

Guide to the Sophia Tierong Zhu papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1709

CREATOR: Zhu, Sophia Tierong

TITLE: Sophia Tierong Zhu papers

DATES: 1947-2005

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3 linear feet

LANGUAGE: The collection is in English and Chinese.

SUMMARY: The papers include correspondence, writings, and photographs relating to the life and career of Sophia Tierong Zhu. Autobiographical writings about Zhu and her husband, Zhang Ifan, who were both victims of anti-rightist movements in China, comprise a substantive part of the papers. The collection also documents Zhu's close relationship with many English Language Instructors from Yale University.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Sophia Tierong Zhu, 1995-2001, 2003-2005; gift of Edward V. Gulick, 2000; and transfer from the Office of the President, Yale University, 2001.

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Sophia Tierong Zhu was born in Shanghai on February 6, 1915. She graduated from the University of Shanghai in 1937, with degrees in chemistry, music, and physics. On January 8, 1938, she married Zhang Ifan. After graduating from college, Zhu worked for several different social service and relief agencies in Shanghai and Changsha, including the YMCA, the YWCA, the Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Agency, and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency. She died in Changsha, China, on August 9, 2009.

Scope and Contents

The papers include correspondence, writings, and photographs relating to the life and career of Sophia Tierong Zhu. Autobiographical writings about Zhu and her husband, Zhang Ifan, who were both victims of anti-rightist movements in China, comprise a substantive part of the papers. The collection also documents Zhu's close relationship with many English Language Instructors from Yale University.

In 1946, she traveled with her husband Zhang Ifan to the United States to study at Yale University, where Sophia obtained an M.A. from the Department of Sociology, and Ifan obtained a J.S.D. from the Law School in 1948. They returned to Changsha in the fall of 1948. With the victory of the People's Liberation Army and the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949, Zhang Ifan became very involved in local and provincial politics. In 1950, Sophia began teaching English and Russian in the Department of Foreign Languages at Hunan Medical College, where she remained until her retirement in 1988.

In 1957, during the Anti-Rightist Campaign, Ifan died by suicide while suffering from diabetes and enduring severe criticism from the provincial party for advocating the idea of the rule of law over the rule of man. Soon after, Sophia was labeled an ultra-rightist. Although she was allowed to continue teaching, she was demoted from her position as chair of the department, and her pay was significantly cut. In 1965, she was labeled a special agent suspect, and she was imprisoned several times throughout the Cultural Revolution.

In 1973, she was able to resume teaching full-time. In 1979, her status as a special agent suspect and as an ultra-rightist were redressed. Shortly after, the Yale-China Association re-established ties with the Hunan Medical College. Through her position in the Department of Foreign Languages, Zhu worked closely with many of the English Language Instructors (ELIs) from Yale University who taught English at the College. In the Spring of 1988, Sophia Zhu retired from teaching, but continued to act as an advisor and resource for ELIs.

Arrangement

Arranged in three series and additions: I. Correspondence, 1979-1997. II. Writings, 1950-1996. III. Photographs, 1947-1996.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1979-1997

b. 1, f. 1	B-L	1987-1996, undated
b. 1, f. 2	M-Y	1987-1996
b. 1, f. 3	Brooks, Mary F.	1984-1995
b. 1, f. 4	Chapman, Nancy	1981-1983, 1994-1996
b. 1, f. 5	Gulick, Edward	1988, 1995-1996
b. 1, f. 6	Johnson, James G.	1981-1995
b. 1, f. 7	Jones, David A.	1983-1989
b. 1, f. 8	Kleinman, Jan	1995-1997
b. 1, f. 9	Lee, Frank	1989-1994, undated
b. 1, f. 10	Liu, Zhong Yi	1985-1988, undated
b. 1, f. 11	MacDougal, John L.	1979-1987
b. 1, f. 12	MacDougal, Myres	1979-1995
b. 1, f. 13	Nuland, Drew	1986-1989
b. 1, f. 14	Pertel, Joe	1986-1990
b. 1, f. 15	Salzman, Mark	1987-1990, undated
b. 1, f. 16	Sheldon, Mark	1989, 1995-1996
b. 1, f. 17	Singleton, Louise and John	1989-1995
b. 1, f. 18	Stepanek, Joe	1985, 1990-1996
b. 1, f. 19	Miscellaneous cards and invitations	undated
b. 1, f. 20	Unidentified	1990-1995, undated

Series II: Writings, 1940-1996

Arranged alphabetically by title or pertinent subject, the Writings series is comprised of articles, clippings, reminiscences, and teaching materials written by or about Sophia Tierong Zhu. The unpublished autobiography is excellent documentation of Zhu's life, as reported in 1988. It includes accounts of her childhood, professional career, and tribulations under anti-rightist campaigns in China. A biography of Zhang Ifan is a similar account of the life of her husband. The series also includes writings on the Yale-China Program, Yale in the late 1940s, and other family members. Most of the Unidentified material at the end of the listing is written in Chinese.

b. 2, f. 1	Autobiography	1988
b. 2, f. 2	Changsha in Action [by E.R. Lapwood]	1940
b. 2, f. 3	China Monthly Review [articles by Sophia Zhu]	1950-1953
b. 2, f. 4	Chinese customs	1995-1996
b. 2, f. 5	Clippings	undated
b. 2, f. 6	Father and Son	1981
b. 2, f. 7	Fulton, Robert B. [memorial writings]	1994
b. 2, f. 8	Hutchins, Francis S. [memorial writings]	1988-1989
b. 2, f. 9	In Memory of Edith Millican	1985
b. 2, f. 10	Life and Death	1990
b. 2, f. 11	Memories of New Haven	1984
b. 2, f. 12	Music in My Life	1984
b. 2, f. 13	My Experience Teaching English at Hunan Medical College	1981
b. 2, f. 14	My Life, My Work, and Changsha	1985
b. 2, f. 15	On a New Horizon [memoir of the renewal of relations between Hunan Medical College and the Yale-China Association]	1986
b. 2, f. 16	The Story of Zhang Yingfang [Zhu's grandson]	1990
b. 2, f. 17	Teaching Materials	1990, undated
	Zhang Ifan	
b. 2, f. 18	Biography of Zhang Ifan	1988
b. 2, f. 19	Published biographical material	undated
b. 2, f. 20	Unidentified	undated

Series III: Photographs, 1947-1996

b. 3, f. 1	American friends	1972, 1989, undated
b. 3, f. 2	American friends from pre-1949 period	1939, 1987-1988
b. 3, f. 3	Childhood and college years	1930-1937, undated
b. 3, f. 4	Cultural revolution	1948, 1995
b. 3, f. 5-7	Family pictures	1950-1994, undated
b. 3, f. 8	Hunan Medical College	undated
b. 3, f. 9	Relief work	1945
b. 3, f. 10	Yale University	1947-1950
	Yale-China Association	
	Bachelors/ELIs	
b. 3, f. 11-12	1980s	1980s
b. 3, f. 13	1990s	1990s
	Changsha	
b. 3, f. 14	YCA's return	1979-1982
b. 3, f. 15	YCA staff visits	1991, undated
b. 3, f. 16	Unidentified	undated

Accession 1998-M-093: Additional Material

The addition includes a small amount of correspondence, writings, and photographs which continue the documentation in the main accession of the life of Sophia Zhu. Most of the correspondence is from former English Language Instructors. The photographs also depict ELIs with their families.

b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence, B-Y	1996-1997
b. 1, f. 2	Reminiscences [misc.]	1997, undated
b. 1, f. 3	Photographs	1997, undated

Accession 1998-M-104: Additional material

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Additional material

Accession 2000-M-134: Additional Material

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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.

Geographic Names

China -- History -- Cultural Revolution,
1966-1976 -- Personal narratives

Names

Chang, Ifan, 1906-
McDougal, Myres S. (Myres Smith), 1906-1998
Zhu, Sophia Tierong

Corporate Body

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