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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RG 338

CREATOR: Kapenga, Jay Roland (1918-1993)

TITLE: Jay and Marjory Kapenga Papers

DATES: 1940–2018

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3.5 linear feet (8 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English (Latin script)

SUMMARY: To be added.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.338>

Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.338>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Kapenga Family, 2024.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

Jay and Marjory Kapenga Papers (RG 338), Special Collections, Yale Divinity Library.

Biographical / Historical

To be added.

Scope and Contents

To be added.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1940–2010

b. 1, f. 1	MUK college correspondence Correspondence to/and from MUK during enrollment at Cornell University.	1940 January 21– 1943 January 26
b. 1, f. 2	MUK college correspondence	1943 February 27–1944 October 30
b. 1, f. 3	MUK college correspondence	1940–1944
b. 1, f. 4	MUK college correspondence	1940–1944
b. 1, f. 5	MUK college correspondence	1940–1944
b. 1, f. 6	Correspondence	1944 May–1944 December 15
b. 1, f. 7	Correspondence	1945 January 1– 1945 July 12
b. 1, f. 8	Correspondence	1945 July 15– 1945 December 28
b. 1, f. 9	Correspondence	1946 January 27– 1946 August 4
b. 1, f. 10	Correspondence	1946 August 7– 1946 December 29
b. 2, f. 1	Correspondence	1946 October 2– 1946 November 4
b. 2, f. 2	Correspondence	1946 November 7–1946 December 29
b. 2, f. 3	Correspondence	1947 January 1– 1947 March 11
b. 2, f. 4	Correspondence	1947 March 13– 1947 May 11
b. 2, f. 5	Correspondence	1947 May 12– 1947 July 28
b. 2, f. 6	Correspondence	1947 August 2– 1947 December 25
b. 2, f. 7	Correspondence	1948 January 6– 1948 November 25

b. 2, f. 8	Correspondence	1949 January– 1949 December 25
b. 2, f. 9	Correspondence	1950 January 4– 1950 December 26
b. 2, f. 10	Correspondence	1951 January 26– 1952 December 27
b. 3, f. 1	Correspondence	1953 January 6– 1954 December 19
b. 3, f. 2	Correspondence	1955 January 3– 1955 November 12
b. 3, f. 3	"Ruth Young affair" Correspondence organized by the family regarding missionary Ruth Young's leave from the Oman Mission in the 1950s.	1954 November 3–1955 February 24
b. 3, f. 4	"Ruth Young affair" Correspondence organized by the family regarding missionary Ruth Young's leave from the Oman Mission in the 1950s.	1955 March 6– 1955 December 19
b. 3, f. 5	Correspondence	1956 January 1– 1956 December 26
b. 3, f. 6	Correspondence	1957 January 1– 1957 December 17
b. 3, f. 7	Correspondence	1958 January 15– 1958 December 30
b. 3, f. 8	Correspondence	1959 January 8– 1959 December 31
b. 3, f. 9	Correspondence	1960 January 2– 1960 December 5
b. 3, f. 10	Correspondence	1961 January 2– 1962 December 18
b. 3, f. 11	Correspondence	1963 January 4– 1964 December 27

b. 3, f. 12	Correspondence	1965 February 9– 1965 December 28
b. 3, f. 13	Correspondence	1966 January 11– 1966 December 29
b. 3, f. 14	Correspondence	1967 January 7– 1967 December 16
b. 4, f. 1	Correspondence	1968 January 4– 1969 December 22
b. 4, f. 2	Correspondence	1970 January 2– 1970 December 15
b. 4, f. 3	Correspondence	1971 January 25– 1971 December 14
b. 4, f. 4	Correspondence	1972 March 11– 1972 December 5
b. 4, f. 5	Correspondence	1973 January 2– 1973 December 9
b. 4, f. 6	Correspondence	1974 January 16– 1974 October 14
b. 4, f. 7	Correspondence	1975 February 18–1975 December 26
b. 4, f. 8	Correspondence	1976 January 4– 1976 December 30
b. 4, f. 9	Correspondence	1977 January– 1977 November 10
b. 4, f. 10	Correspondence	1978 January 19– 1978 December 28
b. 4, f. 11	Correspondence	1979 January 4– 1979 December 30
b. 4, f. 12	Correspondence	1980 January 7– 1980 December 27

b. 5, f. 1	Correspondence	1981 January 2– 1981 November 29
b. 5, f. 2	Correspondence	1982 January 11– 1982 December 27
b. 5, f. 3	Correspondence	1983 January 2– 1983 November 29
b. 5, f. 4	Correspondence	1984 January 4– 1987 October 26
b. 5, f. 5	Correspondence	1988 January 17– 1988 November 1
b. 5, f. 6	Correspondence	1989 January 22–1989 November 10
b. 5, f. 7	Correspondence	1990 January 3– 1990 November
b. 5, f. 8	Correspondence	1991 February 5– 1992 April 6
b. 5, f. 9	Correspondence	1993 February 2– 1995 June 13
b. 5, f. 10	Correspondence	2002 August 6– 2010 January 19
b. 5, f. 11	Arabic language correspondence	1960s?–1990s
b. 5, f. 12	Miscellaneous correspondence	n.d.

Series II: Writings, 1946–2018

JRK and MUK writings		
b. 6, f. 1	Annual missionary reports Includes materials related to annual meetings.	1949–1975
b. 6, f. 2	"Life in Muscat," "The Kapenga Family," "Trip to Europe"	1949–1963
b. 6, f. 3	"Raps with the Kaps," Advice for new missionaries	
b. 6, f. 4	Correspondence for weaving book	1983–1991
b. 6, f. 5	"Traditional Weaving in Oman" Includes drafted chapter and family note.	2018
b. 6, f. 6	"Back Home and Beyond"	n.d.
b. 6, f. 7	Miscellaneous writings	n.d.
JRK writings		
Original order established by family kept intact.		
b. 6, f. 8	Personal journal	1944–1945?
b. 6, f. 9	"That The Light May Shine," "A Shop on Maine Street," "Ya'Coub, Colporteur in Kuwait," "Those Crazy Missionaries," "A Team in Muscat," "On Religious Movies"	1946–1956
b. 6, f. 10	"1949 Trip from Bahrain to Muscat"	
b. 6, f. 11	Thoughts on 'The Evangel', "Evangelism Today as I See It," "The Resurrection and Its Meaning," Essay on 'the origin of worship', Holland Classis meeting speech, "The Cross - A Symbol"	1950s?
b. 6, f. 12	Thoughts on 'Mission Medicine in Muscat'	
b. 6, f. 13	"Kuwait Church News-Notes," Graduation speech at Kodai school	1958–1968
b. 6, f. 14	Self evaluation	
b. 6, f. 15	"Arabic Sunday Service," "The Muscat Bookshop," "The Expatriate Church in Oman," "A Talk on Travel in the Old Days," "Old Days in Oman"	1970s–1980s
b. 6, f. 16	"Dum Dum," "Lepers," "The Squeaky Pulley,"	1980s?
b. 6, f. 17	"Sayyid Said Bin Taimur Bin Faisal: Sultan of Muscat and Oman"	1980s?
b. 6, f. 18	"The Adnan," "Cars/Police," "Coffee," "Potpourri Hub,"	1980s?
b. 6, f. 19	"Whose Religion?," "George Fox and Quaker Spirituality,"	1980s?
b. 6, f. 20	"Two Talks on the History of the English Speaking Protestant Church, Ruwi, Oman," American women's group speech	1980–1981
b. 7, f. 1	"Islamic Revivalism"	1988 November 8
b. 7, f. 2	"Pastorate in Mission," Prayer for Penney Farms Church	1989–1990

JRK writings (continued)

b. 7, f. 3	"Here and There Around the Great Sea"	1990
b. 7, f. 4	"Ahmed Al-Ghazali" Includes notes for final paper.	1991
b. 7, f. 5	"Live Sea Scrolls"	1992-1993
b. 7, f. 6	"New Forms of Mission"	n.d.
b. 7, f. 7	"The Psychological Basis for Expansions and other Emphases and Activities as I see it"	n.d.
b. 7, f. 8	Liturgical writings Contains several liturgical writings, including service in Oman with Arabic translation.	1968-1983
b. 7, f. 9	Notes	1940-1993
MUK writing Original order organized by family kept intact.		
b. 7, f. 10	"Senior Birds"	1940s
b. 7, f. 11	"American Indians"	1940s
b. 7, f. 12	"Social Psychology Term Paper: The Case of Dody"	1940s
b. 7, f. 13	"This We Count a Priviledge" Article written for publication "Neglected Arabia" #215.	1949
b. 7, f. 14	"Forces Influencing Arab Psychology"	1957-1958
b. 7, f. 15	"A Trip to the Wool Weavers" Account used in weaving publication.	1976
b. 7, f. 16	Journal Retyped notes from daily journal.	1976-1983
b. 7, f. 17	"Nothing at All: Hasidic Tales and Sufi Literature"	1978-1991
b. 7, f. 18	"Our Love Affair with Oman," "Old Oman," "Growing Up in the Muslim World"	1980-1984
b. 7, f. 19	"The Arabian Mission Dream"	1989
b. 7, f. 20	"Marching to a Different Drum," "The Time of Apricots," "Ramadan," "Generations"	1990s
	"Why Mission Schools?"	1990s
b. 7, f. 21	"Arabian Mission, Muscat, Oman 1893-1994," "What Does it Mean to be a Missionary in a Muslim Country?" Contains publication written for the Church Herald while in retirement, as well as transcribed notes found on Marjory Kapenga's desk by her son, Peter.	1990s

MUK writing (continued)

b. 7, f. 22	"A Journey of the Spirit: The Life and Poetry of Theodore Roethke" Includes correspondence regarding final paper.	1990s?
b. 8, f. 1	"Real Singing is a Different Breath: Rainer Maria Rilke"	1990s?
b. 8, f. 2	Letter to a magazine in response to an article about Jungian psychology and Hasidic Judaism Photocopied letter to an editor, contains additional handwritten commentary from Marjory's husband, Jay Kapenga.	n.d.
b. 8, f. 3	"Content of Your Christian Message"	n.d.

Series III: Biographical Documentation, 1940–2014

b. 8, f. 4	MUK biographical documentation Contains Marjory Kapenga's CV, a newspaper article about her first trip to the Middle East, answers to a missionary questionnaire posed to her during retirement, recorded reflections, funeral program and written eulogy, published obituary, and photograph.	1940–2014
b. 8, f. 5	JRK biographical documentation Contains program for ordination, a speech delivered at Jay and Marjory Kapenga's wedding, CV, newspaper articles, answers to missionary questionnaire completed during retirement, funeral program and transcript of memorial service.	1944–1993
b. 8, f. 6	Kapenga family geneology report Correspondence that includes Kapenga family geneology report.	1991–1992
b. 8, f. 7	Collected materials Includes excerpts from a statement by the Sultan of Oman from 1968 about financial improvements in the Middle East and the export of oil.	1959–1999

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.

Names

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