Scope and Content

William Foxwell Albright (May 24, 1891 to Sep 20, 1971) was an American archaeologist, biblical scholar, linguist and expert on ceramics. From the early twentieth century until his death, he was the “dean” of biblical archaeologists and the universally acknowledged founder of the Biblical archaeology movement (excerpt from Wikipedia).

One of Albright’s graduate students at Johns Hopkins University was Leona G. Running, a long time professor of Biblical Languages at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan. She also worked closely as an editorial assistant with Albright in the latter six years of his life preparing his last articles and books.

This collection mainly contains Leona Running’s materials used to write her book, *William Foxwell Albright: A 20th Century Genius*. The book was co-authored with David Noel Freedman, another graduate student of Albright, and an internationally leading figure in the study of the Bible and the ancient Near East.

Materials included in this collection include numerous published works and article drafts with handwritten corrections by Albright dating from 1910 to 1970's; tapes and transcriptions of interviews with Albright’s family members, friends, colleagues and former students conducted by Running, Freedman, and one of Freedman’s student. There are also nine original letters signed by Albright, plus dozens of copies of Albright’s letters to his family members in his early years and some of his correspondence with others. There are also photographs of Albright and his family. The manuscript of Running’s book, *William Foxwell Albright*, is also included.

Arrangement

The arrangement was done partly by Running and partly by the Center. The folder titles in the Interview series of the collection are what Running used.

Provenance

Leona G. Running donated the bulk of this collection in August 1983. Some additional material was added in 2000 which related to the second edition of the book published in 1991.

Use

All users of this collection will complete the “Application to Use Unpublished Records,” and observe the regulation specified in the “Patron’s Agreement” and “Researcher’s Code of Conduct.” All records in this collection are open and available for research. Suggested citation for this collection:

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Bx 1 Fld 1  “List of Folders Added to the Collection re Prof. Wm. F. Albright, from Leona G. Running, Nov 2000.”

I. Correspondences (Mostly Type-written Copies)

| Bx 1 Fld 2 | William F. Albright Letters, 1910 to 1919, about 268 pieces, with about 50 duplicates. Many are excerpts from letters. |
| Bx 1 Fld 3 | William F. Albright Letters, 1920 to 1928, about 246 pieces with duplicates. Many are excerpts from letters. |
| Bx 1 Fld 4 | William F. Albright Letters, 1932 to 1941, 19 pieces. |
| Bx 1 Fld 5 | William F. Albright Correspondences, 1945 to 1970, about 186 pieces. Many are excerpts. |
| Bx 1 Fld 6 | William F. Albright Nine Original Letters. |

II. Interviews

Interviews with Ruth Albright

| Bx 1 Fld 7 | “Interview with Mrs. Ruth Albright Jun 7, 1972, regarding publication of From the Stone Age to Christianity and early experiences at the ASOR in Jerusalem.” Interviewer, Leona Running. 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 6 Tape 4. |
| Bx 1 Fld 9 | “Interview with Mrs. Ruth Albright Jun 11, 1972, regarding her family, her first meeting Dr. W. F. Albright, their courtship and wedding and honeymoon; also the beginning of their life in Jerusalem.” Interviewer, Leona Running. 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 6 Tape 5. |
| Bx 1 Fld 10 | “Mrs. Ruth Albright, Jul 28, 1972 regarding the School in Jerusalem, etc., including her accident, wheeling baby Paul.” Interviewer, Leona Running. 2 copies. |
| Bx 1 Fld 11 | “Mrs. Ruth Albright, Jul 31, 1972, interviewed by Leona Running. (Also notes about his and her families, and other events, from miscellaneous dates.)” |
Bx 1 Fld 12  “Material given by Ruth Albright for Philip King’s History of the American Schools of Oriental Research, in early 1974. Given to Leona Running by her co-author of the Albright Biography, Prof. David Noel Freedman.”

Interviews with Albright’s Sisters, Brothers and Brother-in-law

Bx 1 Fld 13  “Interview with Mary Albright Stinespring in Durham, N. C., Jun 19, 1972. Mary is a sister of W. F. Albright.” Interviewer, Leona Running. 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 6 Tape 8; Bx 11 Fld 7 Tape 9.

Bx 1 Fld 14  “Interview with Prof. William F. Stinespring, Durham, N. C., Jun 21, 1972.” 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 7 Tape 9.

Bx 1 Fld 15  “Interview with Finley Raymond Albright and Shirley Albright Phillips, at the farm in Chesterfield County, Virginia.” 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 6 Tape 7.

Bx 1 Fld 16  Attached Documents
“Reports from Philip Albright, Anecdotes concerning William’s Relation to His Youngest Brother,” received in 1972 by Leona G. Running.” 2 copies.
Letter “from Paul F. Albright to ‘Aunt Ella,’ Dec 19, 1962, with family information in preparation of their coming reunion, summer of 1963; from the Thomas Foxwells, given to Leona G. Running, summer of 1972, for the biography of William F. Albright.”

Interviews with the Foxwell’s and A Classmate in Iowa

Bx 1 Fld 17  “Notes from conversations with Tom and Margaret Foxwell, Elgin, Iowa, Aug 20, 1972” by Leona Running. 2 copies.

Bx 1 Fld 18  “Conversation at home of Margaret and Tom Foxwell on Aug 21, 1972” by Leona Running. 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 7 Tape 12.

Bx 1 Fld 19  “Interview with Mrs. Lydia Heckenlaible Handel, of Menno, South Dakota, on Aug 23, 1972” by Leona Running. 2 copies.

Bx 1 Fld 20  “Interview with Mrs. Lula Hurd Blunt of West Union, Iowa, Aug 22, 1972.” See Bx 11 Fld 7 Tape 13.

Bx 2 Fld 1  “Notes and diary of nine-day trip in August, 1972, to Iowa and South Dakota” by Leona Running.
Interviews of Four of Albright’s Students

Bx 2 Fld 2 “Three-hour conversation at Frank Cross’s home, Lexington, Mass., May 13, 1972, with him, G. Ernest Wright, Ted Campbell, and Noel Freedman. Taped by Noel. Transcribed by Leona Running, a contemporary of Ted, whom he taught Akkadian I.” See Bx 11 Fld 6 Tape 2,3; Bx 11 Fld 9 Reel 1.

Interviews with Albright’s Colleagues in the U.S.

Bx 2 Fld 3 “Interview with Rabbi Samuel Rosenblatt, Jun 13, 1972 at Johns Hopkins University.” 2 copes. See Bx 11 Fld 6 Tape 6.

Bx 2 Fld 4 “Interview with Dr. Hans Goedicke, Chairman of the Department of Near Eastern Studies, the Johns Hopkins University, Jun 13, 1972. 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 6 Tape 6.

Bx 2 Fld 5 “Interview with Prof. George Boas, Emeritus Professor of the History of Philosophy, at Johns Hopkins, on Jul 5, 1972.” 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 7 Tape 11.

Bx 2 Fld 6 “Interview with Dr. Delbert Hillers, Johns Hopkins University, Jun 14, 1972." 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 7 Tape 11.

“Interview with Dr. Delbert Hillers at Johns Hopkins Jul 5, 1972.” Interviewer, Leona Running.

Bx 2 Fld 7 “Interview with Dr. Samuel Iwry, at Johns Hopkins, Jun 29, 1972.” 2 copies.

“Interview with Dr. Sam Iwry, Jul 4, 1972.” See Bx 11 Fld 7 Tape 9.

Bx 2 Fld 8 “Interview with Dr. C. S. (Stephen) Mann at the Albright study on Jul 3, 1972.” 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 7 Tape 10.

Bx 2 Fld 9 “Interview with Prof. John Walton, Professor of Education at Johns Hopkins University, Jul 5, 1972.” 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 7 Tape 11.

Harvard Group Interview

Bx 2 Fld 10 Harvard Group Interview, May 13, 1972 by Leona Running.

Interviews with Albright’s Colleagues in Israel

Bx 2 Fld 11 “Interview by D. Noel Freedman of Shalom Paul, a teacher at Hebrew University, Jerusalem and at Tel Aviv; about 2:15 P. M. Aug 17, 1973. Shalom Paul knew Dr. Albright personally, since he worked as a student assistant and research assistant for Dr. Albright at Jewish Theological Seminary back in the 50's.” 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 7 Tape 14.
Bx 2 Fld 12 “Interview by Noel Freedman on Aug 24, 1973, at the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem, of Dr. Abraham Biran, who is Director of the Department of Antiquities of Israel and head of this Museum. Dr. Biran was a student of Dr. Albright’s – in fact earned the first Ph.D under Dr. Albright.” 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 7 Tape 14.

Bx 2 Fld 13 “Interview by Noel Freedman on Aug 25, 1973, at 8:15 in Jerusalem at the home of Prof. Moshe Goshen-Gottstein, here to talk about Moshe’s knowledge of and contacts with Prof. Albright. (Frank Cross also present.)” 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 7 Tape 14.

Bx 2 Fld 14 “Interview by Noel Freedman on Aug 26, 1973, at 10:45 A.M. at the Albright Institute in Jerusalem. I have here with me Jonas Greenfield, of Hebrew University, and Nahum Sarna of Brandeis University in the Boston area. I have asked these gentlemen to report their contacts with Prof. Albright during his lifetime and any interesting episodes they may remember.” 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 7 Tape 14.

Bx 2 Fld 15 “This is an interview with Avraham Malamat, professor at Hebrew University (Jerusalem). The interview was held on Sep 18, 1973 at the university.” Interviewer, Austin Ritterspach. 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 8 Tape 22.

Bx 2 Fld 16 “Interview by Astin Ritterspach of Shmuel Yeivin, Sep 24, 1973 in Jerusalem.” 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 8 Tape 20.

Bx 2 Fld 17 “Interview by D. N. Freedman’s assistant, Austin Ritterspach, of Michael Avi-Yonah in Jerusalem, Sep 1973.” 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 8 Tape 22.

Bx 2 Fld 18 “Interview with Eunah Finkelstein in Jerusalem Oct 1, 1973, by Austin Ritterspach, assistant to Dr. Noel Freedman.” 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 8 Tape 20.

Bx 2 Fld 19 “Interview by Austin Ritterspach of Moshe Greenberg, in Jerusalem, on Oct 2, 1973.” 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 8 Tape 19.

Bx 2 Fld 20 “This next interview is an interview with Hannah Katzenstein, in Jerusalem, on Oct 2, 1973. Hannah Katzenstein was administrative assistant to Dr. Biran.” Interviewer, Austin Ritterspach. 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 8 Tape 20.

Bx 2 Fld 21 “This is an interview with Prof. Benjamin Mazar of Hebrew University, conducted on Oct 13, 1973, by Austin Ritterspach, assistant to D. N. Freedman.” 2 copies. See Bx 11 Fld 8 Tape 19.

Bx 2 Fld 22 “The following is an interview with Prof. Haim Tadmor and his wife Miriam in Jerusalem on Oct 15, 1973, by Austin Ritterspach.” 2 copies.
Interview by Letters

Bx 3 Fld 1  “Reminiscences of Dr. Dewey M. Beegle, sent to Noel Freedman, Jun 28, 1972.”
“Recollections of Professor Albright, by Ray L. Cleveland, University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus, Jun 13, 1973, sent to Noel Freedman.”
“Letter from Dr. Ludwig R. Dewitz, Department of OT, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga. to Noel Freedman, Jul 18, 1972, about Dr. Albright.”
“Letter to Mrs. Albright from Chancellor Louis Finkelstein of the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, Apr 17, 1972, about Prof. Albright.”
“Letter to Noel Freedman from Dr. Herbert Huffmon March 31, 1973, with anecdotes about Dr. Albright.”
“Memories of Dr. Albright, by Dr. Nacy Renn Lapp (widow of Dr. Paul Lapp).”
“Letters from Frederick L. Moriarty, S. J. Fairfield University, Fairfield, Conn., dated Jul 2, 1972, to Noel Freedman about Dr. Albright.”
“Reminiscences from Dr. Robert F. Ogden, a student of Dr. Albright in both Israel and Johns Hopkins—sent to Noel Freedman, Aug, 1972.”
“Remarks about Prof. Albright by Rabbi Aaron Sadowsky, Brooklyn, N. Y., Jun 29, 1972, sent to Noel Freedman.”
“Reflection on association with William F. Albright, by Ovid R. Sellers, sent to Noel Freedman, dated Jul 7, 1972.”
“Letter from Mrs. Jean R. Tomko, Baltimore, Maryland, Jan 25, 1973, to Leona Running with memories of Dr. Albright.”
“Letter from Prescott H. Williams, Jr. to Noel Freedman, Jun 8, 1972, from the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas, regarding Dr. Albright.”

III. Writings

Articles

Articles (about William F. Albright)

Bx 3 Fld 2 Articles about William F. Albright.
Bx 3 Fld 3 Posthumous Items.

Articles (by William F. Albright arranged chronologically)

Bx 3 Fld 4 Articles published from 1910 to 1919.
Bx 4 Fld 1 Articles published from 1920 to 1929.
Bx 4 Fld 2 Articles published from 1930 to 1939.
Bx 4 Fld 3 Articles published from 1940 to 1949.
Bx 4 Fld 4 Articles published from 1950 to 1959.
Bx 4 Fld 5 Articles published from 1960 to 1969.
Bx 4 Fld 6 Articles published from 1970 to 1979.

Articles (by William F. Albright arranged topically)

Bx 4 Fld 7 Articles published in Journal of the Palestine Oriental Society, 1920 to 1924.
Bx 4 Fld 8 Archaeological Studies.
Bx 4 Fld 9 Archaeology and Religion.
Bx 4 Fld 10 On Chronology. Attached one article by Berta Segall on “Problems of Copy and Adaptation in the Second Quarter of the First Millennium, B. C.”
Bx 5 Fld 1 Reviews.
Manuscripts (about William F. Albright)


Bx 5 Fld 6  *William Foxwell Albright* by Leona G. Running and David N. Freedman, pp. 1-391.

Bx 6 Fld 1  *William Foxwell Albright* by Leona G. Running and David N. Freedman, pp. 392-730.

Bx 6 Fld 2  *William Foxwell Albright* by Leona G. Running and David N. Freedman, pp. 731-1131.

Bx 6 Fld 3  *William Foxwell Albright* by Leona G. Running and David N. Freedman, pp. 1132-1539.

Bx 7 Fld 1  *William Foxwell Albright* by Leona G. Running and David N. Freedman, pp. 1540-1929.

Manuscripts (by William F. Albright)

Bx 7 Fld 2  William F. Albright’ article drafts, 1965 to 1966.

Bx 7 Fld 3  William F. Albright’s article drafts, 1970.

Bx 7 Fld 4  Rockwell lectures, 1962.

Books (about William F. Albright)


### Other Books


### IV. Topical Files

| Bx 9 Fld 2 | Albright, First Diaries, Jan 1920 to Sep 1, 1921. Typewritten copies. |
| Bx 9 Fld 3 | Albright, 80th Birthday. |
| Bx 9 Fld 4 | Albright, Obituaries & Evaluations. |
| Bx 9 Fld 5 | Albright, Clippings about, copied from Alumni Records Offices, probably at the Johns Hopkins University. |
| Bx 9 Fld 6 | Albright, Reminiscences concerning, from His Students. |
| Bx 9 Fld 7 | Albright, Menno Newspaper Excerpts about. |
| Bx 9 Fld 8 | Albright Biography, Reviews and Comments. |
| Bx 9 Fld 9 | Albright, Ruth. |
| Bx 9 Fld 10 | Albright, Ruth, Language Dissertations Published by Linguistic Society of America, 1927 |
| Bx 9 Fld 12 | Anchor Bible Brochures. |
| Bx 9 Fld 13 | Blunt, Lula Hurd, a classmate of William F. Albright. |
| Bx 9 Fld 15 | The Foxwells. |
| Bx 9 Fld 16 | Geiser, Sam, A Friend of Albright who Planned to Write A Biography for Albright as well. |
| Bx 9 Fld 17 | Genealogical Data: the Albrights |
| Bx 9 Fld 18 | Genealogical Data: the Foxwells |
| Bx 10 Fld 1 | Haupt, Paul, Director of the Oriental Seminary of the Johns Hopkins University. |
| Bx 10 Fld 2 | Johns Hopkins University, Early History. |
| Bx 10 Fld 3 | Kelso, James Leon. |
| Bx 10 Fld 4 | Mullion Church. |
| Bx 10 Fld 5 | Notre Dame Symposium Notes Taken by Leona Running. |
| Bx 10 Fld 6 | South America, Information. Letters and Photographs including Wilbur F. Albright’s sermon transcriptions in Chile. Impressions of Wilbur F. Albright’s Sermons in Chile. |
| Bx 10 Fld 7 | Trip to Menno, South Dakota by Leona Running. |
| Bx 10 Fld 8 | Upper Iowa University: William F. Albright Is A Graduate from UIU. |
V. Photographs

Bx 11 Fld 1 Envelop 1: Ruth and William F. Albright in Jerusalem, 8 pieces with captions on the back.

Bx 11 Fld 2 Envelop 2: For the Use of Albright Biography with a list provided by Leona Running. Photographs No. 1-39 with Nos. 6, 28 missing. Captions on the back.

Bx 11 Fld 3 Envelop 3: Unlisted Photographs with captions on the back, 15 pieces. Negatives attached.


Envelop 5: From Iowa taken by Leona Running in 1972. 32 pieces. Captions on the back of several photographs.

Bx 11 Fld 5 Envelop 6: From Menno, South Dakota taken by Leona Running in 1972, 11 pieces.


VI. Audio-Visual

___Cassette Tapes

Bx 11 Fld 6 Tape 1: "Tribute to William F. Albright: Interview with Dr. Leona Running" by WAUS, Oct 2, 1971.


Tape 4: Interview Mrs. William F. Albright, regarding publication of From the Stone Age to Christianity and early experiences at the ASOR in Jerusalem. Jun 7, 1972. See Bx 1 Fld 7.

Tape 5: Interview Mrs. William F. Albright, her meeting with William F. Albright and the wedding in Jerusalem, Jun 11, 1972. See Bx 1 Fld 9.

Tape 6: Interview Rabbi Rosenblatt and Dr. Hans Goedickes, Jun 16, 1972. See Bx 2 Fld 3, 4.

Tape 7: Interview with Finley Raymond Albright and Shirley Albright Phillips, at the farm in Chesterfield County, Virginia, Jun 25, 1972; Interview with Dr. Samuel Iwry, at Johns Hopkins, Jun 29, 1972. See Bx 1 Fld 15.


Tape 10: Interview with Stephen Mann, Jul 3, 1972. See Bx 2 Fld 8.

Tape 11: Interviews on Jul 5, 1972 with Prof. George Boas, Emeritus Professor of the History of Philosophy, at Johns Hopkins; with Dr. Delbert Hillers, Johns Hopkins University; with Prof. John Walton, Professor of Education at Johns Hopkins University. See Bx 2 Fld 5.

Tape 12: Conversation with Margaret and Tom Foxwell, Aug 21, 1972. See Bx 1 Fld 17.


Tape 15: Dr. Freede and Moshe Dothan at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Oct 17, 1973. See Bx 2 Fld 23.

Tape 16: Semaryahu Talmon of Hebrew University on Nov 9, 1973. See Bx 2 Fld 25.

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Tape 17: Yigael Yadin, Mar 15, 1974. See Bx 2 Fld 27.


Tape 19: Moshe Greenberg, Benjamin Mazar, no date. See Bx 2 Fld 19 for Moshe Greenberg.

Tape 20: Shmuel Yeivin, Eununah Finkelstien, Hannah Katzenstein, no date. See Bx 2 Fld 16 for Yeivin; See Bx 2 Fld 18 for Finkelstien; See Bx 2 Fld 20 for Katzenstein.

Tape 21: Ruth Aviram, Haim and Miriam Tadmor, no date. See Bx 2 Fld 26.

Tape 22: M. Avi - Yonah, A. Malamat, no date. See Bx 2 Fld 17 for Avi-Yonah; See Bx 2 Fld 15 for Malamat.

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The End