

# Guide to the Richard D. Weigle Papers

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**CREATOR:** Weigle, Richard Daniel, 1912-

**TITLE:** Richard D. Weigle papers

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 9.42 linear feet (14 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of material related to Richard Weigle's time as a Yale-in-China bachelor and his service in the United States Army Air Force and the Chinese Army in India during World War II. The collection also contains material related to Richard Weigle's father, Luther Weigle.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Mary Martha Weigle Estate, 2019.

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## Biographical / Historical

Richard D. Weigle was born in Northfield, Minnesota in 1912, and grew up in New Haven, Connecticut. After graduating from Yale University in 1931, he was a Yale-in-China bachelor from 1931 to 1933, teaching at Changsha in Hunan Province, China. He returned to China in 1935, and afterwards received a doctorate in diplomatic history from Yale University. He taught at Carleton College in Minnesota until leaving in 1942 to join the United States military. During World War II, Weigle served in the United States Army Air Force and the Chinese Army in India. After the war, Weigle was president of St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland for thirty-one years. He died in Annapolis in 1992.

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## Content Description

The collection consists of material related to Richard Weigle's time as a Yale-in-China bachelor and his service in the United States Army Air Force and the Chinese Army in India during World War II. The collection also contains material related to Richard Weigle's father, Luther Weigle. Included in the collection are family genealogies, photographs and negatives of the Weigle family and Richard's time in Asia and Europe, clippings pertaining to Richard and Luther Weigle, travel journals documenting Richard's time in Europe and China, a Yale-in-China diary kept by Richard Weigle, Weigle family correspondence, a World War II scrapbook, and Richard Weigle oral histories.

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## Arrangement

The papers are arranged in three groupings: Early life, China and later years, and Luther Weigle.

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## Collection Contents

Early life		
b. 1, f. 1	Baby book and photograph album	1912–1931
b. 1, f. 2	Student notebook and scrapbook	1926–1927
b. 1, f. 3-7	Weigle family photographs	1912–1931
China and later years		
b. 8	Changing Lives, Yale-China Association <i>07:56 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) 1 Videocassette (VHS)</i> Original audiovisual materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be played. Researchers must consult use copies, or if none exist must pay for a use copy, which is retained by the repository. Researchers wishing to obtain an additional copy of non-commercially produced items for their personal use should consult the ordering reproductions information on the Manuscripts and Archives web site.	Undated
b. 9	Changsha <i>1 Videocassette (VHS)</i> Original audiovisual materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be played. Researchers must consult use copies, or if none exist must pay for a use copy, which is retained by the repository. Researchers wishing to obtain an additional copy of non-commercially produced items for their personal use should consult the ordering reproductions information on the Manuscripts and Archives web site.	Undated
b. 10	China 1930s <i>1 Videocassette</i> Original audiovisual materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be played. Researchers must consult use copies, or if none exist must pay for a use copy, which is retained by the repository. Researchers wishing to obtain an additional copy of non-commercially produced items for their personal use should consult the ordering reproductions information on the Manuscripts and Archives web site.	Undated
b. 2, f. 1	China promotional articles and publications	circa 1970s
b. 2, f. 2	China trip travel documents	1935
b. 2, f. 3	Chinese Combat Command certificate of merit	1945
Correspondence		
b. 2, f. 4	China travel	1978–1993
b. 2, f. 5	Needham, Merrill	1945–1991
b. 2, f. 6	Weigle family yearly Christmas letters and updates Consists primarily of photocopies of original letters.	circa 1940s and undated
b. 2, f. 7	Weigle, Richard	1932–1945
b. 2, f. 8	Diplomatic dishes cookbook	1949

b. 2, f. 9	Father 1930s A related CD is housed separately for preservation purposes.	
b. 11	Father 1930s 2019-M-0014-0001 <i>1 CD-R 3093346304 bytes (3.09 Gigabytes.)</i> Document containing description of contents in CD housed separately. Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Public Services for further information.  This material was imaged or captured by Beinecke staff in 2024 for preservation and access. Additional information about actions taken may be available at the repository.	
b. 2, f. 10	Intercollegiate Outing Club Association song fest	1941
b. 2, f. 11	Oral history interview with Richard D. Weigle, transcript, and China articles	2004–2012
	Photographs	
	Albums	
b. 3, f. 1	Carleton College	circa 1940s
b. 3, f. 2	Weigle family Material provided from the donor indicated that this album is from Richard and Mary's first years, during the war. Mary stayed with her family, Luther, and Clara at Sunapee, Luther's summer home, until Richard returned after their daughter's birth.	circa 1940s
b. 12	Weigle, Richard, World War II service	1944
	Negatives	
b. 3, f. 3	Athens	circa 1930s
b. 3, f. 4-10	China	circa 1930s
b. 4, f. 1-9	China	circa 1930s
b. 4, f. 10	World War II service in Europe and Asia	circa 1940s
	Print photographs	
b. 4, f. 11-13	China and World War II service	circa 1930s–1940s
b. 4, f. 14	China, later trips	1980–1986
b. 4, f. 15	Chinese visitors to New Haven	1948
b. 13	Yale-In-China group photograph	circa 1930s
b. 4, f. 16	Weigle family	circa 1930s
b. 4, f. 17-18	Weigle, Richard	circa 1940s–1980s

## Photographs (continued)

b. 5, f. 1	Slides, Weigle family trip to China	1980
b. 5, f. 2	<i>The Sugar Interests and American Diplomacy in Hawaii and Cuba, 1893-1903</i> , Yale dissertation by Richard D. Weigle	1939
b. 5, f. 3-4	Travel journals and notebooks	circa 1930s–1940s
b. 5, f. 5	United States military patches and dog tag	circa 1940s
b. 14	United States military pins and belt buckle <i>25 Items</i>	circa 1940s
b. 5, f. 6	Vincent, John Carter, memorial service	1973
b. 5, f. 7	Weigle, Luther Jr., and Jacqueline Sanborn Weigle	1973
b. 5, f. 8	Yale-China association oral history of Richard D. Weigle	1985
b. 6, f. 1	Yale-China diary	1931
b. 6, f. 2	Yale teaching	1954–1956
Luther Weigle		
b. 6, f. 3	Biographical material and obituary	1973–2012
b. 6, f. 4	Boxund family story and genealogy	2001
b. 6, f. 5	Bridal souvenir book for wedding of Luther Weigle and Clara Boxund	1909
b. 6, f. 6-7	Correspondence, Clara Boxund	1907–1908
b. 6, f. 8-9	Genealogy	1926–1995
b. 7, f. 1-2	Genealogy	1926–1995
b. 7, f. 3	<i>The Glory Days: From the Life of Luther Allan Weigle</i> , by Richard D. Weigle	1976
b. 7, f. 4	Gutenberg Bible 3-cent stamp	1952
b. 7, f. 5	Knight of St. Gregory, papal award received by Luther Weigle	1965–1966
b. 7, f. 6	Newspaper clippings of Luther Weigle	1917–1987
Photographs of Luther Weigle and family		
b. 7, f. 7	Albums	circa 1970s–2008
b. 7, f. 8	Print photographs	1964–1980
b. 7, f. 9	Proceedings of the 99th annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of West Pennsylvania	1923

## **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**

World War -- 1939-1945 -- China  
Yale-in-China Association  
Yale University -- Divinity School

### **Contributors**

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Weigle, Luther A. (Luther Allan), 1880-1976