Primary Resource Materials Relating to China, 1705-1726 and 1831-2003
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The following brief descriptions highlight most of the major collections in Manuscripts and Archives that provide primary resource materials on the study of China. In addition to these, there are approximately twenty video testimonies of holocaust survivors, bystanders, resisters, and liberators that form the Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies in Manuscripts and Archives.

The collections are arranged by subject or primary emphasis. All of our collections are described in Orbis. Call number (local) searches can be done in Orbis using MS or RU followed by the numbers.

MS manuscripts in a collection of personal papers created by an individual, members of a family, or an artificial assemblage of materials on a specific topic
RU a record unit of University archives created by an organization or other unit within Yale

http://www.library.yale.edu/mssa/tutorial/tutorial.htm “Using Manuscripts & Archives: A Tutorial.” Also available directly from our website.

Chinese in United States

Eugene Clarence Gardner Papers, 1870-1929. Manuscripts, photographs, and clippings concerning Chinese students sent to the United States to be educated. Most of the materials relate to T’ang Shao-yi, first premier of the Chinese republic in 1912, and Liang Ju-hao, Chinese foreign minister. MS 598

Yung Wing Papers, 1848-2001. Papers of the first Chinese citizen to graduate from an American college, 1854, founder of the Chinese Educational Mission in Hartford, and representative of the Chinese government. MS 602

China—Description and Travel

William Henry Brewer Papers, 1830-1927. Diary of trip in 1897 to introduce new models of high power and, smokeless powder rifles by the Winchester Repeating Arms. MS 100


Samuel Clarke Bushnell Papers, 1852-1930. Papers of a Congregational minister, including a diary of a world tour, 1877-1878, visiting Hong Kong, Canton, and Shanghai. MS 1292

Colgate Family Papers, 1752-1875. Includes a journal (1856-1858) of a voyage to China. MS 144

Edwin Rogers Embree Papers, 1903-1956. Includes family journals of a trip to China. MS 198

Arthur William Galston Papers, 1938-1985. Papers of a Yale botanist who studied the effects of the defoliant Agent Orange and was the first American scientist to visit the People’s Republic of China. MS 1712

Wilfred Thomason Grenfell Papers, 1855-1986. Papers of an English medical missionary to Newfoundland and Labrador that include over 300 photographs of China taken on an Asian tour, November 1924-May 1925. MS 254

Richard F. C. Hartley Papers, 1816-1881. Letters and papers of Captain Richard Hartley and Samuel Hartley of Maine, documenting voyages to China, Japan, and southeast Asia, primarily in the 1860s and 1870s. MS 646


Ellsworth Huntington Papers, 1779-1952. Papers of a geographer, explorer, eugenist, and Yale professor who made three trips to China in 1903, 1905, and 1923. MS 1

William Griswold Lane Memorial Collection, 1670-1947. Collection includes shipping papers and journals on the China trade and whaling voyages such as Augustus H. Griswold’s journal of the voyage of the Panama to Canton in 1845-1846. MS 189

Morse Family Papers, 1799-1868. From Richard Cary Morse’s 1854 trip to China, his letters and “Journal Extracts,” February 22, 1854-February 10, 1855, and letters and “Journal of a voyage to China in the N. B. Palmer.” August 2, 1856-April 12, 1857, by his son, Sidney Edwards Morse. Sidney’s trip occurred following his Yale graduation in 1856; he visited Canton and Hong Kong and was detained in the latter by disturbances among the Chinese. MS 358

Robert Swanton Platt Papers, 1913-1960. The papers consist of correspondence, writings, photographs, and memorabilia relating to Robert Swanton Platt's travels in Russia and China, and his teaching career with Yale-in-China. MS 1675

Hugh Rechnitzer Papers, 1889-1906. Photographs of China circa 1900-1905, including the Boxer Rebellion. MS 1142
Walter Keeler Scofield Papers, 1859-1910. Log of a U. S. Naval Surgeon on a voyage to China and Japan, 1872-1875, aboard the U. S. S. Lackawanna. MS 437

William Findlay Shunk Papers, 1828-1903. Letters and journals of a naval midshipman on the sloop of war Preble which visited ports of Canton, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Macao between 1846 and 1850. MS 449

Benajah Ticknor Papers, 1818-1852. Journals, notes, and essays of a naval surgeon who made two trips to China between 1831-1833 and 1845-1848. Papers document the first diplomatic envoy to Cochin China, Siam, and Muscat, while the second voyage sailed to Canton to exchange treaties with China. MS 495

Olive Bird Tomlin (in Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection). Letters from a missionary teacher at St. Hilda’s School and Boone School in Hankow and Wuchang that describe the educational and social life during political and economic turmoil during the periods 1940-1942 and 1945-1950. MS 352

Barbara Wertheim Tuchman Papers, 1920-1982. Research materials, correspondence, clippings, and photographs relating to her book, Notes from China, 1972. MS 574

Hiram F. Walker (in Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection). Typed journal of Walker’s trip to Japan and China, July-September 1891, with personal observations on the people, places, and life of these countries. MS 352.

Arthur Frederick and Mary Clabaugh Wright Papers, 1932-1977. Papers of two professors of Chinese history at Yale University. MS 876

China—Diplomatic History/Foreign Relations

Hanson Weightman Baldwin Papers, 1900-1988. Papers of a New York Times military editor with documentation on U. S. foreign relations with China during World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam Conflict, as well as with India and Japan. MS 54

Sir Joseph Banks Papers, 1763-1830. Correspondence, writings, notes, and other papers documenting the personal life and professional career of Sir Joseph Banks, a British naturalist and explorer served on a scientific expedition to Newfoundland and Labrador (1766) and with Captain Cook's expedition to observe the transit of Venus in the Pacific Ocean. Includes documentation on foreign relations between China and Great Britain. MS 58

Edwin Montefiore Borchard Papers, 1910-1950. Yale law professor. Files on Panay Incident, December 12, 1937, and claims of protection of private property of foreigners and foreign loans to China. MS 670

William C. Bullitt Papers, 1813-1998. Bullitt (1891-1967, Yale 1912), America's first ambassador to the Soviet Union from 1933 to 1936, wrote about the dangers of communism following World War II. He developed especially close ties to Taiwan, including a friendship with Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek. At the request of the Joint Congressional Committee on Foreign Economic Cooperation in 1948, he served as a consultant on a report on the Economic Cooperation Agency and American aid to China. His files for this committee include primarily research materials. There are also files on China from Bullitt's appointment to the American Commission to Negotiate the Peace (Paris Peace Conference, 1919). MS 112

Leslie Frank Papers (#119 in numeric series in Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection). Manuscript (facsimile) diary, April 19-December 18, 1949, by coxswain Frank aboard the HMS Amethyst during the Yangtze incident on April 20. MS 352

Howard Lee Haag Papers, 1916-1967. Papers of the Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., Harbin (Manchuria), Manila, Tokyo, and Bridgeport, dealing primarily with his work with Russian refugees in Manchuria from 1921 to 1935. MS 621

William James Hail (#118 in numeric series in Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection). Draft of a book by Hail (1877-1963) on Li Hung-chang (1823-1901) with reference to Li’s work in foreign policy. MS 352

Edward M. House Papers, 1885-1938. Papers of the politician and adviser to President Woodrow Wilson during the Paris Peace Conference following World War I. Materials on China include diaries, correspondence, and subject files on topics such as Japanese aggression in China and the Shantung Question and Settlement, April-May 1919. Another collection with a focus on the Paris Peace Conference and documentation on China are the papers of Frank Lyon Polk who headed the American Mission to Negotiate Peace in 1919. MS 466

Inquiry Papers, 1915-1921. Correspondence, organizational records, reports containing historical and statistical material, maps, and other papers of The Inquiry, a group of experts assembled at the request of President Wilson to collect and collate data in preparation for a peace conference following World War I. MS 8

Yung Kwai Papers, 1874-1939. From 1893 to 1936 he was employed by the Chinese Legation in Washington, DC, as an interpreter, first secretary, adviser, and chargé d’affaires ad interim until his retirement, and then general adviser to the Chinese Embassy from 1936 to 1943. He was also a reporter for the New York Herald, 1893-1897. MS 1795

John Hall Paxton Papers, 1920-1961. Papers of an American foreign service officer including reports on Chinese economic and political conditions, memoranda on Nanking and the Nationalist takeover in 1927; an account of the U.S.S. Panay incident in 1937, to which he was an eyewitness; a record of his internment in Nanking by the Japanese in 1942, and articles and letters on his escape from China in 1949. MS 629

Frank Lyon Polk Papers, 1883-1942. Foreign policy adviser to Colonel Edward M. House and President Woodrow Wilson. Correspondence and subject files relating to the Far East, with particular emphasis on the Shantung Question; Japanese aggression in China; Reinsch-Polk correspondence on the Special Mission, 1918-1919; loan to China, 1916-1917; and missionaries in China, 1919. MS 656
Jefferson Franklin Ray, Jr., Papers, 1837-1990. Papers of a career diplomat and administrator in East Asia from 1920 to 1953, including director of the Far Eastern Office of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. MS 1607

Right Wing Pamphlet Collection, 1917-1973. An artificial collection of pamphlets containing "conservative, reactionary, or right wing" publications on a wide range of topics including: China, anti-communism, Christian groups, 1917-1973. MS 775

Henry Lewis Stimson Papers, 1846-1966. Papers of a diplomat, statesman and cabinet officer Secretary of War under Taft, Roosevelt, and Truman and Secretary of State under Hoover). Documentation on China for the periods 1929-1932 and 1940-1950 concerning its disputes with Russia over rights in North Manchuria, 1929; the Manchurian Crisis of 1931-1932; Stimson’s insistence on the maintenance of China’s independence and territorial integrity; and the China-Burma-India theatre and General Joseph W. Stilwell. MS 465

T’ang Wu Papers, 1932-1975. Papers of a Chinese diplomat and ambassador and director of the Chinese Foreign Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. MS 1435

Cyrus R. Vance and Grace Sloane Vance Papers, 1942-2002. Of particular significance are background materials, correspondence, position papers, and handwritten meeting notes relating to diplomatic relations with China. MS 1664


Frederick Townsend Ward Papers, 1862. The papers consist of correspondence and documents related to Frederick Townsend Ward's role as commanding officer of the "Ever Victorious Army" which helped crush the Taiping Rebellion in China (1850-1864). MS 1666

Samuel Wells Williams Family Papers, 1824-1936. Family papers of a missionary, diplomat, and Sinologue who spent almost forty years in China. At a missionary press in Macao, he translated Chinese texts and compiled A Syllabic Dictionary of the Chinese Language. He also wrote The Middle kingdom; a survey of the ... Chinese empire and its inhabitants ... in 1848 which he and his son Frederick Wells (1857-1928) revised in 1883. From 1856 to 1876 Samuel Wells was the secretary and interpreter to the American legation in China. He also accompanied Commodore Matthew C. Perry in 1853 and 1854 to negotiate trade relations between Japan and the western world. In 1876 he moved to Yale College where he was appointed the first professor of Chinese language and literature in the United States. Frederick Wells (Yale 1879) taught Central Asian, Indian, and East Asian history at Yale from 1893 to 1925. MS 547

China—Education

Luther Anderson Papers, 1899-1940. Papers of a journalist in Peking (1911-1914) and professor at Imperial University, Peking (1907-1911). MS 36

James Taylor Dickinson Papers, 1821-1884. Includes a Chinese-English vocabulary. MS 183
George Alexander Kennedy Papers, 1931-1957. Papers of a Yale professor of Chinese language and literature. MS 308

Medicine—China

Felix Marti-Ibañez Papers, 1935-1977. Papers of a physician and author with correspondence and research materials on medicine and medical history in various countries, including China. MS 1235

Missions—China

Bidwell Family Papers, 1750-1952. The papers consist of correspondence, writings, legal and financial documents, and other papers of six generations of Bidwell family members. Principal figures include Barnabas Bidwell (1763-1833), lawyer and politician in Massachusetts and Kingston, Ontario; and his son, Marshall Spring Bidwell (1799-1872), lawyer and politician in Kingston and New York City. Includes documentation on American missions in China. MS 79

H. Hugh and Nora Bousman (in Yale Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection). Correspondence and other materials, 1924-1942, concerning their missionary work in China and the Philippines. MS 1258

Goodrich Family Papers, 1732-1905. Letters of William Allen Macy (1825-1859), Chinese missionary, to his Yale classmate, William Henry Goodrich. Letters describe Macy’s work as director of the Morrison Education Society’s School for Chinese Youth in Hong Kong, 1848-1849, and his return visit in 1856 to prepare for mission work in northern China. MS 242

George Henry Hubbard Papers, 1894-1918. Papers of a missionary of the American Board in China, 1885-1925, including diaries and account books of his service in Foochow and various parts of Fukien Province where he was an administrator in schools, hospitals, and missions. MS 965

Carlo Tommaso Maillard de Tournon Collection, 1705-1984. Papers of an apostolic visitor on behalf of Pope Clement XI who spoke out against the traditional Chinese rites in honor of Confucius. A manuscript and 28 letters in Italian, French, Latin, Spanish, and Portuguese regarding Catholic missionary work in China and Macao, including letters from Clement XI and to Cardinal Maillard, papal nuncio to China, and to the Patriarch of Antioch, 1705-1713. MS 1456

Propaganda, Chinese

Korean War Collection, 1951-1953. An artificial collection of leaflets, radio scripts, newspapers, and posters produced by American, Chinese, and Korean governments for use during the Korean War as propaganda devices. MS 742
Yale-China Association

**Farnam Family Papers, 1721-1941.** Papers of Henry Walcott Farnam (1853-1933) relating to his service as trustee of Yale-in-China, 1924-1933. MS 203

**Phillips F. and Ruth A. Greene Papers, 1923-1977.** Papers of a physician and missionary and his wife who was a teacher and writer documenting their years in Changsha, 1921-1943, at the Yale-in-China Medical School. MS 797

**Edward H. and Lotta C. Hume Papers, 1897-1990.** Papers of a physician and educator who founded the Hunan-Yale Medical College, 1914, and of his wife who worked as a nurse in India and China. MS 787

**Dickson H. and Marjorie B. Leavens Papers, 1904-1972.** Papers of an economist and professor-administrator of the Yale Mission College in Changsha, 1909-1928, and of his wife who taught mathematics and astronomy at the college. MS 715

**Charles Templeman Loram Papers, 1884-1940.** Trustee of Yale-in-China. Correspondence with Lingnan University, Canton, 1936 and Yale-in-China, 1936-1939; and writings on Yale and China and missionary work there and in other parts of Asia. MS 10

**Henry Killam Murphy Papers, 1904-1939.** Papers of a Yale-educated architect whose major professional work included several projects in China such as Yale-in-China, Changsha, China, 1913-1923, and Yenching University, Peking, China, 1918-1932. He also wrote and lectured on Chinese architecture. MS 231

**Papers and memorabilia donated to the Yale-China Association, 1877-1997.** The material consists of photographs and slides, correspondence, diaries, maps, banners, Chinese language documents, memoirs, scrolls, and ephemera documenting activities and experiences from the Yale-China program. RU 235

**William Winston Pettus Papers, 1928-1945.** Papers of a surgeon at the Hsiang-Ya Hospital in Changsha including letters describing activities as a doctor in wartime China and his efforts to reopen the hospital after the war. MS 786

**Howard Richards Papers, 1907-1959.** Papers of an educational missionary at Boone College, Wuchang, who organized the Metric Association of China in 1910, and who studied provincial weights and measures and standardized them on metric standards for the Chinese government. MS 1057

**Warren Bartlett Seabury Papers, 1901-1936.** Papers of a founder and organizer of the Yale Foreign Missionary Society, later Yale-in-China. MS 790

**Records of the Yale-China Association, 1900-.** Records documenting the founding and operations of the Yale Foreign Missionary Society and its successors, including the present day Yale-China Association. Included are administrative records, photographs, movies, and printed materials. RU 232
Anson Phelps Stokes Family Papers, 1761-1960. Papers of a religious leader, historian, educator, and philanthropist who served as the University Secretary, 1899-1921, and at whose house the Yale Foreign Missionary Society was founded in 1901. MS 299

John Lawrence Thurston Papers, 1894-1956. Papers of one of the founders of the Yale Foreign Missionary Society. MS 493

Stanley Wilson Papers, 1913-1918. Over 100 lantern slides documenting the construction of the Yale-in-China campus, 1914-1918, by the supervising architect. Other architects who designed buildings for the campus include Henry Killam Murphy and James Gamble Rogers. The latter designed many of the collegiate Gothic buildings on the Yale campus as well. MS 1362

Sophia Tierong Zhu Papers, 1947-2003. Papers of a Yale educated (M.A., 1948) Chinese woman who, with her husband, Zhang Ifan (L.D.S., 1948) were victims of anti-rightist movements in China. Zhu has worked with and befriended many of the English Language Instructors (ELIs) in the Yale-China Association program since ties were re-established between Yale and Hunan Medical University in 1979. Papers are in Chinese and English. MS 1709

In addition to the collections of personal papers described above, the following collections include documentation on the individual’s participation in that program but to a much lesser extent than those above:

William Sloane Coffin (MS 1665), Ralph Henry Gabriel (MS 228), John Augustus Hartwell (MS 1340), and Sidney Lovett (MS 1089).

Other


William Henry Bennett Family Papers, 1857-1901. Mainly family correspondence between William H. Bennett, his wife, and father containing news of Hampton, Conn., student life at Yale College (ca. 1860s), and family news from the Bennetts in the Mid-West. There are also photographs and essays on the New York Produce Exchange, as well as photographs of tea cultivation in India and China and of a survey party at the Nicaragua canal. MS 912

Reuben L. and Marcionella V. Curtiss Papers, 1942-1979. Correspondence between Reuben L. and Marcionella V. Curtiss during World War II when each was serving in the United States Army make up the bulk of the papers. Reuben L. Curtiss's letters are sent from various parts of the United States, Africa, India, and China. MS 853

Historical Picture Collection, 1840-1980. Documenting China are forty-eight views of “The Seige of Peking,” 1900, by C. A. Killie; seven lantern slides of the Seige of Peking, Taku and Tientsin; and view of the interior of the Temple of Heaven, Beijing, by T. V. Soong. MS 713
**Charles Prentice Howland Family Papers, 1809-1958.** Lawyer, author, and foreign affairs specialist. Outlines and notes on China and Japan for the book on Manchuria he was writing at the time of his death. MS 292

**Walter Clay Lowdermilk Papers, 1969.** Consultant on conservation projects in China, his papers include a typed manuscript (mimeograph) of "Soil, Forest, and Water Conservation in China, Israel, Africa, and the United States." MS 597

**Pamphlet Collection.** Miscellaneous publications with coverage on China including the following subjects: antiquities, description and travel, economic conditions and policy, foreign relations, history, industry, and politics and government. MS 1351

**Charles Parkman Rockwood Papers, 1939-1945.** Correspondence, clippings, photographs, and memorabilia document Rockwood's service as a teacher for Yale-in-China at Yuanling, Hunan Province as well as life in wartime China, his struggle with poliomyelities in 1940, and his service with the U.S. Office of War Information in rural areas of India, Burma, and China, 1944-1945. MS 1159

**James Harvey Rogers Papers, 1904-1963.** Correspondence documents Rogers's academic appointments, research, participation in formulating economic policies for the New Deal, his post as American representative to the Economic Committee of the League of Nations, and his trip to China, Japan, and India in 1934 as a representative of the U.S. Treasury to study the silver situation. MS 421

**Southeast Asia Collection, 1912-1984.** An artificial collection of pamphlets, papers, letters, speeches, songs, printed material, posters, photographs, and miscellanea relating to the politics, culture, and life of the Southeast Asia region. MS 743

**Edward Comfort Starr Papers, 1854-1916.** Correspondence of family members and associates sent to Starr from Connecticut and China, including items relating to the Congregational Church. MS 1166

**Stephen I-O Tsai (#125 in the numeric series in Yale Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection).** Account of his imprisonment by the Japanese in Peking from December 7, 1941 to June 12, 1942. MS 1258

**War Poster Collection, 1914-1946.** The collection consists of posters published in nations involved in World War I, 1914-1918, the Spanish Civil War, and World War II, 1939-1945. Great Britain, the United States, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Canada, Australia, Ireland and other nations are represented through posters depicting such diverse topics as recruitment, enlistment, conservation, war loans, civilian service, home relief, foreign relief and propaganda messages. Posters issued by government agencies, social organizations, and private concerns are included. MS 671

Gifts presented to various Yale University presidents from Chinese officials. RU 393