

Name of Creator:	Glueck, Nelson, 1900-1971.
Title:	Nelson Glueck Papers
Dates:	1932-2005
Collection Number:	Coll. 010
Extent:	2 boxes (2 cubic feet)
Location:	The Semitic Museum, at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Biographical / Historical Abstract:	<p>Nelson Glueck was born in Cincinnati, OH in 1900. He was educated at Hebrew Union College, the University of Cincinnati, and the University of Jena. He continued his education at the American Schools of Oriental Research in Jerusalem.</p> <p>Glueck served as director of ASOR throughout the 1930s. During this decade, he taught at Hebrew Union College and ASOR's Baghdad School. He also began mapping archaeological sites in Transjordan, and directed the excavation at Khirbet et-Tannur.</p> <p>During the 1940s, Glueck continued his survey of Transjordan. He directed the excavation at Tell el Kheleifeh in 1942. In 1947, he was appointed president of Hebrew Union College. In the 1950s, Glueck began surveying the Negev Desert.</p>
Scope and Content Abstract:	<p>The collection contains the personal papers of eminent biblical archaeologist and rabbi Nelson Glueck.</p> <p>The collection includes correspondence, diaries, artifact reference files, financial records, articles and writings by and about Glueck, honorary degrees and citations, and photographs.</p>
Languages:	Materials are primarily in English, with some French, Hebrew, and Arabic.
System of Arrangement:	The materials are arranged alphabetically by subject.

Physical Access:	The collection is stored at the Harvard Semitic Museum at 6 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, MA. To view the materials, please contact the ASOR archivist at asorarch@bu.edu to make an appointment.
Technical Access:	The collection contains microfilm.
Immediate Source of Acquisition:	The collection was a gift of Helen Glueck.
Custodial History:	The collection was originally located in Cincinnati, OH. It was transferred to the Harvard Semitic Museum after Glueck's death in 1971. The collection is the physical and intellectual property of the American Schools of Oriental Research.
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Related Materials:	Gary Pratico reevaluated Glueck's findings from Tell el-Kheleifeh using modern methods. Pratico published his study as <i>Nelson Glueck's 1938-1940 Excavations at Tell el-Kheleifeh: A Reappraisal</i> (ASOR, 1993).

Biographical Note:	<p>Nelson Glueck was born in Cincinnati, OH in 1900. He entered Hebrew Union College at 14, and earned a Bachelor of Hebrew Literature in 1918. Glueck then went on to earn a B.A. from the University of Cincinnati in 1920. In 1923, he was ordained a rabbi at Hebrew Union College. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of Jena in 1927. In 1931, Glueck married Helen Ranschoff Iglauer, a noted hematologist. They had one son, Charles.</p> <p>Shortly after receiving his Ph.D., Glueck traveled to Jerusalem to study under William Albright at the American Schools of Oriental Research. Glueck later served as director of ASOR from 1932-1933 and 1936-1940.</p> <p>In 1936, Glueck began teaching at</p>
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	<p>Cincinnati's Hebrew Union College. Glueck was appointed president of the college in 1947, and, for the next two decades, divided his time between field research and his administrative duties at the college.</p> <p>From 1932-1947, Glueck systematically mapped Transjordan, discovering over 1,000 archaeological sites. In the early 1950s, he began mapping the Negev desert, discovering hundreds of pre-Byzantine sites.</p> <p>During World War II, Glueck contributed to the war effort by offering his intimate knowledge of Near and Middle Eastern geography to the Office of Strategic Services, a predecessor of the CIA.</p> <p>Glueck authored several books including <i>Explorations in Eastern Palestine</i> (1940), <i>The Other Side of the Jordan</i> (1940), <i>The River Jordan</i> (1946), <i>Rivers in the Desert: A History of the Negev</i> (1956), and <i>Dolphins and Deities: The Story of the Nabataeans</i> (1965).</p>
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Chronology:	
1900	Born in Cincinnati, OH.
1918	Earns Bachelor of Hebrew Literature from Hebrew Union College.
1920	Earns Bachelor of Arts from University of Cincinnati.
1923	Ordained a rabbi at Hebrew Union College.
1927	Earns Ph.D. from the University of Jena.
1927	Travels to Jerusalem to study under William Albright at the American Schools of Oriental Research.
1931	Marries Helen Ranschoff Iglauer.
1932-1933	Serves as director of ASOR.
1932-1947	Begins systematically mapping the archaeological sites in Transjordan.
1933-1934	Serves as annual professor at ASOR in Baghdad.
1936	Begins teaching at Hebrew Union College.
1936-1940	Serves as director of ASOR.
1937	Begins excavating Khirbet et Tannur, a Nabataean temple in southern Transjordan.

1940	Publishes <i>Explorations in Eastern Palestine</i> and <i>The Other Side of the Jordan</i> .
1942	Begins excavating Tell el-Kheleifeh, believed to be the biblical city of Ezion Geber at the time.
1945	Provides the Office of Strategic Services geographical information gathered during archaeological surveys.
1946	Publishes <i>The River Jordan</i> .
1947	Appointed president of Hebrew Union College.
1950s	Begins surveying the Negev desert.
1959	Publishes <i>Rivers in the Desert: A History of the Negev</i> .
1961	Gives benediction at the inauguration of John F. Kennedy.
1965	Publishes <i>Dolphins and Deities: The Story of the Nabataeans</i> .

Bibliography:	<p>Horstman, Barry M. "Dr. Nelson Glueck: Rabbi Dug Up Truth." <i>Cincinnati Post</i> [Cincinnati, OH] 26 May 1999. Print.</p> <p>"Nelson Glueck." <i>Current Biography</i> (1969). <i>Biography Reference Bank</i>. Web. 22 Nov. 2009. <http://0-vnweb.hwwilsonweb.com>.</p>
Scope and Content Note:	<p>The collection contains the personal papers of eminent biblical archaeologist Nelson Glueck.</p> <p>The Correspondence files are organized alphabetically by correspondent, with the exception of correspondence concerning Glueck after his death in 1971. These files precede the alphabetical sequence. The Correspondence files contain letters Glueck received from colleagues regarding the logistics of running the organization, and publishing ASOR's journals. Correspondence after 1971 concerns memorial services in honor of Glueck, materials regarding his successor at Hebrew Union College, and materials regarding the transfer of Glueck's papers from Cincinnati to Cambridge.</p> <p>The Diaries contain Glueck's Transjordan survey notes from 1939,</p>

	<p>informal accounts of his travels from 1942 to 1943, and notebooks with brief descriptions of dozens of sites from 1942 to 1944.</p> <p>The Granaries, Lamps, and Seals files contain reference information compiled by Glueck.</p> <p>The Press and Writings files contain writings by and about Glueck and the projects with which he was affiliated. Included are articles, excavation reports, booklets from Hebrew Union College announcing his inauguration, and booklets from his memorial service. Correspondence is scattered throughout these files. The 1927 file contains Glueck's dissertation.</p> <p>The Photographs: General files contain photographs taken of Glueck by professional photographers for various publications. The Photographs: Albums files contain photographs taken and captioned by Glueck. The Photographs: The Photographs: Lantern Slides files contain glass slides of photographs Glueck took during his Transjordan survey and slides Glueck collected to accompany his lectures. The Photographs: Transjordan Reference files contain photographs compiled by Eleanor Vogel, Glueck's archaeological secretary. The files are organized alphabetically by site name.</p>
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Other Relevant Collections:	Coll. 013 Tell el-Kheleifeh Excavation Records, Coll. 014 Khirbet et Tannur Excavation Records
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Series Inventory			
<i>Box</i>	<i>Folder Number</i>	<i>Folder Title</i>	<i>Dates</i>
1		General (3 folders)	1932-1975

1		Correspondence (32 folders)	1934-2005
1		Diaries (4 folders)	1939-1944
1		Financial	1940-1945
1		Granaries	
1		Degrees and Citations	1918-1969
1		Lamps	1966-1969
1, 2		Press and Writings (30 folders)	1927-2009
2		Seals	n.d., 1961
		Photographs	
2		General (9 folders)	n.d., 1930-1970
2		Albums (3 folders)	1936-1939
	Shelves, Black file cabinet	Lantern Slides (11 slide boxes)	ca. 1935 - 1960
2		<i>The Other Side of the Jordan</i> (6 folders)	1970
Tan file cabinet		Transjordan Reference Files, compiled by Eleanor Vogel (~548 files)	ca. 1930-1950

Subject Headings:	
600 - Subject Added Entry - Personal Name	Glueck, Nelson, 1900-1971
600 - Subject Added Entry - Personal Name	Vogel, Eleanor K. (Eleanor Kuhlmann)
610 - Subject Added Entry - Corporate Name	American Schools of Oriental Research
610 - Subject Added Entry - Corporate Name	Hebrew Union College
650 - Subject Added Entry - Topical Term	Biblical archaeology
650 - Subject Added Entry - Topical Term	Tell el-Kheleifeh (Jordan)
650 - Subject Added Entry - Topical Term	Khirbet et Tannur