Guide to the John David Hayes Papers

RG 127

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RG 127

CREATOR: Hayes, John David, 1888-1957

TITLE: John David Hayes Papers

DATES: 1921–1969

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers include writings, biographical documentation, photographs, and a tape recording documenting Hayes' work in China. Hayes was a Presbyterian missionary in China from 1917 to 1952, serving primarily in the Peking area. He was involved in student, educational, and administrative work. Hayes was interned by the Japanese during World War II and imprisoned by the Communists in China from 1951 to 1952.

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Requesting Instructions

To view manuscript and archival materials at the Yale Divinity Library, please submit the request form at https://web.library.yale.edu/divinity/form/yale-divinity-library-mss-request-form.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:
b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Gift of the Hayes Family

Conditions Governing Access
Open to qualified researchers.
Biographical / Historical

Date | Event
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1888 Feb 23 | Born in Tengchowfu, Shantung Province, China - son of Presbyterian missionaries Watson MacMillan Hayes and Margaret Young Hayes
1910 | A.B., Princeton University
1911 | Appointed Rhodes Scholar from Ohio as candidate from Wooster College (x’09)
1914 | B.A., Oxford University, England
1914-1915 | Service with Y.M.C.A. in France
1916 | Married Barbara M. Kelman
1917 | B.D., Princeton Theological Seminary
1917-1952 | Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. missionary in China. Hayes was in charge of Presbyterian student Christian work in Peking, China, 1917-1943. He was also Executive Chairman of the American Presbyterian Mission, member of the China Council, member of the Board of Directors of Yenching University, and on various other boards for many years.
1918 -1931 | Involved in various flood and famine relief projects
1925 -1942 | Served on faculty and administration of College of Chinese Studies, Peking
1943 Mar - 1945 Sep | Interned by Japanese authorities in Weihsien Civilian Assembly Centre, Shantung Province.
1948 | Returned to China, serving in Kueiyang, Kweichow Province.
1949 -1951 Mar | Taught at government university following Communist takeover
1951 Oct - 1952 Sep | Jailed by Communists
1955 | Went to Indonesia to work with students
1957 | Died from injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Indonesia

Scope and Contents

Hayes’ work with students in China, his administrative work, and his work in famine and flood relief are described in biographical accounts. Of particular interest are Hayes’ writings regarding his period of Japanese internment and the “confessions” that Hayes was forced to write while imprisoned by the Communists.

Arrangement

I. Biographical documentation
II. Writings
III. Collected material
IV. Audio-visual material
## Collection Contents
### Series I. Biographical Documentation

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<td>Narrative account of JDH’s life by his wife, Barbara Kelman Hayes</td>
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## Series II. Writings

The writings of JDH are arranged chronologically

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<td>“The Relationship between American Mission Work and the American Government” (“Confessions” of JDH written while imprisoned by Communists; handwritten and typescript copies)</td>
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<td>Memorandum of address given by Dr. John D. Hayes to the Rhodes Scholar luncheon Thursday, September 10, 1953</td>
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<td>“In and Out the Bamboo Curtain” - Wooster Alumni Bulletin; “Experiences in Red China”; transcription of “tape made informally in the home of friends in Washington, D. C.”</td>
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<td>Photographs of Kansu Earthquake (33, with some duplicates)</td>
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<td>Tape recording of radio program: “Facing Communism”</td>
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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.

Subjects
Communism -- China

Names
Hayes, John David, 1888-1957

Corporate Body
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A -- Missions -- China