

# Leo Loving independent film collection, 2003

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Loving, Leo
<b>Title</b>	Leo Loving independent film collection
<b>Dates</b>	2003 (inclusive) 2003 2003
<b>Quantity</b>	1 VHS videocassette.
<b>Collection Number</b>	A0765
<b>Summary</b>	The Leo Loving independent film collection (2003) consists of a copy of a documentary about John Birch, an American military intelligence officer and Baptist missionary working in China before and during World War II. This collection is part of the Utah Independent Film Archive (UIFA).
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Utah Libraries, Special Collections.</a> Special Collections, J. Willard Marriott Library University of Utah 295 South 1500 East Salt Lake City, UT 84112-0860 Telephone: 801-581-8863 <a href="mailto:special@library.utah.edu">special@library.utah.edu</a>
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<b>Languages</b>	English

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## Biographical Note

Leo Loving is a Utah filmmaker and the founder of Loving Images - The Good Movie Company. According to the company website, [www.lovingimages.net](http://www.lovingimages.net), Loving Images is "dedicated to the proposition that respect for traditional American values is the best way to further American ideals and to secure peace and freedom for ourselves and future generations . . . Loving Images recognizes that these same values are accepted by men and women of good will the world over and is therefore, committed to presenting, upholding and promoting these values through the medium of film." Loving and his organization believe in the heroism and martyrdom of John Birch.

John Birch was originally sent to China as a missionary for the Fundamentalist Baptist Church. He quickly learned the language and taught the natives his beliefs. As the threat of Japanese invasion increased during World War II, Birch assisted the local Chinese governments as well as the United States military by aiding the Doolittle Raiders and later assisting to create an intelligence operation in China to help Chinese and US forces monitor the movements of the Japanese.

Birch later joined earned the rank of Captain in the United States Air Force and continued work in intelligence. Before the Japanese surrender, Birch was sent on a mission by his commanding officer, [Leo Loving independent film collection, 2003](#)  
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but he and his party were taken captive by Chinese Communist forces that later killed and mutilated him and one of his Chinese officers. Some believe his murder by Communist Chinese officers catalyzed the conflict between the US and Communist China.

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## Administrative Information

### Processing Note

Processed by Sara Montgomery in 2005.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Cassette		
1	<i>A Secret War Story: Who is John Birch?</i> VHS videocassette Broadcast length documentary about the life and work of John Birch.	2003

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## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Independent filmmakers  
World War II

### Personal Names :

Birch, John, 1918-1945

### Geographical Names :

China

### Form or Genre Terms :

Moving images

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