

# Guide to the George and Grace Snyder Papers

RG 160



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Yale Divinity Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 160

**CREATOR:** Snyder, George Randolph, 1895-

**TITLE:** George and Grace Snyder Papers

**DATES:** 1917-1982

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.5 linear feet (5 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence and printed material document the work of the Evangelical and Reformed Church China mission. George and Grace Snyder were American missionaries in Yuanling, Hunan Province, China, serving under the Evangelical and Reformed Church from 1920 to 1950.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.160>

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.160>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from New York offices of United Church Board for World Ministries, 2000.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

George and Grace Snyder Papers (RG 160), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

## **Biographical / Historical**

George and Grace Snyder were appointed as missionaries to China serving under the Evangelical and Reformed Church in 1920. Grace Snyder received B.A. and D.D. degrees from Wooster College and an M.A. degree from Columbia University. She was teacher and treasurer of Eastview School in Yuanling, Hunan Province. George Snyder graduated from Heidelberg College and the Dayton Theological Seminary and also received an M.A. from Columbia University. He served as executive secretary for the Hunan Church of Christ in China.

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## **Scope and Contents**

This collection provides valuable documentation of the Evangelical and Reformed Church mission in China, particularly in Hunan Province. Series I, Family Correspondence, contains regular, detailed letters dating from 1926 to 1954. This correspondence is complemented by the Mission Board Correspondence of Series II, and General Correspondence in Series III. George Snyder was a mission administrator who carefully documented and reported his work to the Evangelical and Reformed Mission Board. The minutes and reports of Series IV reflect this careful documentation and reporting. Six diary volumes in Series V and a small amount of writings by Snyder in Series VI supplement the available correspondence and reports. The Collected Material of Series VII includes material related to the Abounding Grace Hospital. The Photographs of Series VIII include portraits of Snyder as well as Chinese and Western colleagues and friends.

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## **Arrangement**

- I. Family Correspondence
- II. Mission Board Correspondence
- III. General Correspondence
- IV. Mission Minutes and Reports
- V. Diaries
- VI. Writings
- VII. Collected Material
- VIII. Photographs

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Family Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1-11

Letters

1926-1954, n.d.

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## Series II: Mission Board Correspondence

b. 1, f. 12-13	Snyders to/from Evangelical and Reformed Mission Board	1938-1940
b. 2, f. 14-21	Snyders to/from Evangelical and Reformed Mission Board	1941-1948
b. 2, f. 22	Snyders to/from Evangelical and Reformed Mission Board	1951-1982

### Series III: General correspondence

b. 2, f. 23	A - E	
b. 2, f. 24	F - I	
b. 2, f. 25	J - P	
b. 2, f. 26	S - W	
b. 2, f. 27	Circular Letters of Snyder	1933-1948

## Series IV: Evangelical and Reformed Mission Board Minutes and Reports

	Minutes	
b. 2, f. 28-30	Minutes	1939-1950
	Reports of Board, by Snyder	
b. 2, f. 31-34	Reports	1919-1954
	Reports of Board	
b. 3, f. 35-36	Reports	1927-1966, n.d.
	Minutes of China Mission	
b. 3, f. 37-40	Minutes	1917-1947



## Series V: Diaries

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b. 3, f. 41	Two volumes	1928, 1937
b. 3, f. 42	Four volumes	1938, 1974

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## Series VI: Writings of Snyder

b. 4, f. 43      Sermons and Slide shows

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b. 4, f. 44      Notes

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## Series VII: Collected Material

b. 4, f. 45	Abounding Grace Hospital
b. 4, f. 46	Newspaper Clippings
b. 4, f. 47	Letters to Europe and America from Chinese students; Maps
b. 4, f. 48	China Mission

**Series VIII: Photographs**

b. 4, f. 49	Chinese	
b. 4, f. 50-51	Negatives	
b. 5, f. 52	Negatives	
b. 5, f. 53	Snyders, including with staff members of seminary	1958, n.d.
b. 5, f. 54	Western	
b. 5, f. 55	Buildings and scenery	

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Missionaries  
Missions -- China

### **Names**

Snyder, George Randolph, 1895-  
Snyder, Grace

### **Corporate Body**

Evangelical and Reformed Church

### **Contributors**

Snyder, George Randolph, 1895-  
Snyder, Grace