

Guide to the Wakefield Family Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RG 183

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TITLE: Wakefield Family Papers

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 4 linear feet (7 boxes)

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SUMMARY: Correspondence, writings, and collected material document the life and work of Arthur Paul Wakefield and family, including information regarding medical work in China and interactions with Chinese colleagues, among them Francis C. M. Wei. Arthur Paul Wakefield was a medical missionary serving in China under the Disciples of Christ and Episcopal mission agencies from 1905 to 1927. He served at Luchowfu Hospital in Anhui (Anhwei) province from 1912 to 1919 and at Boone College, Central Christian University in Wuchang from 1919 to 1927. Following his return from China, Wakefield was involved in public health and tuberculosis treatment in Maine and Massachusetts.

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

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f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Catharine Wakefield Ward.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

Wakefield Family Papers (RG 183), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

Processing Information

Place names were modernized in the description, with the name originally used in the collection material or in an older version of the finding aid in parenthesis: e.g. "Beijing (Peking)" or "Benin (Dahomey)".

Biographical / Historical

Arthur Paul Wakefield was born in North Bloomfield, Ohio on October 5, 1878. He grew up in Hiram, Ohio where his father taught at Hiram College. Wakefield (known as Paul) graduated from Hiram College in 1900. In 1904 he received his M.D. from Rush Medical College and married Olive Catharine Lindsay. Olive was a 1901 graduate of Hiram College and the sister of poet Vachel Lindsay. The Wakefields had three surviving children: Vachel, Catharine, and Martha. Their second child, Mary Churchill Wakefield, died of scarlet fever at the age of nine,

while a student at the Shanghai American School.

Paul Wakefield was a medical missionary in China, first stationed in Nanking under the Foreign Missionary Society of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) from 1905 to 1912 and later serving in Luchowfu until 1919 and in Wuchang under the Episcopal American Church Mission from 1919-1927. He was decorated by the Chinese Red Cross for flood relief and dyke reconstruction work along the Yangtze River. Wakefield received a Master's degree from Bethany College in 1907 and was a Rockefeller Foundation Fellow at the Graduate School of Tropical Medicine at Harvard University in 1917.

At Boone College, an Episcopal institution in Wuchang that became part of Huachung, or Central China University, Wakefield was in charge of student health work from 1919 to 1927 and also taught courses. He aided in saving the university property when Wuchang was under siege by the Soviet-Nationalist army in 1926-1927. In October 1928 all missionaries in the Wuchang area were forced to leave because of political disruption.

The Wakefields settled in Massachusetts where Paul worked for several years with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Chadwick Clinic. Dr. Chadwick, later Commissioner of Public Health for Massachusetts, founded this ten-year clinic to examine public school students throughout Massachusetts for evidence of early tuberculosis. The Chadwick Clinic made such a difference in discovery and treatment of early stage tuberculosis that various sanatoria for young people in Massachusetts were converted to care for the elderly. Paul Wakefield later became superintendent of the Central Maine Sanatorium and specialized in surgical procedures for tuberculosis. He spent his final years back with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health directing a statewide program for crippled children. Paul Wakefield died suddenly at age 63.

Scope and Contents

These papers complement other collections at the Yale Divinity Library, including the Robert and Gladys Bundy Papers, Record Group 141 (colleagues of the Wakefields at Boone) and the records of Huachung University held in the Archives of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, Record Group No. 11. Quite apart from the China-related material in this collection is its interesting documentation of the treatment of tuberculosis in the United States during the 1930s.

In the Family Correspondence of Series I, letters written by Paul Wakefield to Olive from 1926 to 1927 provide valuable commentary on the political and economic situation in China and at Boone College. The General Correspondence: China-Related of Series II also provides detailed reporting of the situation in China, the siege of Wuchang, and mission "politics", particularly in substantive letters with Wakefield's colleague Robert Bundy and Bishop Logan H. Roots. Paul Wakefield was a man of strong opinions who did not hesitate to express his views. Also of interest in Series II are numerous letters from Francis C. M. Wei (1881-1976), who was President of Huachung University (Central China) and a prominent figure in Christian higher education and theology in China. Wakefield continued to receive correspondence from China after his return to the States, including a substantive series of letters from Bishop A. H. Gilman dated 1939-1946. The Topically arranged section of Series II contains both letters and other documents that provide information about Wakefield's work at Luchowfu Hospital and the circumstances surrounding his resignation, the siege of Wuchang in the fall of 1926, the development of Boone College and Central China (Huachung) University, the Wakefield's vacation home in Guling (Kuling), and the Nanking Incident of 1927.

The Writings, Sermons, and Speeches of Paul Wakefield in Series V include documentation of the Siege of Wuchang, medical subjects such as tuberculosis treatment, and devotional material. Of particular interest in Series V are writings by Minnie Vautrin describing the refugee work at Ginling College in Nanking during 1937-1938, as well as reports and writings by Francis C. M. Wei.

Series VI, Personal Items and Memorabilia includes biographical material, letters of condolence following Paul Wakefield's untimely death, and materials related to a controversial interview of Wakefield by New York Times reporter Frederick Wells in June 1927.

The Collected Material: China-Related of Series VII contains valuable documentation of the American Church Mission (Episcopal) in China, including printed newsletters of the District of Hankow (1926-1949) and printed newsletters of the Districts of Anking and Shanghai. Three issues of *The Magpie*, a magazine published by the students of Central China University provide fascinating insight into the campus life and issues of concern during the 1924-1926 period.

The Wakefield Papers also include photographs of the Wakefields, their colleagues and surroundings in China and samples of newspapers of the era from China and Japan.

Arrangement

- I. Family Correspondence
- II. General Correspondence: China-Related
- III. General Correspondence: Post-China Era
- IV. Writings/Sermons/Speeches of APW
- V. Writings of Others
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| b. 1, f. 2 | To Wakefield parents (photocopies) | 1905-1908 |
| b. 1, f. 3 | To Lindsay family | 1904-1927 |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Paul Wakefield (APW) to Olive Lindsay Wakefield (OLW), incl. re. siege of Wuchang | 1917-1926 Sep |
| b. 1, f. 5 | APW to OLW, primarily from Wuchang | 1926 Oct, n.m. |
| b. 1, f. 6 | APW to OLW, from Wuchang | 1927 Jan-Mar |
| b. 1, f. 7 | Arthur to Olive and family, from Wuchang, Hankou (Hankow) | 1927 April-May |
| b. 1, f. 8 | APW to OLW, from Shanghai, Japan, Paris, London | 1927 Jun-Dec |
| b. 1, f. 9 | APW to OLW, from Massachusetts | 1928 Jan-Feb |
| b. 1, f. 10 | APW to OLW, primarily from Massachusetts | 1928 Mar-1929 Nov |
| b. 1, f. 11 | APW to OLW and family, from MA, Maine | 1930-1937, 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 12 | APW to children, primarily from Wuchang | 1926 Feb- 1927 Feb |
| b. 1, f. 13 | Arthur Wakefield to children, from Wuchang, Hankou (Hankow), Japan | 1927 March- December |
| b. 1, f. 14 | APW to children, | 1928 Jan-1930(?) Nov |
| b. 1, f. 15 | APW to children | 1934-1942 |
| b. 1, f. 16 | Catherine (daughter) to APW | 1928 |
| b. 1, f. 17 | Miscellaneous family letters | 1927-2000 |

Series II: General Correspondence: China Era

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| APW and OLW to others | | |
| b. 2, f. 18 | APW to Robert Bundy | 1927-1928 |
| b. 2, f. 19 | APW to Bishop Huston | 1927 Aug |
| b. 2, f. 20 | Circular letters (APW) | 1927-1928 |
| b. 2, f. 21 | Letters of OLW to others | 1927-1928 |
| Letters to/from others | | |
| b. 2, f. 22 | Bundys to Wakefields | 1926 Feb, 1927 May |
| b. 2, f. 23 | Bundys to Wakefields | 1927 Aug, 1928 Nov |
| b. 2, f. 24 | Bundys to Wakefields | 1929 Feb, 1929 Nov |
| b. 2, f. 25 | Bundys to Wakefields | 1930 Feb, 1944 Oct |
| b. 2, f. 26 | Bundys to Wakefields | 1945 May, 1953 Oct |
| b. 2, f. 27 | Bundys to Catherine and Paul Ward | 1931 Apr, 1945 Jun |
| b. 2, f. 28 | Bundys to Catherine and Paul Ward | 1945 Sep, 1968 Nov |
| b. 2, f. 29 | From Bates - Barrett | |
| b. 2, f. 30 | From Bishop and Mrs. Gilson | 1927 Oct, 1934 Jun |
| b. 2, f. 31 | From Guttery - Lawson | |
| b. 2, f. 32 | From Samuel Lil | 1928 Jan, 1948 May |
| b. 2, f. 33 | From Lichtenbergers | 1925 Nov, 1963 Mar |
| b. 2, f. 34 | From Lyon - Randall | |
| b. 2, f. 35 | To/from Bishop Roots | 1919 Nov, 1942 Oct |
| b. 2, f. 36 | From Ross - Vittaly | |
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| b. 3, f. 39 | F.C. M. Wei to Wakefields | 1927 May, 1948 Dec |
| b. 3, f. 40 | F. C. M. Wei to Paul Ward | 1949 Oct, 1950 Oct |
| b. 3, f. 41 | To/from Bishop John Wood | 1926 Dec, 1937 Aug |
| Circular letters from others | | |
| b. 3, f. 42 | Disciples of Christ missionaries | 1938 Oct, 1950 Sep |
| b. 3, f. 43-45 | Bishop Gilman | 1939 Mar, 1944 Jun |
| b. 3, f. 46 | Henry Hodgkin | 1924 Dec, 1933 Sep |
| Topically arranged correspondence and documents | | |
| b. 3, f. 47 | Luchowfu Hospital, incl. re. APW's resignation and letters B - C | |
| b. 3, f. 48 | Luchowful Hospital, letters C - T | |
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| b. 3, f. 51-52 | Central China University | 1919-1937 |
| b. 3, f. 53 | Guling (Kuling) | 1925-1940 |
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Series III: General Correspondence: Post China Era

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Series IV: Writings, Speeches, Sermons of APW, 1926-1927

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| b. 4, f. 60 | Incl. "A Toast to our Daughters"; Commencement address (1932) | |
| b. 4, f. 61 | Miscellaneous untitled writings | |
| b. 4, f. 62 | "The Most Unforgettable Man I Ever Met": speech to Springfield Laymen's meeting; "What's the Matter with China?"; Sermon on Jon 9:13-25 | 1930 |
| b. 4, f. 63 | Incl. "The Feet of Young Men"; "Boys Will Be Boys" | |
| b. 4, f. 64 | Miscellaneous untitled writings | |
| b. 4, f. 65-66 | Re. tuberculosis; Chadwick Clinic | |
| b. 4, f. 67 | Commencement address for Worcester State College; writings re. tuberculosis treatment | |
| b. 4, f. 68 | Incl. paper for Maine Medical Society | |
| b. 4, f. 69 | Radio addresses | 1938, 1939 |
| b. 4, f. 70 | Re. crippled children | |

Series V: Writings of Others

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| b. 4, f. 71 | Incl. by Robert Bundy: "Wakefield of Wuchang" | 1924-1926 |
| b. 4, f. 71a | By George Sokolsky: "Americans in China"; "What Matters in Missions" | |
| b. 4, f. 72 | By Minnie Vautrin: "Sharing the Abundant Life in a Refugee Camp"; reports re. Ginling College | 1933, 1938 |
| b. 4, f. 73 | By Florence G. Tyler: "At Last - Nanking" | 1938 Nov |
| b. 4, f. 74 | By F. C. M. Wei: "Missions in this Age"; "Understanding Present Day China"; reports re. Central China University | |
| b. 4, f. 75 | By T. F. Tsiang: "China at War"; by Lowe Chuah-hua: "A Layman's Interpretation" | 1943 Dec |
| b. 5, f. 76 | By Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. "Escape from Shanghai" (from <i>Saturday Evening Post</i>) | 1937 Oct |
| b. 5, f. 77 | By unidentified missionary: "Christian Interests and the Communist State of China" | 1949 Mar |
| b. 5, f. 78 | By Martha Wakefield Falcone - notes re. F. C. M. Wei | n.d. |

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| b. 5, f. 80 | Legal and financial documents, incl. will of APW | |
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| b. 5, f. 82 | Arthur Paul Wakefield Medical Scholarship | |
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| b. 5, f. 85 | Material re.controversial interview with <i>New York Times</i> reporter Frederick Moore | 1927 Jun |

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| b. 5, f. 87 | Missions affairs: American Church Mission (Episcopal) in China; see Series II for additional documents related to Boone College, Central China University | 1923-1927 |
| b. 5, f. 88 | Missions affairs: Report of the Commission of the Department of Missions to Confer with Bishops of China | 1927 or 1928 |
| b. 5, f. 89 | Various reports from other missions in China | 1925, 1927, 1948 |
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| b. 5, f. 93 | District of Hankow Newsletters | 1933 Jan, 1934 Oct |
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| b. 6, f. 96 | Assorted pamphlets re. China | 1925-1927 |
| b. 6, f. 97 | Assorted pamphlets re. China | 1926-1927 |
| b. 6, f. 98 | Pamphlet: "The Soviet in China Unmasked" | 1927 |
| b. 6, f. 99 | Pamphlet: "The Commission to the Far East" | 1914 |
| b. 6, f. 99 | Pamphlet: "Report of the Commission on Extra-Territoriality in China" | 1926 |
| b. 6, f. 100 | <i>Magpie</i> - student publication of Central China University | 1924 Dec, 1925 Apr |
| b. 6, f. 101 | <i>Magpie</i> - student publication of Central China University | 1926 Jun |
| b. 6, f. 102 | <i>The Cathedral Quarterly</i> | 1935 Apr, 1938 Jan |
| b. 6, f. 103 | China Primer; Chinese Christian Education | 1925 |
| b. 6, f. 104 | China Christian Newsletters | 1928 Mar, 1929 Mar |
| b. 6, f. 105 | District of Anqing (Anking) Newsletters | 1926 May - 1928 February |
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| b. 6, f. 106 | United Christian Missionary Society newsletters | 1927 Mar, 1928 Jan |

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| b. 6, f. 107 | Nanking Bulletins | 1926 Sep, 1927 Mar |
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| b. 6, f. 109 | American Church Mission - List of missionaries | 1926-1927 |
| b. 6, f. 109 | American Church Mission - Rules of the Mission | 1928 |
| b. 6, f. 110 | Luchowfu Christian Hospital - annual reports (see also Series II) | 1926, 1935 |
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| b. 6, f. 112 | "The China Colleges" | 1938-1944 |
| b. 6, f. 113 | "United China Relief News" | 1943 Nov, 1944 Aug |
| b. 6, f. 114 | American Friends Service Committee programs in China | 1947 Aug |
| b. 6, f. 114a | Newsclippings re. China | 1929- |

Series VIII: Collected Material - Post China, 1928-1930

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| b. 6, f. 115 | Re. tuberculosis work in Massachusetts | 1928-1930 |
| b. 6, f. 116 | Central Maine Sanatorium - policies, reports, finances | 1932-ca.1936 |
| b. 6, f. 117 | "Pendle Hill - A Quaker Experiment" | |

Series IX: Photographs

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| b. OV1, f. 122 | Student groups | |
| b. OV1, f. 123 | Staff of Boone Middle School; Staff of Church General Hospital, Wuchang | |
| b. OV1, f. 124 | Glass plate - APW and banner procession | |
| b. OV1, f. 124A | Siege of Wuchang | 1926 Sep-Oct |
| b. OV1, f. 124B | Party at Consulate in Wuhu | ca.1911 |

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| b. OV1, f. 125 | <i>Japan Advertiser</i> | 1927 Mar 11, 12, Apr 10, 14 |
| b. OV1, f. 126 | <i>Shanghai Evening Post</i> | 1943 Jan 8 |
| b. OV1, f. 126 | <i>Shanghai Evening Post</i> | 1923 Jun 22 |
| b. OV1, f. 127 | <i>Peking and Tientsin Times</i> | 1925 August 18, 19, September 24, 25, October 1 |
| b. OV1, f. 128 | <i>Hankow Herald</i> | 1925 Aug 30, Oct 8, 1927 Feb 27, Mar 22 |
| b. OV1, f. 128 | <i>North China Herald</i> | 1927 Dec 8 |
| b. OV1, f. 128 | <i>The People Tribune</i> | 1927 Jul 21 |
| b. OV1, f. 129 | <i>New York Times</i> | 1928 Nov 25 |
| b. OV1, f. 129 | <i>Boston Herald</i> | 1930 Jan 12, 19 |
| b. OV1, f. 130 | Clippings from <i>Japan Advertiser</i> | 1927 Feb, Mar, Sep |
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| b. OV1, f. 132 | Clippings - "Light on the Situation" | 1925 |

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

Missions -- China

Geographic Names

Wuchang (Hubei Sheng, China) -- Church
history

Names

Wakefield, Arthur Paul

Corporate Body

Episcopal Church -- Missions -- China

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