

Alice Elizabeth Kober Personal Papers and Memorabilia (PASP at UC)

Overview

Accession Code: UC PASP-AEK

Principal Creator: Alice Elizabeth Kober (1906-1950)

Title: Alice E. Kober Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1932-1950

Bulk Dates: 1946-1950

Abstract: The records of Alice E. Kober represent her research into 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: 86 boxes

Immediate Source of Acquisition: PASP. Donors include Emmett L. Bennett, Jr., Thomas G. Palaima, the Ashmolean Museum, and the J.W. Sundwall Archive

Donation Date(s): 1985-2002, 2024

Processing Information: Item-level inventory and finding-aid

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Index Terms

Persons

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

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

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Principal Creator Sketch

Alice E. Kober (1906–1950) was a Classical scholar and academic whose fastidiously detailed and documented work contributed to the decipherment of Linear B. 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 BCE) is inflected. Her findings and methods were adopted by Michael Ventris (1922–1956) who in 1952 successfully deciphered Linear B as a form of Greek.

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. (1929) and Ph.D. (1932) from Columbia University. As a professor of Classics at Brooklyn College, she cites her prodigious workload 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 1949).

As a scholar of Aegean languages, 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. Myres 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, Kober ran time trials to estimate her ability to record the maximum amount of Knossos materials during her five-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.

Kober’s collaboration with Myres 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. 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.

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).

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 Personal Papers (1932-1950) of PASP at the University of Cincinnati. The bulk of the items support the decipherment of Linear B while correspondence, lectures, and professional material add context to the research material. NB: The numbers listed in this finding-aid were calculated while the collection was part of the Program of Aegean Scripts and Prehistory at the University of Texas and are all approximate.

The first group (Series I), Research Material (approx. 187,032 items), is comprised of five sub-groups. The first (Series I.1) and second (Series I.2) 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. Most 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 [formerly] arranged in cardboard cigarette box files or cut to 4x6” (approx. 63,360) and [formerly] kept in a vertical file cabinet [the slips were removed from their cartons and placed in archival boxes which now are on metal shelving]. There are an approximate 6,791 loose notes cards. These notes are the raw material with which 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 (Series I.3), 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 (Series I.4), Tablet Transcriptions, contains copies of Linear B inscriptions from tablets found on mainland Greece at Pylos (29 items). The material, made public in Emmett L. Bennett Jr.'s dissertation, was used by Kober to confirm theories predicated on the Knossos materials.

The fifth and final subgroup (Series I.5) consists of research material by Michael G.F. 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 (Series II) of material consists of the publications of Alice E. Kober (28 items). Included are her Columbia University Ph.D. dissertation (Series II.1), the three formative articles published in the *American Journal of Archaeology* and other publications (Series II.2) and published reviews (Series II.3).

The third group (Series III) 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 "A Note on Some 'Cattle' Tablets from Knossos" and her unpublished manuscript for *The Element -INTH- in Greek*.

The fourth group (Series IV) consists of lectures and associated research materials (1,014 items). Kober prepared lectures for her students at Brooklyn College and 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 non-Hellenic civilizations.

The fifth group (Series V) 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) (Series V.1). Extensive material exists relating to her receipt of the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship (103 items) (Series V.2). Also included are two manuscripts of *Scripta Minoa III*, with extensive notations and edits by Kober, made in preparation for the publication of the volume (Series V.3).

The sixth group (Series VI), 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 (Series VII) is comprised of letters written to and from Alice E. Kober, Sir John L. Myres, Michael G.F. Ventris, and other individuals (Series VII.1), institutions and publications (Series VII.2) (522 items). The bulk of the items are letters sent by Kober to Myres (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 Johannes W. Sundwall (64 items).

The eighth group (6 items) (Series VIII) 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 Thomas G. Palaima, former director of PASP, and Susan Trombley, the archivist who worked on the materials in the 2002/2003 academic year.

A ninth group (Series IX) are other research records [see note regarding them] and contain diagraphic indices and records on Knossos materials.

The final group (Series X) contains examples of the cigarette cartons in which Series I were originally kept. An example of each brand of carton as well as any on which significant writing was found are preserved.

Provenance

The bulk of the materials were donated by Emmett L. Bennett, Jr. to PASP under the custody of Thomas G. Palaima. Bennett received the materials from the University of Pennsylvania. The collection was transferred to the Department of Classics at the University of Cincinnati in 2024.

Photocopies of correspondence between Alice E. Kober and Sir John L. Myres are taken from Myres' materials housed at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

Related Materials

Ashmolean Museum

Beaumont Street, Oxford OX1 2PH

<http://www.ashmolean.org/>

Emmett L. Bennett, Jr. Papers; Michael G.F. Ventris Papers

Program in Aegean Scripts and Prehistory

Department of Classics, University of Cincinnati

<https://classics.uc.edu/humanities/classics/archives>

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/>

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains an item-level list of the records in the collection.

Series I: Research Records

Subseries I.1. Research Notes

Box 01

“B check anal. in progress” [Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)]

Box 02

“B Inscr Alph order being changed to classification” [Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)]

Box 03

“B Inscr Evans’ order” [Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)]

Box 04

“B Voc. in Myres’ order” [Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)]

Box 05

“Old Voc., all suff. checked through [pi]” [Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)]

Box 06

“Pylos – Bennett Voc., etc” [Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)]

Box 07

“Pylos Voc. and Sign Anal.” [Note cards (2x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)]

Box 08

“Signs of Various Scripts, acc. Shape” [Note cards (4x3”) in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)]

Box 09

“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

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- Box 26**
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- Box 27**
Unlabeled [Note cards (2x3") loose in bundle (approx. 1,875 items)]
- Box 28**
Unlabeled [Note cards (2x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)]
- Box 29**
Unlabeled [Note cards (2x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)]
- Box 30**
Unlabeled [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" [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 + Sign List All Car." [Note cards (4x3") in cigarette carton (approx. 2,662 items)]
- Box 36**

- “Hurrian I. Signs Sequent.” [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. Segment” [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)]

Subseries I.2. Research Notebooks

Box 49

Research Notes and Notebooks, c. 1945-1950

Folder 49.1: “Aa finished” (7 items: 2x3” note cards)

Folder 49.2 “Tentative Arrangement of Knossos Inscriptions into Categories According to Content” (2 items: Carbon copy of pages 1-2 with handwritten notes, Photocopy of original (7 pages)

Folder 49.3: Notes on Sanskrit Vocabulary (4 bundles of notes)

Folder 49.4: “Subsidiary words” (3 items: Handwritten notes)

Folder 49.5: Notes on vocabulary, by tablet number (1 item: Typed notes with handwritten notations, pp. 3-22)

Folder 49.6: Notes on vocabulary (4 items: Photocopies of handwritten notes (2 items, 8 pages, 12 pages), “A summary statement about the plan according to which the inscriptions were arranged” (1 item, 3 pages), “Statement of principals in determining vocabulary” (1 item, 1 page))

Folder 49.7: “Juxtaposition Analysis” (1 item: Spiral-bound notebook)

- Folder 49.8: “Various Alph 115” (1 item: Spiral-bound notebook) [initial finding-aid listed five loose hand-written pages but not present as of 09.14.26 JLK]
- Folder 49.9: “Words” (29 items: Spiral-bound notebook, 28 Hand-written pages, loose [2 items are from different sources, remainder are pages from the spiral-bound notebook])
- Folder 49.10: “Words New List” (1 item: Spiral-bound notebook)
- Folder 49.11: “Minoan and Related Scripts, 2” (1 item: Spiral-bound notebook) [notes from list of sources on inside of front cover]
- Folder 49.12: “Statistics Bennett” (1 item: Spiral-bound notebook)
- Folder 49.13: Notes on Greek vocabulary (1 item: Loose-leaf notebook with notes affixed to certain pages)

Subseries I.3. Tabulations

Box 50

Tabulations, n.d.

- Folder 50.1: “Diagraphic Frequencies of Pylos signs” transcribed from Emmett L. Bennett, Jr.’s Ph.D. dissertation (22 items: 18 Worksheets and 4 notes)
- Folder 50.2: Diagraphic frequencies of Knossos and Pylos (87 items: Worksheets)
- Folder 50.3: Linear B Inflection (1 item: Grids)
- Folder 50.4: Sign frequency matrix (1 item: Grid)
- Folder 50.5: “Statistics – IMF” (1 item: Grids)
- Folder 50.5(2): Original folder in which the contents of 50.5 were held (1 item: folder)
- Folder 50.6: “Tabulation of Diagraphic Frequencies: Knossos and Pylos” (1 item: Bound hand-written document)
- Folder 50.7: Statistical analysis of sign occurrences (1 item: Bound booklet of graphs)
- Folder 50.8: Sign occurrences and charts (1 item: Loose leaf notebook)
- Folder 50.9: Tabulations of inscriptions and signs (2 items: Photocopies of handwritten tabulations)

Subseries I.4. Tabulation Transcriptions

Box 51

Tablet Transcriptions, n.d.

- Folder 51.1: “Pylos Reading by AE Kober. NB: This is old numeration – before publication of The Pylos Tablets” (1 item: Bound booklet)
- Folder 51.2: Pylos tablet transcriptions (1 item: Hand-drawn, mimeographed pages with annotations [originally bound with staples])
- Folder 51.3: “Kober normalized transcriptions” (1 item: 26 Photocopies)
- Folder 51.4: Tablet transcriptions (1 item: 23 Photocopies and photocopy of a list)

Subseries I.5. Michael G.F. Ventris Research Records

Box 51

Assorted Material, n.d.

- Folder 51.5: “List of signs used in sign-groups” chart, Oversized “Syllabary B” chart, both from Michael Ventris (2 items)
- Folder 51.6: Minoan ‘A’ Syllabary Transcript Index” booklet, Oversized “Suggested ‘B’ Syllabary Transcript” chart, both from Michael Ventris (2 items)
- Folder 51.7: Notes on Hittite (2 items: Notes, Word list of 13 pages)

Series II: Publications

Subseries II.1. Dissertation

Folder 51.8: *The Use of Color Terms in Greek Poets: Including all the Poets from Homer to 146 B.C. Except the Epigrammatists*. Geneva, NY: The W.F. Humphrey Press, 1932 (1 item: published Ph.D. Dissertation)

Subseries II.2. Main Publications

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Publications, 1944-1949

- Folder 51.9: "The Cryptograms of Crete," *The Classical Outlook* 22.8 (1945), pp. 77-78 (2 items: Offprint, Corrected proof)
- Folder 51.10: "Evidence of Inflection in the 'Chariot' Tablets from Knossos," *American Journal of Archaeology* 49.2 (1945), pp. 143-51 (1 item: Offprint)
- Folder 51.11: "Inflection in Linear Class B: 1-Declension," *American Journal of Archaeology* 50.2 (1946), pp. 268-276 (9 items: 7 Pre-production proofs, 1 1 Author's corrected page proof, 1 John Franklin Daniel set page proof)
- Folder 51.12: "The Minoan Scripts: Fact and Theory," *American Journal of Archaeology* 52.1 (1948), pp. 82-103 (1 item: Corrected Photocopy?)
- Folder 51.13: "The Scripts of Pre-Hellenic Greece," *The Classical Outlook* 21.7 (1944), pp. 72-74 (1 item: Offprint)
- Folder 51.14: "The Thracian Pig Dance," *Classical Philology* 60.2 (1945) with Lillian B. Lawler (1 item: Kober's signed offprint)
- Folder 51.15: "Tiberius, Master Detective," *The Classical Outlook* 22.4 (1945), p. 37 (1 item: Offprint)
- Folder 51.16: "'Total' in Minoan (Linear Class B)," *Archiv Orientalni* 17.1 (1949), pp. 386-398 (4 items: Offprint with annotations, original manuscript with corrections, carbon of original with corrections, photocopy of corrected manuscript)

Subseries II.3. Reviews

Box 51

Reviews, 1945-1949

- Folder 51.17: Review of Bedrich Hrozný, *Die Alteste Geschichte Vorderasiens und Indiens*, 1943, and *Kretas und Vorgriechenlands Inschriften, Geschichte und Kultur – I, Ein Entzifferungsversuch*, 1943, *American Journal of Archaeology* 50.4 (1946), pp. 493-495 (1 item: Offprint [pages individually glued to backing paper])
- Folder 51.18: Review of Bedrich Hrozný, *Les inscriptions crétoises: Essai déchiffrement*, 1949, and Vladimir Georgiev, *Le déchiffrement des inscriptions minoennes*, in *Language* 26.2 (1950), pp. 286-298 (2 items: Draft with handwritten notes, Photocopy of review with additional notes in an unknown hand [ELB, Jr.'s after Kober's death?])
- Folder 51.19: Review of Const. Dem. Ktistopoulos, *A Contribution to the Problem of the Minoan Script*, 1945, in *American Journal of Archaeology* 49.4 (1945), pp. 605-606 (2 items: Partial draft, Partial offprint)

Series III: Unpublished Manuscripts

Box 51

Paper Summaries, 1937-1946

Folder 51.20: Summaries of (4 items, original typed manuscripts):

- 1) Abstract of Kober's "Some Comments on a Minoan Inscription (Linear Class B)," *American Journal of Archaeology* 46.1 (1942), p. 124
- 2) Abstract of George E. Mylonas' "Prehistoric Epigraphy and Greek Ethnology," *American Journal of Archaeology* 41.1 (1937), p. 114
- 3) Summary of Stephen B. Luce's "Inscribed Vase in Eleusis," *American Journal of Archaeology* 42.4 (1938), p. 556
- 4) Summary of John Myers' "Professor Hronzný's Table of the Minoan Signary," *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 66 (1946), p. 129

Box 52

Manuscripts, 1940-1949

Records Relating to "The Classics in Translation and their Effect on the Future of Latin and Greek" (c.1946-1947)

Folder 52.1: "The Classics in Translation and their Effect on the Future of Latin and Greek," c. 1946 (1 item: Draft with handwritten notes)

Folder 52.2: Correspondence with Edward H Heffner, 13 October 1947, regarding publishing the manuscript (1 item: letter)

Folder 52.3: Manuscript of the article, c. 1946 (1 item: manuscript [original manuscript or carbon copy?])

Records Relating to "The Element -INTH- in Greek," prior to 1940 and 1940

Folder 52.4: Bibliography, n.d. (3 items: original [missing page 3], photocopy, photocopy of later bibliography)

Folder 52.5: Chronological bibliography, c. 1939 (1 item [latest entry is 1939])

Folder 52.6: Correspondence from Ernst Riess regarding her manuscript, 31 October 1940 (2 items: original and photocopy)

Folder 52.7: "-INTH- Analysis," n.d. (9 items: bundles and sheets of work notes)

Folder 52.8: -INTH- Work notes, n.d. (5 items: sheets of notes)

Folder 52.9: "New Notes II," n.d. (2 items: bibliography [6 pp. like original], end notes [65 pp.])

Folder 52.10: "New Text II," n.d. (2 items: sheet of notes, manuscript [75 pages])

Folder 52.10(2): Original folders for "New Text II" and "New Notes II" (2 items: folders [one for "New Text" is dated to 1940])

Folder 52.11: Typed manuscript, n.d. (1 item: carbon copy)

Folder 52.11(2): Original folder for the carbon copy (1 item: folder)

Folder 52.12: Typed manuscript, n.d. (1 item: original copy with handwritten corrections)

Folder 52.13: "Part One: The Words," n.d. (1 item: photocopied draft with corrections)

Folder 52.14: "Notes," n.d. (1 item: photocopied draft with corrections)

Box 53

Records Relating to "The Element -INTH- in Greek," prior to 1940 and 1940 continued

Folder 53.1: "Part Two: Conclusions," n.d. (1 item: photocopied draft)

- Folder 53.2: Original transcription, n.d. (2 items: modern printing with corrections, letter from Reiss [see 52.6] with annotations)
- Folder 53.3: First edit, n.d. (1 item: modern printing with corrections)
- Folder 53.4: Second edit, n.d. (1 item: modern printing with corrections)
- Folder 53.5: Third edit, n.d. (1 item: modern printing with corrections)
- Folder 53.6: Final version, n.d. (1 item: modern printing with electronic corrections)

Box 54

Records Relating to "The Element -INTH- in Greek," prior to 1940 and 1940 continued

- Folder 54.1: Manuscript, n.d. (1 item: Photocopy)

Other Manuscripts

- Folder 54.2: "The Language (or Languages) of the Minoan Scripts," n.d. (1 item: Draft with handwritten notes [includes Table and three other pages, p. 10 is severely damaged])
- Folder 54.3: "A Note on Some 'Cattle' Tablets from Knossos," *Jahrbuch für Kleinasiatische Forschung* (1950-1951), pp. 142-150, (3 items: Carbon copies, n.d. [1 complete set, 2 incomplete sets with handwritten notes])
- Folder 54.4: "A Note on Some 'Cattle' Tablets from Knossos," *Jahrbuch für Kleinasiatische Forschung* (1950-1951), pp. 142-150, (2 items: Proof with notes, Letter containing additional footnotes dated to 5 November 1949)
- Folder 54.5: Correspondence to unknown addressee, 29 November 1948, (5 items: copies of letter [addressed to "Dear Sir" but is not John L. Myers])
- Folder 54.6: "Tentative Arrangement of Linear B Inscriptions from Knossos According to Content," Copies Section I, n.d. [1948 is assumed because of letter in Folder 54.5], (10 bundles: bundles of copies of pp. 1-9)
- Folder 54.7: "Tentative Arrangement of Linear B Inscriptions from Knossos According to Content," Copies Section II, n.d. [1948 is assumed because of letter in Folder 54.5], (6 bundles: bundles of copies of tablet numbers)
- Folder 54.8: Title Page is "Classification of Knossos and Pylos Minoan Linear B Inscriptions," Page 1 titled "Tentative Arrangement of Linear B Inscriptions from Knossos According to Content" [contains 1 page each from bundles in Folders 54.6 and 54.7], (1 item: bound book with aforementioned pages and handwritten pages according to tablet series [A-X])
- Folder 54.9: Untitled manuscript, n.d. (1 item: Pages 15-22 and footnotes only)

Box 54

Reviews, 1942-1948

- Folder 54.10: Review of Helmuth Theodor Bossert, *Asia*, 1946. (1 item: Draft with handwritten notes); also review of Giovanni Pugliese Carratelli, *IE Iscrizione Preelieniche di Hagia Triada in Creta e Delia Grecia Peninsulare*, 1945), (1 item: Draft); also review of David Diringer, *The Alphabet, A Key to the History of Mankind*, 1948. (1 item: Draft with handwritten notes [Note: "AJA Submitted July 1948." Published in *AJA* 53.2 (1949) pp. 212-213]); also review of Johannes Sundwall, *Minoische Kultverzeichnisse aus Hagia Triada*, 1942. (1 item: Draft [review also covers four other volumes by Sundwall on the Ayia Triada inscriptions]);

Folder 54.10: Review but unknown individual of Michael G.F. Ventris, ed., *The Knossos Tablets*, 1956; and Emmett L. Bennett, Jr. ed., *The Pylos Tablets*, 1951 (1 item; Carbon copy with handwritten notes)

Series IV: Lectures and Associated Research Materials

Box 55

Miscellaneous Lectures, 1941-1948

Folder 55.1: "The Cretan Scripts," 1947 (1 item: Typed draft with handwritten corrections [no slide list])

Folder 55.2: "The Fore*Runners of the Greeks," 1948 (1 item: Typed draft with handwritten corrections)

Folder 55.3: "Form Without Meaning," 1948 (2 items: Typed draft with handwritten corrections and illustrations[?], and talk summarized on note cards)

Folder 55.4: "Some Comments of Minoan Inscription," 1941 (1 item: Typed draft with handwritten corrections [talk delivered to AIA])

Folder 55.5: "Untitled," 1946 (1 item: Typed draft with handwritten corrections)

Box 55

Bibliographic Material, 1947, n.d.

Folder 55.6: Various bibliographic references, n.d (3 items: Note cards with bibliographic references, Typed copies reviews of bibliographic references, Page from *AJA* 51.3 (1947))

Box 55

Lecture Research Materials, n.d.

Folder 55.7: Bundled notes on Pelasgi, the Aegean Islands, Lekythos, Leleges, Olympus, Egyptian and Asian Records, Carians and other inhabitants of Asia M, esp. Leleges, Ionians, Carians, Cilicians, Cyprus, compilation, Rhodes, Lydians, Lycians, Pelop., Athenians (Attica), Attica of Athens, Gods, Endings, Verbs, Adj., Objects, Names, untitled, Danaains, Eteocretans, n.d. (c. 1,000 items in 27 bundles)

Folder 55.7 (2): Original folders/dividers for 11 of the bundles (11 items)

Series V: Professional Activities and Affiliations

Subseries V.1. *Curriculum Vitae* and Brooklyn College Records

Box 56

Professional Material, 1941-1949, n.d.

Folder 56.1: Curriculum Vita draft, n.d. (4 items: Mock ups, Final version, Resumé, Note cards regarding her publications)

Folder 56.2: Staff Personnel Record (2 items: "Form B" from October 1944, "Form B" from October 1945)

Folder 56.3: Rank and promotion form to Associate Professorship Two forms, one partially completed by Kober and attached note (2 items: 1941 Evaluation form, "Form D" partially completed, n.d.)

- Folder 56.4: "Statistics on grades in the Dept. of Cl. Lang.," 1946 (2 items: Handwritten compilation, Three copies of final, typed sheet with graph)
- Folder 56.5: Class materials (3 items: Portion of a syllabus, Requirements for a major in Comparative Indo-European Linguistics, List of individuals with biographical details)

Subseries V.2. Guggenheim Records

Box 56

Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship Materials, 1945-1949, n.d.

- Folder 56.6: Application, 1945 (1 item: Completed typed application)
- Folder 56.7: Curriculum Vitae draft with notes, n.d. (3 items: Cards with publications listed, Draft of CV, Differing Pages 7 and 8)
- Folder 56.8: Additions to Curriculum Vitae, 1946 (1 item: Typed draft)
- Folder 56.9: List of publications, 1946 (1 item: Typed draft)
- Folder 56.10: Personal statement, n.d. [1946?] (1 item: Typed draft)
- Folder 56.11: Supplemental material issued by the Guggenheim foundation, n.d. (2 items: Record of war service form and letter regarding the form, Letter regarding Biennial Report for 1945-1946)
- Folder 56.12: Lists of fellows for 1946, (2 items: Post-Service Fellows list, Memorial Fellows list [this latter list include Kober])
- Folder 56.13: Supplemental information regarding the Guggenheim, n.d. (4 items: Ad about the Post-Service fellowships, Information sheet about the Memorial fellowships, Memorandum for creative workers, Memorandum for memorial fellows)
- Folder 56.14: Correspondence from the Guggenheim foundation, 1945-1949 (21 items: Postcard, Letters and memoranda to Kober)
- Folder 56.15: Letters to Henry Allen Moe (Secretary General of the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation), 1946-1947 (2 items: Letters)
- Folder 56.16: Letters of congratulations, 1946 (4 items: Postcard and Letters)
- Folder 56.17: Photocopies of Guggenheim material, obtained in 2004 by Thomas G. Palaima (59 items [many items from the previous folders are copied here])

Subseries V.3. Records for *Scripta Minoa III*

Box 56

***Scripta Minoa III* manuscripts, n.d.**

- Folder 56.18: *Scripta Minoan III* manuscript by Arthur J. Evans, John L. Myers, with notes and edits by Kober (1 item: Manuscript from pp.1-129)
- Folder 56.19: pages from *Scripta Minoa III* manuscript by Arthur J. Evans, John L. Myers, with notes and edits by Kober (1 item: several pages from the manuscript)

Box 56

Assorted, 1941, n.d.

- Folder 56.20: Assorted records, 1941, nd. (4 items: "Archaeologists told to use war cipher methods to solve ancient writings of Crete," Science Service dated to 27 Dec. 1941), Summary of Kober's talk on "The Scribes of King Minos," n.d., Classical Club photocopies, n.d.

Series VI: Biographical Records

Box 56

Biographical Material, 1950-2006, n.d.

- Folder 56.21: Kober biography written by Thomas G. Palaima and/or Emmett L. Bennett, Jr. [or another unnamed individual?], n.d. (6 items: Notes and drafts)
- Folder 56.22: Published entries written about Kober by Emmett L. Bennett, Jr, 1993, n.d. (4 items: Photocopies of entries from unknown sources)
- Folder 56.23: Obituaries written by E. Adelaide Hahn, Johannes Sundwall, and unknown author (3 items: Hahn obituary appeared in *Language* 26.3 (1950), pp. 442-443, Sundwall obituary appeared in 1951 publication, Obituary photocopy from unknown source [NY Times?], n.d.)
- Folder 56.24: Letter requesting and copy of death certificate and related records, 2005 (5 items: Letter requesting by Thomas G. Palaima, Death Certificate, Letter requesting death records by Thomas G. Palaima, Letter of refusal, Application for death record)
- Folder 56.25: Kober family genealogical material photocopies, n.d. (8 items: Ellis Island passenger records and ship manifest, Birth and death certificates, Census form and notes, Image of Katherina and Franz Kober)

Series VII: Correspondence with Individuals, Institutions, and Publications

Subseries VII.1. Individuals

Box 57

Correspondence – Individuals, 1939-1951, n.d. (arranged alphabetically)

Individuals Bl-Ri

- Folder 57.1: Blegen, Carl W., 1946-1947 (3 items)
- Folder 57.2: Bloch, Bernard, 1941-1949 (5 items)
- Folder 57.3: Bossert, Helmuth Theodore, 1948-1949 (4 items)
- Folder 57.4: Cochran, Emory E., 1949 (2 items)
- Folder 57.5: Daniel, John Franklin, 1941-1946 (123 items: Originals (85 items), Duplicates (38 items))
- Folder 57.6: Daniel, John Franklin, 1947-1948 (123 items: Originals (85 items))
- Folder 57.7: Daniel, John Franklin, 1941-1948 (123 items: Originals (85 items), Duplicates (38 items))
- Folder 57.8: Dow, Sterling, 1946, 1949 (5 items: Three letters, one with 2 photographs enclosed)
- Folder 57.9: Edgerton, Franklin, 1945-1948 (7 items)
- Folder 57.10: Forbes, William T.M., 1945-1947 (14 items: Letters with enclosed notes)
- Folder 57.11: Grumach, Ernst, 1948-1949 (4 items)
- Folder 57.12: Hahn, E. Adelaide, 1948 (6 items [one is duplicated])
- Folder 57.13: Hammer, Jacob, 1937-1945, n.d. (7 items)
- Folder 57.14: Hrozný, Bedrich, 1947-1948 (2 items)
- Folder 57.15: Ktistopoulos, Constantinos D, 1946-1949 (22 items)
- Folder 57.16: Mellos, Ilias Vénézis, n.d. (2 items)
- Folder 57.17: Myres, Sir John L., 1946-1947 (8 items: Originals)
- Folder 57.18: Myres, Sir John L., 1946-1950 (58 items: Photocopies)
- Folder 57.19: Peruzzi, Emilio, 1947-1949, n.d. (10 items)
- Folder 57.20: Raubitschek, A.E., n.d. (1 item)
- Folder 57.21: Riess, Ernst, 1940-1946 (10 items)

Box 58**Correspondence – Individuals, 1939-1951, n.d. (arranged alphabetically)****Individuals S-Unknown**

Folder 58.1: Salmony, Alfred, 1947 (2 items)

Folder 58.2: Strauss, Herbert, 1947 (2 items)

Folder 58.3: Sturtevant, Edgar Howard, 1942, 1947, n.d. (4 items)

Folder 58.4: Sundwall, Johannes, 1947-1949 (30 items: Originals)

Folder 58.5: Sundwall, Johannes, 1947-1951 (34 items: Photocopies from the J.W. Sundwall Archive [last records are after her death])

Folder 58.6: Swindler, Mary, 1941-1946 (10 items)

Folder 58.7: Thompson, D'Arcy W., 1942, 1946 (3 items)

Folder 58.8: Vanderpool, Eugene, 1948-1949 (3 items)

Folder 58.9: Assorted received, 1941-1950, n.d. (24 items)

Folder 58.10: Assorted sent, n.d. (2 items)

Subseries VII.2. Institutions and Publications**Box 58****Correspondence – Institutions, 1939-1949, n.d. (arranged alphabetically)**

Folder 58.11: American School of Classical Studies at Athens, 1945-1949 (8 items)

Folder 58.12: Archaeological Institute of America, 1941-1945 (4 items)

Folder 58.13: Brooklyn College, 1941-1950 (17 items)

Folder 58.14: Classical Association of the Atlantic States, 1946 (2 items)

Folder 58.15: Harvard University Peabody Museum, 1946 (3 items)

Folder 58.16: Hunter College, 1939, 1946 (4 items)

Folder 58.17: Linguistic Society of America, 1939-1941 (3 items)

Folder 58.18: Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1945-1947 (5 items)

Folder 58.19: New York Classical Club, 1942-1946, n.d. (4 items)

Folder 58.20: University of Chicago Oriental Institute, 1949 (1 item)

Folder 58.21: University of Pennsylvania University Museum, 1948-1949 (3 items)

Folder 58.22: War Department, Army Service Forces, 1943 (1 item)

Folder 58.23: Assorted received, 1939, 1947 (5 items)

Box 58**Publications, 1941-1949, n.d. (42 items)**

Folder 58.25: *American Journal of Archaeology*, 1945-1949 (11 items)

Folder 58.26: *American Journal of Philology*, 1941 (1 item)

Folder 58.27: *Archiv Orientální*, 1948-1949 (2 items)

Folder 58.28: *Classical Outlook*, 1943-1945, n.d. (13 items)

Folder 58.29: *Classical Weekly*, 1944-1946 (3 items)

Folder 58.30: *Dictionary of Languages*, 1946 (3 items)

Folder 58.31: Medieval and Renaissance Latin Translations and Commentaries, 1947-1948, n.d. (8 items)

Box 58**Other Correspondence, 1947-1951**

Folder 58.32: Letters between John Franklin Daniel and Johannes Sundwall, 1947-1948 (10 items)

Folder 58.33: E. Adelaide Hahn to Sir John L. Myers, 1951 (1 item: Photocopy)

Folder 58.34: Kober family to Sir John L. Myers, 1950 (1 item: Photocopy)

Series VIII: Records about Kober

Box 58

Associated Material, 2003-2005, n.d.

Folder 58.35: Paper by Eva Brann, 2005 (3 items: "In Memoriam Alice E. Kober," Related correspondence)

Folder 58.36: Paper by Thomas Palaima, n.d. (2 items: "Alice Elizabeth Kober," related correspondence)

Folder 58.37: Newspaper article by Thomas Palaima and Susan Trombley, "Archives revive interest in forgotten life," *Austin American-Statesman*, Oct. 27, 2003, (1 item: Photocopy)

Box 58.4: Paper by Laura A. Voight, n.d. (1 item: "Professor Alice Kober")

Series IX: Other Research Notes

NB: Kober's Research Notes, originally held in filing cabinet drawers labeled F2.1 – F2.10 were refiled into boxes in March 2024 by Garrett R. Bruner and Anthony Bronzo. (item approx. is 71,235).

Box 59

"Research Notes: Unlabeled" [Note cards (4x6") in two rows (approx. 2,780 items)]

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"Research Notes: Unlabeled" [Note cards (4x6") in two rows (approx. 2,780 items)]

Box 62

"Research Notes: Words in General" [Note cards (4x6") in two rows (approx. 2,750 items)]

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"Research Notes: Words in General" [Note cards (4x6") in two rows (approx. 2,750 items)]

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"Research Notes: Diagraphic Indexes" [Note cards (4x6") in two rows (approx. 3,650 items)]

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Box 80

“Research Notes: Knossos Materials 1-449” [Envelopes (4x6”) in two rows containing photographs and drawings (approx. 1,125 items)]

Box 81

“Research Notes: Knossos Materials 450-849” [Envelopes (4x6”) in two rows containing photographs and drawings (approx. 1,125 items)]

Box 82

“Research Notes: Knossos Materials 850-1199” [Envelopes (4x6”) in two rows containing photographs and drawings (approx. 1,125 items)]

Box 83

“Research Notes: Knossos Materials 1200-1600” [Envelopes (4x6”) in two rows containing photographs and drawings (approx. 1,125 items)]

Box 84

“Research Notes: Knossos Materials 1600-5399” [Envelopes (4x6”) in two rows containing photographs and drawings (approx. 1,125 items)]

Box 85

“Research Notes: Knossos Materials 5400-6061” [Envelopes (4x6”) in two rows containing photographs and drawings (approx. 1,125 items)]

Box 86

“Research Notes: Knossos Materials 7000-8728” [Envelopes (4x6”) in two rows containing photographs and drawings (approx. 1,125 items)]

Series X: Emphemera

Box 87

Examples of Cigarette Cartons