

Name of Creator:	American Schools of Oriental Research
Title:	Dhiban Excavation Records
Dates:	1950-1965
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Location:	R2/2
Historical Abstract:	In 1950, F.V. Winnett, director of ASOR in Jerusalem, applied to the Chief Curator of Antiquities in Amman for an excavation permit at the site of Dhiban. The request was granted and renewed twice (1951-9153), and a second permit was approved for March 1955 to 1956. The last expedition took place in 1965, directed by Prof. William H. Morton.
Scope and Content Abstract:	<p>This collection is organized into two series. Series 1: <i>Documents</i> consists of journals, correspondence, and general documentation of the excavation, including work permits and timesheets.</p> <p>Series 2: <i>Photographs and Negatives</i> contains 584 prints and 696 negatives that document excavations at Dhiban. Most of these chart the site and the recovered artifacts; some of them also include people.</p>

Languages:	English
System of Arrangement:	This collection is organized into two series. Series 1: Documents; Series 2: Photographs and Negatives
Custodial History:	These materials were formerly housed at the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem.
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Bibliography:				"Dibon." <i>The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East</i> . 1997. Print.
Series 1.				Documents 1950-1965
Series Volume:				.1 cubic feet
Series Arrangement:				This series is arranged alphabetically
Series Summary:				The General file includes a detailed report of the excavation from 1950-1951. The Journals files contain payroll books, a level book, and a journal with survey notes and some narrative description.
Series Inventory				
<i>Box</i>	<i>Folder Number</i>	<i>Folder Title</i>	<i>Dates</i>	
	26	Artifact Registries	1955-1956	
	24	General	1950-1965	
	25	Correspondence	1949-1957	
	1	Disposition Files	1951-1953	

	2	Excavation Supplies	c.1950-1955
	3-7	Journals	1951-1965

Series 2.	Photographs and Negatives, 1951-1956
Series Volume:	.7 cubic feet
Series Arrangement:	This series is arranged chronologically
Series Summary:	<p>The majority of photographs have notations on the back. Folder 12 includes a map of the area; Folder 16 has a large number of artifacts labeled and displayed together.</p> <p>The Spring 1952 negatives are numbered and labeled at an item level (see appendix). The rest of the negatives may be identifiable as duplicates of the photographs. There are two notebooks in the Series 1. Journals file that may also describe some of the negatives.</p>

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		Photographs	1951-1956
	8-14	General	1951-1953
	15	Artifacts	1956
	16	Section H	1956
	17	Section L	1956
		Negatives	1951-1956
	18-21	General	c.1951-1956
	22-23	Spring 1952	1952

Subject Headings:	
600 - Subject Added Entry - Personal Name	Morton, William H.
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650 - Subject Added Entry - Topical Term	Dhiban
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650 - Subject Added Entry - Topical Term	Moabite Stone

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Appendix: Captions attached to the Numbered Negatives

1. 4-15-52 General view of the camp from the south.
2. 4-16-52 Beginning of work in Area B.C.
3. & 4. 4-17-52 Panorama of the Tell from the east
5. 4-18-52 View of camp and excavation from the southeast
6. 4-18-52 Near view of excavation showing the wall [Nabatalan??]
7. & 8. 4-17-52 Panorama of the Tell from northeast
12. (2 parts) 4-26-52 Portrait of Pottery Shards

L.	M.	R.
D1780	D1720	D1712
D1782	D1794	D1713
D1778	D1701	D1791
13. 4-26-52 Greek incscription on stone block, south of wall of building of Area B.
D.S. 52 A
14. 4-29-52 View of Capital on floor looking north at base of [] between rooms 2 and 3 building A.
15. 4-28-52 View from west looking east along wall 1. To [l--] of Area B. portion of flag stone floor

16. 4-29-52 View from east looking west [function??] of walls 1-6 to right bottom of water stick is circular hole in flag stone
17. 4-29-52 [Sunrise??] view of Dhiban camp excavation
18. 4-30-52 Portrait view of jar with handle in Area C. D.2174
9. & 10. 4-22-52 Jar found in debris northwest corner Area C. (Jar no. D1932)
11. 4-25-52 Portrait view of jar found in debris northwest Area C. (Jar no. 1932)
19. 4-20-52 View from east general view of Area B. building A. Area C. in background
20. 4-30-52 View from north east of an oven sat in floor building Area A.
21. 4-30-52 Flag stone floor [north?] of wall 1. Looking east shallow drain to [r—g] north and south
22. 4-30-52 Re [west?] Capital and storage bin room no.2 in Building A. looking north at base of [P--] between rooms no.2-3
23. 4-30-52 Portrait of pottery shards

L.	M.	R.
D2129	D2124	D2227
D2220	D2123	D2264
D2146	D2265	D2122
24. 4-30-52 Portrait of pottery shards

L.	M.	R.
D2392	D2322	D2316
D2306	D2326	D2251
D2260	D2327	D2307
	D2309	
	D2256	
25. 4-30-52 Portrait of pottery shards

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| L. | M. | R. |
| D2088 | D2047 | D2020 |
| D2018 | D2019 | D2017 |
| D2166 | D2048 | D2165 |
26. 5-3-52 Map of Dhiban
 27. 5-3-52 Area C. room 4 from the north east showing [ashes?], floor of stone roof on floor
 28. 5-3-52 General view of Areas C. and B. from the west showing rooms and [ashes??] [] the floor
 29. 5-3-52 View of Area C. room 5 from south showing [sistern?] [entrance?] and door at right
 30. 5-3-52 Corner of room 5 and room [6?] from the east
 31. 5-3-52 Base D353 re used as platform stone upside down. South of wall 3 against wall 3
 32. 5-4-52 Portrait of sherds

L.	M.	R.
D2572	D2583	D2431
D2265	D2560	D2549
D2267	D2554	D2147
 33. 5-4-52 Portrait of jar found in Area C. no. 2588
 34. 5-5-52 [Nab---] [Slips?] Area A. east side D.S.54
 35. 5-5-52 [Removal?] of [Nab-tean?] Base from Area B. south side D.S.53
 36. 5-5-52 Room no.4 Area C. View from south showing floor, door steps and hole in wall after falling stone roof was removed
 37. 5-5-52 Room no.5 Area C. [Sistern?] entrance and door step from south
 38. 5-6-52 Room no.8 Area C. View from south west. Door and reused base on left
 39. 5-6-52 General view from the west of area B.C. Arab level
 40. 5-7-52 Area J from north east showing Tell at right
 41. 5-7-52 Closer view of Area J from North
 42. 5-7-52 Area B. building A showing relationship between floor 1 and floor 2. View from the east.
 43. 5-7-52 View from the east of Area B. building A wall 3 showing 2 doors after the removal of blocking stones
 44. 5-7-52 Loading camel with stones in Dhiban excavation
 45. 5-10-52 Area C. surface debris reddish [Nabal---] cut stone D.S. no.55
 46. 5-10-52 View of floor 2 in Area B. looking north west with remains of wall in background and in extreme right of photograph pedestal base built into wall [one?]
 47. (Two pieces) 5-10-52 Area J of Tomb J3 Exterior view of entrance of tomb from north
 48. (Two pieces) 5-10-52 Area of J [section?] View of the tomb J3. Partially cleared
 49. 5-11-52 Tomb J3 coffin. Debris cleared to the end nearest entrance. Fragment of lid on left.
 50. 5-12-52 Area C. surface debris reddish [--betac--] cut stone D.S. no.55 north of wall 10 view from west
 51. 5-13-52 Area C. surface debris reddish [--betac--] cut stone D.S. no.55 north of wall 10 view from the east

52. 5-14-52 View of entrance to tomb J3
53. 5-14-52 Tomb of J3 coffin showing east side as excavated
54. 5-14-52 Lid of coffin from tomb J3
55. 5-19-52 Picture of plan Area C. Room 5 cistern 1
56. 5-19-52 Picture of plan Area J Tomb 1
57. 5-19-52 Picture of plan Area J Tomb 3
58. 5-21-52 Picture of lan Area J Tomb J3 coffin1
59. 5-21-52 Pottery drawing no.D2549, D2577, D2553, D2431, D2265, D2572, D2267
60. 5-21-52 Pottery drawing
 - D1861 D1912
 - D1862 D1925
 - D1864 D2061
 - D1911
61. 5-21-52 Pottery drawing
 - D1728 D2081
 - D1850 D2060
 - D1857
62. 5-21-52 Pottery drawing
 - D1932
 - D2174
 - D2588
63. (Two pieces) 5-22-52 Area B. looking north east at bin beneath level 4
64. 5-23-52 Jar no. D3074
 - [D3024?]
65. 5-24-52 Bowl no. 3130 D3130
66. 5-24-52 Bowl no. 3129 D3129
67. 5-24-52 Half bowl no. 3127
 - no. 3127
68. 5-24-52 Juglet no. D3128
69. 5-24-52 Juglet no. D3133
70. 5-24-52 View of camp looking south east with [rough/range?] on South Citadel
71. 5-24-52 Work in Area E from north west
72. 5-24-52 Boys carrying baskets of debris
73. 5-24-52 View of Tell from east showing east [rough/range?]
74. 5-25-52 D.T. 74 Long Jar
 - D.T. 71 Round wheel
 - D.T. 75 Large jar
 - D.T. 81 Small jar
75. 5-25-52 D.T.76, D.T.79, D.T. 78, D.T. 77
 - Lamps from tomb J3
76. 5-25-52 D.T.83, D.T.84, D.T.82
 - Lamps from tomb J3
77. 5-26-52 D.T.85, D.T.73, D.T.7[2]
 - Lamps from tomb J3
78. 5-25-52 Area B view looking south of [three] rows standing stones level 2

79. 5-26-52 Area B covered drain level 6 floor looking north west
80. a-g 5-28-52 Views of the harvest
81. 5-27-52 [Guser]iption stone found in the village of Dhiban D.S.56
82. 5-28-52 Area B view looking north of stone floor beneath probable drain stones
Wall ten in background
83. 5-28-52 (Two pieces) View from the south east Area C level 3 showing Iron Age wall. Oven and juglet.
84. 5-28-52 Area C level 3 showing oven and juglet near view
85. 5-28-52 Area C looking south east walls 30 and 31
86. 5-28-52 (Two pieces) Views of pay day
87. 5-28-52 Flocks south of Tell
88. 5-28-52 (Two pieces) Workmen moving stone
89. a, d 5-30-52 Views of Area A
90. 5-30-52 Area E from south east side
91. 5-30-52 Area E central [section?] from south
92. 5-30-52 Area E from west
93. (n.d.) Wall 12 from north
94. 5-30-52 Wall 12 from east
95. (n.d.) Wall 12 from south west [above?]
- 96 a.b. 5-30-52 Mud brick wall
97. 5-30-52 Area C wall 10 from west
98. (n.d.) Area B Wall 7 from east [?]
99. 5-30-52 Area B walls 12 and 13
100. (n.d.) Key section (1951) from east
101. 5-30-52 Tomb area from north
- 102.a.b. 5-30-52 (Two views) Panorama of Tell from east
103. 5-30-52 (Two pieces) Two general views from south [C camp?]
104. (n.d.) Hasa[m?] mending pottery
105. 5-31-52 Area B east key from west
106. 5-31-52 Area E from south east
107. 5-31-52 Tell from east
108. 5-31-52 Pool located east of Tell. View from east.
109. 5-31-52 Arches in Area A at foot of [Nab.?] wall. View from south.
- 110-121. Spring 1952. Maps of the site.
- 111-134. Spring 1952. Diagrams of artifacts.