 items)
- Publications, 1932-1949 (28 items)**
- Box 51.8                               “The Cryptograms of Crete,” *Classical Outlook* 22.8 (1945), pp. 77-78. (2 items)  
Reprint (1 item)
- Box 51.8                               Corrected proof (1 item)
- Box 51.9                               “Evidence of Inflection in the ‘Chariot,’” *American Journal of Archaeology* 49.2  
(1945), pp. 143-51. (1 item)  
Reprint (1 item)

- “Inflection in Linear Class B: 1-Declension.” *American Journal of Archaeology* 50.2 (1946), pp. 268-76. (8 items)
- Box 51.10           Clean proofs (4 items)
- Box 51.10           Edited proofs (2 items)
- Box 51.10           Reprints (2 items)
- “The Minoan Scripts: Fact and Theory,” *American Journal of Archaeology* 52 (1948), pp. 82-103. (1 item)
- Box 51.11           Photocopy (1 item)
- “The Scripts of Pre-Hellenic Greece,” *Classical Outlook* 21.7 (1944), pp. 72-74. (1 item)
- Box 51.12           Reprint (1 item)
- “The ‘Thracian Pig Dance,’” *Classical Philology* 60.2 (April, 1945) with Lillian B. Lawler. (1 item)
- Box 51.13           Reprint (1 item) (Kober’s personal copy)
- “Tiberius, Master Detective,” *Classical Outlook* 22.4 (1945), pp. 37. (1 item)
- Box 51.14           Reprint (1 item)
- “‘Total’ in Minoan (Linear Class B),” *Archly Orientalni* 17 (1949), pp. 386-398. (4 items)
- Box 51.15           Reprint (1 item)
- Box 51.15           Carbon copies (2 items)
- Box 51.15           Photocopy (1 item)
- The Use of Color Terms in Greek Poets. Geneva, NY: Humphrey Press, 1932 (1 item)
- Box 51.16           Ph.D. Dissertation (1 item)
- Reviews, 1945-1949 (5 items)
- Review of Hrozný, *Die Altteste Geschichte Vorderasiens und Indiens*, 1943, and *Kretas und Vorgriechenlands Inschriften, Geschichte und Kulturbere – I, Ein Entzifferungsversuch*, 1943, in *American Journal of Archaeology* 50.4 (1946), pp. 493-495. (1 item)
- Box 51.17           Reprint (1 item)
- Review of Hrozný, *Les inscriptions crétoises: Essai déchiffrement*, Praha: Orientální, 1949; and Georgiev, *Le déchiffrement des inscriptions minoennes*, Sofia: Durzavno Izdatelstvo, in *Language* 26.2 (1950), pp. 286-302. (2 items)
- Box 51.18           Draft with handwritten notes, 1949 (1 item)
- Box 51.18           Photocopy of reprint (1 item)

Review of Ktistopoulos, *A Contribution to the Problem of Minoan Script*,  
N. Tilperoglou: Athens, 1945, in *American Journal of Archaeology* 49.4  
(1945), pp. 605-606. (2 items)

Box 51.19

Draft (1 item)

Box 51.19

Reprint (1 item)

Paper Summaries, 1938-1946 (4 items)

Box 51.20

“Some Comments on a Minoan Inscription (Linear Class B),” *American  
Journal of Archaeology* 46.1 (1942), p. 124. (1 item)

Box 51.20

Summaries by Luce (1938), Mylonas (1937), and Myres (1946) (3 items)

### **Manuscripts, 1940-1949 (70 items)**

“The Classics in Translation and their Effect on the Future of Latin and Greek,”  
1947, n.d. (3 items)

Box 52.1

Draft with handwritten notes, n.d. (1 item)

Box 52.2

Correspondence with Professor Heffner, 1947 (1 item)

Box 52.3

Carbon copy, n.d. (1 item)

“The Element -INTH- in Greek,” 1940, n.d. (29 items)

Box 52.4

Bibliography, original and photocopy, n.d. (2 items)

Box 52.5

Chronological bibliography, n.d. (1 item)

Box 52.6

Correspondence from Ernst Riess, original and photocopy, 31 Oct. 1940  
(2 items)

Box 52.7

“-INTH- Analysis,” n.d. (1 item)

Box 52.8

Work notes, n.d. (10 items)

Box 52.9

“New Notes II,” n.d. (1 item)

Box 52.10

“New Text II,” n.d. (1 item)

Box 52.11

Typed manuscript – carbon copy, n.d. (1 item)

Box 52.12

Typed manuscript – original copy, highly edited, n.d. (1 item)

Box 52.13

“Part One: The Words” – photocopied draft, n.d. (1 item)

Box 52.14

“Notes” – photocopied draft, n.d. (1 item)

Box 53.1

“Part Two: Conclusions” – photocopied draft, n.d. (1 item)

Box 53.2

Original transcription, n.d. (1 item)

Box 53.3

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