

Guide to the Waldo Huntley Heinrichs Papers

RG 115



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RG 115

CREATOR: Heinrichs, Waldo Huntley, 1891-1959

TITLE: Waldo Huntley Heinrichs Papers

DATES: 1901-1959

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5 linear feet (9 boxes and 2 oversize containers)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, writings, diaries, and photographs document Heinrichs career with the YMCA and his service with the U.S. Air Force. Letters and diaries of Waldo Heinrichs' sister Margaret shed additional light on the period of time that the Heinrichs spent in India 1930-1931. Waldo Heinrichs served as a YMCA secretary in Hawaii, India, and Jerusalem. from 1913 to 1934. He then became Professor of Contemporary Civilization at Middlebury College. He was a pilot for the U.S. Air Force during World War I, and a Combat Intelligence Officer during World War II.

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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.115>.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Heinrichs family.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

Waldo Huntley Heinrichs Papers (RG 115), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1891	○ Born in British India, son of Jacob and Lydia Heinrichs, American Baptist educational missionaries
1913	○ B.A., Denison University, Ohio; later received M.A. in European History from Columbia University, New York
1913 - 1915	○ Fellowship Secretary, Y.M.C.A., Honolulu
1915 - 1916	○ First American Y.M.C.A. Secretary to work with British troops in India
1917 - 1919	○ First aviation cadet in Army Ground School at M.I.T. Distinguished service with U.S. Army Air Force in Europe. Shot down, severely wounded in September, 1918 and held prisoner until Armistice. Decorated with Croix de Guerre with Palm and other awards.
1919 -1924	○ Head of Lecture Department, National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s of India, Burma, and Ceylon
1926 -1930	○ Associate General Secretary, Y.M.C.A., Lahore, India
1930 - 1931	○ Waldo's sister Margaret stayed with the family in India
1931 - 1934	○ General Secretary, Y.M.C.A., Jerusalem
1935 - 1956	○ Professor of Contemporary Civilization, Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont
1942 -1944	○ Combat Intelligence Officer in 66th Fighter Wing, VIII Fighter Command of 8th Air Force in England
1959	○ Died

Scope and Contents

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These papers are of interest for their documentation of Heinrichs' work with the YMCA in India and Jerusalem. Complementary papers are located in the YMCA archives at the University of Minnesota. The collection includes twenty-six diary volumes dating from 1909 to 1945, photographs, clippings, and letters, including some related to Heinrichs' YMCA service. He resigned from the YMCA in 1934 following a disagreement with the International Committee concerning Nazi anti-Semitic newspapers in the reading room of the Jerusalem YMCA. Heinrichs was a friend of John R. Mott and Sherwood Eddy and twice participated in the Sherwood Eddy Travel Seminar in Europe. These papers are also of interest because Heinrichs was a child of missionaries and spent a good part of his youth separated from his parents. A few letters written later in life to his children explore the implications of his early experience.

The Letters and Diaries of Margaret Heinrichs in Series VI shed additional light on the activities of the Heinrichs family in India during 1930-1931.

Arrangement

- I. Correspondence
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- IV. Photographs
- V. Diaries
- VI. Letters and Diaries of Margaret Heinrichs

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence

Family correspondence

b. 1, f. 1-19	Letters to/from family, including regarding the death of Heinrichs' brother Edgar in 1910, a letter to his wife regarding the Jerusalem YMCA situation in 1934, and letters written from Europe in 1939, which describe the prelude to World War II.	1906-1959
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General correspondence

b. 2, f. 20	General correspondence	1910-1913
b. 2, f. 21	Letter from Lord Allenby	1933
b. 2, f. 22	Regarding Land-lease bill	1941
b. 2, f. 23	Regarding WWII service of WHH	1941-1944, 1947
b. 2, f. 24	Letters from YMCA friends	1945-1953
b. 2, f. 25	General correspondence	No date

Addendum to correspondence

Waldo Huntley Heinrichs correspondence

b. 9, f. 1	Letters to family enroute to and in France	1917 Jul -Sep
b. 9, f. 2-6	Letters to family while in France with American Expeditionary Force	1917 Oct-1918 Dec
b. 9, f. 7	Letters to family while in New York	1919 January-October
b. 9, f. 8	Letter to wife, Dorothy from France	1917 Nov
b. 9, f. 9	Letters to Dorothy from NYC and London	1934 Sep, 1939 Jun
b. 9, f. 10-13	Letters to Dorothy from England while with 66th Fighter Wing	1943 May - 1944 August
b. 9, f. 14	Letters to Dorothy: fragments	No date

Correspondence of others

b. 9, f. 15	Adjutant General Office - re. prisoners of war	1918 Nov
b. 9, f. 16	WHH's mother	1917 Jun
b. 9, f. 17	Memorandum - Report by Harmon on settlement of newspaper controversy in Jerusalem YMCA	1934 Sep

Series II: Writings and Notes

b. 2, f. 26	"Two Months in a German Prison Hospital"; Diary excerpt	1918
b. 2, f. 27	"How the Western Allies Won Air Supremacy from Germany in the Second World War" - pp. 1-202	1944
b. 2, f. 28	"How the Western Allies Won Air Supremacy from Germany in the Second World War" - pp. 203-467	1944
b. 2, f. 29	"How the Western Allies Won Air Supremacy from Germany in the Second World War" - Draft	1944
b. 2, f. 30	"How the Western Allies Won Air Supremacy from Germany in the Second World War" - Notes and source materials	circa 1944
b. 2, f. 31	"How the Western Allies Won Air Supremacy from Germany in the Second World War" - Photos, charts, graphs	circa 1944
b. 3, f. 32	"Our Heritage of Freedom" - history of the VIII Fighter Command of the 8th U.S. Army Air Force	No date
b. 3, f. 33	Diary excerpt	1939 August
b. 3, f. 34	Lecture notes regarding WWI	No date
b. 3, f. 35-36	Lecture notes re. world situation, foreign policy	No date
b. 3, f. 37	Lecture notes of Heinrichs' father Jacob on religions of India	No date

Series III: Personal Items and Memorabilia

b. 3, f. 38	Genealogical and family records: documents	1908-1949, no date
b. 3, f. 39	Genealogical and family records: correspondence	1925-1950
b. 3, f. 40	Genealogical and family records: notes	No date
b. 3, f. 41	Biographical documentation: Elementary school	1901-1905
b. 3, f. 42	Biographical documentation: High school	1906-1909
b. 3, f. 43	Biographical documentation: re. death of Edgar Heinrichs	1910
b. 3, f. 44	Biographical documentation: College	1910-1913
b. Ov2	Yearbook of Denison University 1913	
b. 3, f. 45	Biographical documentation: YMCA work, Hawaii	1913
b. 3, f. 46	Biographical documentation: World War I service	1918-1921
b. 3, f. 47	Biographical documentation: YMCA work - India, Jerusalem	1931-1934
b. 4, f. 48	Biographical documentation: World War II service	1942-1944
b. 4, f. 49	Biographical documentation: Denison honorary doctorate	1949
b. 4, f. 50	Biographical documentation: Death	1959
b. 4, f. 51	Biographical documentation: Miscellaneous	1959-1962
b. 4, f. 52	Notebook relating to Waldo Heinrichs Scholarship at Middlebury College	1955-1956
b. 4, f. 53	Guest book; anniversaries book; address book; <i>Hindu Heaven</i> by Max Wylie, friend of Heinrichs in India; 2 letters from ancestors of Dorothy Heinrichs	1862-1936
b. Ov1	Scrapbook of memorabilia and clippings; Croix de Guerre citation; grammar school and high school diplomas	

Series IV: Photographs

b. 4, f. 54-55	Loose photographs	
b. 5, f. 56	Photo album of YMCA scout camp in India	No date
b. 5, f. 57	Photo album of scenes in India	No date
b. 6, f. 58	Loose negatives, includes India	1906-1913
b. 6, f. 59	Albums of negatives	No date
b. Ov2	Family photo album	

Series V: Diaries

There are a total of 26 diary volumes, with fairly regular and detailed daily entries. They are of interest for their documentation of Heinrichs’ personal life as well as his work overseas.

b. 7, f. 60-64	Diary volumes	1909–1932
b. 8, f. 65-69	Diary volumes	1933–1945

Series VI: Letters and Diaries of Margaret Heinrichs

Correspondence		
b. 9, f. 18	Letters written to parents while on world tour	1930 Jun-Aug
b. 9, f. 19-21	Letters to parents from India	1930 Sep-1931 Feb
b. 9, f. 22	Letters to parents from India, Jerusalem, Egypt	1931 Mar-Apr
Diaries and Notes		
b. 9, f. 23	Written while sailing Pacific, in Japan, in India, including notes about India and record of expenditures in India	1930 Jun – Sep 2
b. 9, f. 24	Written from Lahore and on trip back through Europe	1930 Sep 3 - 1931 May 15
b. 9, f. 25	Trip to Israel and other locations with parents	1933
b. 9, f. 26	Record of expenditures in Israel	1933
b. 9, f. 27	Tourist brochures, Jerusalem, Paris	ca. 1933
Transcripts of letters and diaries Transcripts prepared by nephew.		
b. 9, f. 28-32	Maps, introduction, contents, chapters 1-11	1930 Jun-1931 May

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

Young Men's Christian Associations -- India
Young Men's Christian Associations --
Jerusalem

Names

Heinrichs, Waldo Huntley, 1891-1959