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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	C. V. Starr East Asian Library
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<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

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Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Morton H. Fried papers; Box and Folder; C. V. Starr East Asian Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Morton Herbert Fried was born in Bronx, New York, 1923. He studied at the Townsend Harris High School and City College. He obtained his Ph.D. in anthropology from Columbia University in 1951 and he later became the Distinguished Professor of Anthropology at Columbia, specialized in anthropology of China, from 1950-1986. During the late 1940s, he studied in China and later published *The Fabric of Chinese Society* (1953). Dr. Fried also directed the Fulbright summer seminar in Chinese history and culture from 1966 to 1967. In 1977 and 1981, Fried was invited to assist in the restoration of anthropological studies at the invitation of the Chinese Government after the Cultural Revolution. Other works written by Dr. Fried include *The Notion of Tribe* (1975), *The Evolution of Political Society* (1967), *Explorations in anthropology* (1973), *Readings in anthropology* (1968), and with his wife, Martha Nemes Fried, *Transitions: Four Rituals in Eight Cultures* (1980). In 1986, he died in Leonia, New Jersey, at the age of 63.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection consists of published works and writings, including drafts, articles and reprints, drafts for "Halls of the Ancestors", field notes and research, lectures, papers presented and miscellaneous reports as well as correspondence and reports from his travels.

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Morton Fried Papers, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library

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- China -- Description and travel
- Language and culture -- China
- Anthropology
- Manuscripts (documents)
- Field notes
- Photographs
- Correspondence
- Notebooks
- Sound recordings
- Articles
- Drafts (documents)
- Lectures
- Reports
- China -- Civilization -- 20th century
- Ethnology -- China
- Political anthropology
- Anthropology -- Study and teaching

- Ethnology -- Study and teaching
- Columbia University. Department of Anthropology