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Guide to the Eva Asher Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RG 139

CREATOR: Asher, Eva Mae

TITLE: Eva Asher Papers

DATES: 1917-1983

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3 linear feet (6 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Substantive correspondence with Fukien Christian University students and administrators and extensive diary entries document the operations of a Christian university and the way of life of a single woman missionary in China. Eva Asher worked as treasurer and administrative assistant at Fukien Christian University, a Protestant mission-supported university in China, from 1923 to 1950.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.139>

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.139>.

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

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Eva Mae Asher.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

Eva Asher Papers (RG 139), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

Biographical / Historical

Eva Asher worked as treasurer and administrative assistant at Fukien Christian University from 1923 to 1950.

Scope and Contents

Substantive correspondence with Fukien Christian University students and administrators, and very full diary entries from throughout Eva Asher's service at Fukien Christian University, provide excellent documentation of the inner workings of a Christian university and the way of life of a single woman missionary in China. Collected material about Fukien Christian University supplements documentation found in [Record Group No. 11](#), Archives of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia. Additional correspondence of Eva Asher can also be found in Record Group No. 11.

Arrangement

- I. Correspondence, 1918-1952
- II. Diaries, 1923-1962
- III. Writings, 1939-1940
- IV. Personal Items and Memorabilia, 1917-1950
- V. Collected Material, 1926-1950, n.d.
- VI. Photographs, 1918-1983

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1918-1952

b.1	Chen Hsi Cheng (John), FCU student	1925-1927
b.1	Chen Tze Tuan, FCU student	1927-1932
b.1	Lin, C. J., FCU president	1929-1932
b.1	Other representatives of FCU	1930-1932
b.1	Yen Hui-ching, FCU colleague/friend (wife of C. J. Lin)	1928-1929
b.1	Yang Hsin Pao, FCU student	1938-1939
b.1	Missionary colleagues	1929
b.1	Other correspondents	1918-1929
b.1	Representatives of the Associated Boards/ United Board for Christian Colleges in China	1929-1952

Series II: Diaries, 1923-1962

b. 2	Diaries	1923-1928, 1930-1932
b. 3	Diaries	1933-1941
b. 4	Diaries	1941-1949
b. 5	Diaries	1950-1962

Series III: Writings, 1939-1940

b. 5	Student papers of EMA	1939-1940
b. 5	"No Blackout in Christian Missions in China"	1940

Series IV: Personal Items and Memorabilia, 1917-1950

b. 5

Miscellaneous

1917-1950

Series V: Collected Material, 1926-1950, n.d.

b. 5	Re. Fukien Christian University	1928-1942, n.d.
b. 5	Misc., incl. re. Chinese porcelain, silk, characters, political events, etc.	1926-1950, n.d.

Series VI: Photographs, 1918-1983

b. 6	Album: Scenes in Fujian province, at Fukien Christian University, missionary colleagues	1923-1929
b. 6	Loose photos: EMA portraits and personal photos; Chinese friends, students, colleagues; Western friends and relatives; Scenes, primarily in Fujian province	1918-1983, n.d.

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
Women missionaries -- China

Geographic Names

Fuzhou Shi (Fujian Province, China)

Names

Asher, Eva

Corporate Body

Fujian xie he da xue