

New electronic resources at Menzies Library at the Australian National University

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The latest addition to a very fine collection of digitised primary resources on early Western-Chinese contacts published by Adam Matthews found its way to the Menzies collection of electronic resources, part 4 “Trade and Cultural Exchange” of *China, America and the Pacific*. The digital collection is now completely held at ANU. This part shows in a variety of documents, paintings, photographs, images, maps, and many other documents the early trade relations with China, beginning with about 1780s until the early 20th century, depicted using much private correspondence, logbooks, diaries, invoice and accounting books. Not only trade relations are covered but also the legislation on that trade, regulations and policies for the diplomatic services, and the immigration of Chinese into the US.

Many documents are digitised travel diaries, like the travel diary by Thomas H. Perkins kept 22/03/ - 10/09/1789 on his trip on the merchant ship *Astrea* to Guangzhou, where he describes hunting birds, sharks, and dolphins, the weather conditions, gives the according navigation data, describes his explorations while stopping for wood and water, and the daily activities and rituals aboard ship:

Ship Astrea from San Logo towards Canton in China					Ship Astrea from San Logo towards Canton in China								
H	K	F	Course	Winds	Remarks on Sunday March 22 1789	H	K	F	Course	Winds	Remarks on Sunday 10 1789		
1					At 10 AM Capt. Stanger came on board our ship. when we had about 1000 men on board. He was accompanied by two other ships. The Capt. of the ship which we had on board expressed his great satisfaction with our crew and wished to have some of our powder. We gave him some and he was very pleased. We also gave him some of our provisions. He was very kind and we had a very good dinner. We were very much pleased with the Capt. and his crew. We were very much pleased with the Capt. and his crew. We were very much pleased with the Capt. and his crew.	1							Four wind of pleasant weather on Company ship a boat was taken on deck. employed in the morning work of the ship. At 10 AM we had an excellent dinner. We were very much pleased with the Capt. and his crew. We were very much pleased with the Capt. and his crew. We were very much pleased with the Capt. and his crew.

China, America and the Pacific – Adam Matthew Digital - diary

Other major electronic acquisitions:

Other major acquisitions include the *Historical Atlas of Northeast Asia, 1590-2010*, and the *Brill Asian Studies eBook Collection* for the years 2013 and 2014. The *Brill Asian Studies eBook Collection* covers the regions of China, Japan, Korea, Tibet, Central Asia, South Asia, South East Asia, and the subjects of history, archaeology, sociology, anthropology, religion, philosophy, and languages. It represents the print publications of Brill in these areas.

The electronic collections are all accessible via the ANU catalogue for ANU staff and students.