English Primary Sources on China @ Yale

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Overview

• Translations from Chinese sources
• Personal accounts
• Government archives
• Newspapers and periodicals
Translations from Chinese Sources

- *China Documents Annual* (1989-2000) [SML stacks, DS779.17 C46]
- Search in Orbis [http://www.library.yale.edu](http://www.library.yale.edu)

Databases
Personal Accounts

- From travelers, missionaries, diplomats, traders, etc.
- Available in many formats, such as travel accounts, correspondences, diaries, interviews, memoirs, autobiographies, etc.
- **Search strategies in Orbis**
  - Use “Advanced Search” option
  - Combine subject terms

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personal narratives
China + interviews
  diaries
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Personal Accounts – Sample Titles

• **Early travelers**: *The Travels of Marco Polo*
• **The Macartney Mission**: *A Narrative of the British Embassy to China: in the Years 1792, 1793, & 1794*
• **Sino-Japanese War**: *American Missionary Eyewitnesses to the Nanking Massacre, 1937-1938*
• **Civil War (1946-1949)**: *As China Fell: the Experiences of a British Consul’s Wife, 1946-1953*
• **China through Western Eyes**: *Manuscript Records of Traders, Travellers, Missionaries and Diplomats, 1792-1942. [Microform]*
Government Archives

British Archives

• Confidential British Foreign Office Political Correspondence. China [1906-1945]
• Foreign Office Files for China, 1949-1976

U.S. Archives

• Confidential U.S. State Department Central Files. Hong Kong [1960-1963]
• China and the United States : from hostility to engagement, 1960-1998

http://nsarchive.chadwyck.com/collections/content/CH/intro.jsp
Newspapers and Periodicals

• English-Language Newspapers & Periodicals from Pre-Communist China

• Title lists can be found at the East Asia Library website. (www.library.yale.edu/eastasian)
Other Sources

• *Shanghai Municipal Police Investigation Files, 1919-1941 [microform]*

• *The Chronicles of the East India Company Trading to China, 1635-1834 [microform]*

• Center for Research Libraries (CRL)
  [http://www.crl.edu/collections/](http://www.crl.edu/collections/)
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Time and Place:  4:30 –5:30 pm
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