Julien Bryan and the International Film Foundation:
The Search for an Archival Home
Routes Followed by Julien Bryan’s Film Expeditions
“He filmed ordinary people in extraordinary times. He seemed to know in advance of history what peoples were vulnerable and therefore all the more precious. And he used film to preserve them. Now, we need to act to preserve those precious films.”

-Raye Farr
Julien Hequembourg Bryan (1899-1974) was an American documentarian and filmmaker. In the 1930s, he conducted extensive lecture tours, during which he showed film footage he shot in the former USSR. Between 1935 and 1938, he captured unique records of ordinary people and life in Nazi Germany and in Poland. He was in Warsaw within days of Germany's invasion of Poland in September 1939 and remained throughout the German siege of the city, filming and photographing what would become America's first cinematic glimpse of the start of WWII.


For the beginning of this reel (FEB 7127), see Story 2670 on Tape 952. The Library of Congress slate introducing this tape (953) is incorrect. This segment is from the FEB 7127 reel.
Acquisition Timeline

1999: Regina begins conversations with Sam

2000: Regina and Raye visit the Getty storage facility in Kearney, to examine the holdings

2002: Regina, Sam, and Russ meet at Orphans 3

2003: The USHMM acquires part of the Julien Bryan Collection
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* indicates nitrate reels that are in need of immediate preservation (advanced deterioration)
The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Presents Newly Restored Treasures of the Julien Bryan Collection in its Steven Spielberg Film and Video Archive FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2004, 2-4 P.M. Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff Theater, USHMM 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW Washington, DC 20024-2126 WWW.USHMM.ORG Metro: SMITHSONIAN

The train stopped with a lurch. No conductor shouted, "Last stop! All out for Warsaw!"—but it was clear that we had reached the end of our journey. It was one o'clock in the morning, September 7, 1939. I gathered up my cumbersome luggage, including two movie cameras, film and tripod and edged along with my fellow passengers toward what we supposed would be the main hall of the station. But when we descended the train in inky darkness we found that we were not in Warsaw at all, but somewhere on the edge of the city. 

—Julien Bryan in Siege (1940)

JOIN US AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH JULIEN BRYAN'S POLAND—a country captured at the very outbreak of World War II through the eyes of the last American cameraman remaining in Poland in September 1939. This SCREENING OF NEWLY PRESERVED FILM PRINTS—including footage from prewar Germany, and Poland before and after the war—is accompanied by a PANEL DISCUSSION of the historical context of Julien Bryan's work as well as the innovative film preservation techniques that have given his extraordinary images new life.
RESTORING THE FILMS and LEGACY of JULIEN BRYAN

Raye Farr (USHMM) ‘As for me, I believe in people’: *Peoples of the Soviet Union* (1935), Poland and Japan

Russ Suniewick (Colorlab) Restoring Degraded Nitrate

Regina Longo (UCSB) The Search for *Siege* (RKO, 1940)

Sam Bryan, moderator (International Film Foundation)
The ancient Chinese


Call #: M16

Subjects: China -- History.

Format: [motion picture] /

Responsibility: Julien Bryan.

Language: English

Description: 1 reel (24 min.) : sd. color. ; 16 mm.

Summary: Presents highlights of Chinese history, focusing on major dynasties. Relates eminent achievements of each period to the present. Tells of the influence of ancient Chinese tradition on contemporary Chinese life-styles.

Additional Authors: Bryan, Julien Hequembourg.
International Film Foundation.

Dynix #: 2215507
LCCN#: 74700463
Holdings: Reference Only: 5

Location	Call No. Collection	Shelving Location	Item Type	Status
Donnell Library Center M16 DMC Non-Circulating Film Media Ctr., Non-Circulating DMC Media Reference Offsite - Request in advance
The following is a current listing of films produced and/or distributed by International Film Foundation or Julien Bryan. Click on film title for more information.

BROWSE BY: Title | Subject Country/Location | Year of Release | Crew

ALL FILMS: A-Z


2. Africans All (1963)

3. Amazon Family (1961)


5. Americans All (1941)


   Alternately Titled: Ancient Chinese: An Introduction, The
ANCIENT EGYPTIAN, THE (1963)
Country/Location: Egypt
Producer: Julien Bryan, Seymour Hymowitz
Director: LeRoy Leatherman

Film Summary: This introduction to the world’s first great civilization brings the ancient Egyptian alive as a man and shows, in his own art and through inspired animation, his daily life and pleasures, his values, hopes and fears, and his vision of the here-after. Music by Norman Lloyd, animation by Philip Stapp. Winner of the United States government Golden Eagle Award for 1964. (1964 IFF catalog)

Production Company / Filmmaker: IFF
Cinematographer: Julien Bryan, Ray Garner, Wheaton Galentine
Additional Production Crew / Credits: Written by LeRoy Leatherman; Music by Norman Lloyd; Animation by Philip Stapp
Running Time: 27 min.
Years Filmed: Assorted
Decade of Production: 1960s
Years Distributed by Julien Bryan / IFF: 1963-
Film Gauge: 16mm
Stock: Color Safety
Footage Count: 943'
Sound: Narrated
Notes: Footage probably shot several years before the release date (1963). Original score.
La Cineteca

La Cineca è una delle più ricche biblioteche specializzate esistenti in Italia. Il catalogo è consultabile on-line.

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