Guide to the Eva Asher Papers

RG 139

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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.

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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

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Eva Mae Asher.

Conditions Governing Access

Open to qualified researchers

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 FCU 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 YDSL 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

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<td>Loose photos: EMA portraits and personal photos; Chinese friends, students, colleagues; Western friends and relatives; Scenes, primarily in Fujian province</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
Missions -- China
Women missionaries -- China

Geographic Names
Fuzhou Shi (Fujian Province, China)

Names
Asher, Eva

Corporate Body
Fujian xie he da xue