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**SUMMARY:** The papers of John Whitney Hall consist of correspondence and news clippings from his time at Doshisha University, writings, files from the various academic and administrative positions held at the University of Michigan and Yale University, photographs, and files from his work to improve better understandings between the citizens of Japan and the United States. The papers document his life as an undergraduate and his academic and professional career.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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## Biographical / Historical

John Whitney Hall was born in Tokyo, Japan, on September 23, 1916. He received his A.B. degree from Amherst College in 1939 and a Ph.D. degree from Harvard University in 1950. Following his graduation from Amherst through September 1941 he was an Amherst representative and instructor in English at Doshisha University in Kyoto. He was on the faculty of the University of Michigan from 1948 to 1961 where he also served as director of the Center for Japanese Studies from 1957 to 1960. In 1961 Hall was appointed A. Whitney Griswold Professor of Japanese History at Yale University where he served as chairman of the history department, 1973 to 1976, and of East Asian Languages and Literatures, 1971 to 1974. He was also master of Morse College from 1966 to 1970. In 1983 he retired from Yale. His professional activities included chairmanships of the Japan - United States Friendship Commission, 1976 to 1980, and the United States - Japan Conference on Educational and Cultural Interchange, 1968 to 1980. Hall died on October 21, 1997, in Tucson, Arizona.

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## Scope and Contents

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## **Selected Search Terms**

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### **Names**

Hall, John Whitney, 1916-1997

### **Corporate Bodies**

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and Educational Interchange  
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