

XI. Provenance Research Checklist
(Examples only, list is not complete)

Object and Accession No. _____
Researcher: _____
Date: _____

Object (and/or container):

- _____ Inscriptions
- _____ Customs stamps (export/import)
- _____ Exhibition stickers
- _____ Seals
- _____ Dealers marks, stamps, labels
- _____ Transport labels
- _____ Nazi Era marks and/or labels

Paper files:

- _____ Object Files
- _____ Curatorial Files
- _____ Correspondence Files
- _____ Conservation Files
- _____ Director's Files
- _____ Institutional Archives

Articles and Journals:

- _____ JSTOR
- _____ Project Muse
- _____ BHA (RILA)
- _____ RILA
- _____ Art Index
- _____ Archives of the Chinese Art Society of America
- _____ Archives of Asian Art Journal (Project Muse)
- _____ Artibus Asiae
- _____ Asian art journals
- _____ Asian art Society journals
- _____ Pre World War II journals
- _____ *Cicerone*
- _____ *Kunst und Künstler*

Books and Catalogues:

- _____ Monographs
- _____ Catalogues Raisonnés
- _____ Exhibition Catalogues
- _____ Collector Monographs

Photo Archives

- Asian Art Archives, University of Michigan (online)
- Frick Art Reference Library
- Getty Research Institute
- Getty Photo Study Collection Database
- National Gallery of Art
- Rijksbureau voor Kunsthistorische Documentatie
- Zentralinstitut für Kunstgeschichte, Munich
- Witt Library, Courtauld Institute, London (Microfiche collection at various libraries)
- Marburg Photo Archive (Bildarchiv Foto Marburg), Germany (online)
- Musée du Louvre, Documentation Center
- Musée d'Orsay, Paris, Documentation Center
- ARTstor (online)
- CARLI Digital Images (online)
- Art Resource (online)
- Bridgeman Art Library (online)

Archives

- List of Art Libraries and Archives in *AAM Guide to Provenance Research* (in Appendix F in that book)
- Freer and Sackler Archives
- Archives of American Art (Smithsonian)
- U.S. National Archives
- Frick Art Reference Library
- Getty Research Institute
- National Gallery of Art
- Rijksbureau voor Kunsthistorische Documentatie (RKD), Den Haag
- Zentralinstitut für Kunstgeschichte, Munich
- Witt Library, Courtauld Institute, London
- Musée du Louvre, Documentation Center
- Musée d'Orsay, Paris, Documentation Center
- Bundesarchiv Koblenz
- Landesarchiv, Berlin
- Rockefeller Archive Center, Sleepy Hollow, NY (Asian Art Collector records)

Online searches:

- JAIRO (Japanese Institutional Repositories Online)
- CARP (Chinese Art-Research into Provenance)
- Bibliography of Asian Studies (BAS) -

BAS contains about 730,000 records on all subjects pertaining to East, Southeast, and South Asia published worldwide from 1971 to the present. The BAS included citations to Western-language journal articles, monographs, chapters in edited volumes, conference proceedings, anthologies, and Festschriften, etc. They stopped adding monographs to this database since 1992.

National Palace Museum's Periodicals Databases -

This database provides full text searching of **four** journals published by the Taiwan Palace Museum. The four journals are: The National Palace Museum Monthly of Chinese art; National Palace Museum Quarterly; National Palace Museum Research Quarterly and the National Palace Museum Bulletin. Searching in Chinese is required.

CAJ (China Academic Journals) -
CAJ claims to be the most comprehensive, full-text, Chinese journals database. It contains more than 7,200 journals in mainland China starting from 1915. The database is divided into several subscription series. All journals are fully searchable, from 1915 to the current issue.

Genii
The integrated search system of the National Institute of Informatics (NII). This portal simultaneously searches book content, articles (selected full text), academic repositories, research tools and more.

CINI!!
A database available from NII that searches academic paper information, articles and citations to articles from scholarly journals, magazines, and university bulletins published in Japan. Searching is free and some articles are available for free, downloadable in full PDF. Harvard University has put together a [helpful PDF guide](#) for English users on using CINI!!.

WebCat Plus -
Union catalog of university libraries in Japan. Like Worldcat, Webcat Plus is an excellent discovery tool for finding related materials on a certain topic. Helpful for finding information on Japanese books, such as exact titles for forthcoming exhibition catalogs.

JAANUS
A free, online dictionary of Japanese architecture and art history terminology. The dictionary contains approximately 8000 terms related to traditional Japanese architecture and gardens, painting, sculpture and art-historical iconography from approximately the 1st century A.D. to the end of the Edo period (1868). It is searchable in English and romanized Japanese, and has linked cross references; however entries are unsigned.

Worldcat
JSTOR
Ancestry.com
Newspaper Archives
New York Times
London Times
Google Book Search

Museum databases:

OmURA (Online Museum Resources on Asian Art) -
An initiative of the Asia for Educators Program at Columbia University, OMURAA is a portal to "the best online visual resources on Asian Art produced by museums and educational institutions currently available on the World Wide Web". Users can browse by museums, special exhibitions, and featured topics as well as narrow searches to a region, time period or art subject area. Entries are annotated.

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA (working on their Asian collections)
J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA
National Gallery of Art, DC
Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
CARP - Burrell Collection

JOCONDE (Museums of France database)

Collector Research:

a. Collection

Private Collection Catalogues

Monographs and Exhibitions of Collection

Articles on Collector

Sales Catalogues of Collection

Art Inventories

Collector Bibliography in *AAM Guide to Provenance Research* (see Appendix A in that book)

b. Biographical

Ancestry.com

Family Trees

Family Records

Biographical Dictionaries

Who's Who

Who Was Who

Obituaries

Magazines, Journals and Newspapers

Wills & Estates

K.G. Saur series of biographical indices (online) and the biographical entries are on microfilm

Grove's Dictionary of Art

Peerage and Nobility publications

Social Registers

Postal and Telephone directories

Travel Diaries

Biographical Resource list in *AAM Guide to Provenance Research* (see Appendix B in that book)

Searching for Names of Looted Collections:

"Red Flag" Names List in *AAM Guide to Provenance Research*

Appendices H and I)

Property Claims Index (NARA)

ALIU Names Index (NARA)

Biens Spoilés Index (France)

Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg (ERR) Codes in *AAM Guide to Provenance Research*, Appendix K.

Lost Art Internet Database (Germany)

Provenance Database (BADV Germany)

Art Restitution Database of the National Fund (Austria)

Musées Nationaux Récupération (MNR) Catalogue (France)

Origins Unknown (Netherlands)

Lost Art (Russia)

(For additional country databases, see *AAM Guide to Provenance Research* list in European Resources chapter. See also the Bibliography, Appendix G for publications on this subject in this manual.)