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# **Guide to the Henry Hale Bucher, Sr. and Louise Scott Bucher Papers**

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 249

**CREATOR:** Bucher, Henry Hale, 1907-1998

**TITLE:** Henry Hale Bucher, Sr. and Louise Scott Bucher Papers

**DATES:** 1920-2012

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 7 linear feet (15 boxes + 1 portfolio)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** This collection documents the life and work of the Rev. Henry Hale Bucher, Sr. and his wife Louise Catron Scott Bucher, who served as Presbyterian missionaries in China and the Philippines, and as fraternal workers in Thailand from 1929 to 1972. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence from the Buchers to their families and their children. Writings of the Buchers, biographical documentation, collected material, photographs, and audio materials document their missionary work as well as their time in the Santo Tomas and Los Baños internment camps in the Philippines during World War II, when forced to leave China by the Japanese occupation.

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## Requesting Instructions

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Dr. Henry Hale Bucher, Jr., 2012, 2014

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

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## Processing Information

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## Biographical / Historical

### Chronology

- 1907 December 7      ○ Henry Hale Bucher born in Pennington, New Jersey to the Rev. George Hough Bucher and Anna Williams Hale Bucher
- 1908 October 12     ○ Louise Catron Scott born in Childress, Montgomery County, Virginia to Samuel Alexander Scott and Lucy Alma Lucas Scott
- 1924-1928           ○ Henry attended and graduated from Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania
- 1926-1933           ○ Louise attended and graduated from State Teachers College, East Radford, Virginia and taught biology at Radford High School
- 1929-1931           ○ Henry taught at Bangkok Christian College in Bangkok, Thailand (Siam), appointed by Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.
- 1931-1934           ○ Henry attended and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary
- 1933 September 6   ○ Henry and Louise married in Roanoke, Virginia.
- 1934                  ○ Commissioned by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions to work on the island of Hainan, South China, first stationed in Qionghuan (Kiungchow), Hainan and later in Ledong (Nodoa).
- 1934 November 8   ○ Birth of first child, daughter Anna Louise Bucher, in Haikou (Haikow), Hainan
- 1936 March 7       ○ Birth of second child, son Henry H. Bucher, Jr.
- 1937 June 6         ○ Twin daughters born, Priscilla Jo and Dorothy June. Dorothy was stillborn and Priscilla was disabled at birth.
- 1937 September    ○ Family moved to Hong Kong, staying at Phillips House, due to health reasons and Sino-Japanese war.
- 1938                  ○ Family returned to Hainan, stationed in Ledong (Nodoa). Henry worked with Loi people group in island's interior.
- 1939                  ○ Conditions on Hainan deteriorating due to Japanese occupation, the family left for furlough in the U.S. Christmas 1939 was spent in Roanoke, Virginia.

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- 1940 September ○ Returned to China on Canadian liner, Empress of Russia. Henry and Louise enrolled in the School for Chinese Learning in Beijing (Peiping) to learn Mandarin.
- 1941 January ○ Bucher family evacuated to Philippine Islands, initially staying in Baguio and later Manila. Bucher taught at Union High School and Union Theological Seminary.
- 1941 December ○ Family evacuated to Los Baños during bombing of Manila, then returned to Manila.
- 1942 January ○ Bucher interned at University of Santo Tomas while Louise and children remained in occupied Manila but allowed to return after two weeks. Second son, George Scott Bucher, born.
- 1944 July ○ Family relocated from occupied Manila to Los Baños internment camp. Food became scarce as internment continued.
- 1945 February ○ U.S. soldiers and Filipinos enabled the escape of internees from Los Baños camp; internees housed on New Bilibad prison grounds until repatriation.
- 1945 May ○ Bucher family returned to U.S. on USS Eberlee and went to New Jersey and later to Hartford, Connecticut where Henry and Louise enrolled at Hartford Seminary.
- 1946 December ○ Family returned to China, stationed at Qiongsan (Kiungchow), Hainan.
- 1948-1949 ○ Children Anna and Henry, Jr. attended boarding school at Shanghai American School.
- 1949 Spring ○ Family went to Hong Kong where Henry, Sr. was hospitalized with amoebic dysentery. Doctor recommended health leave to the U.S. in the summer of 1949
- 1949 July ○ Bucher family returned to U.S. and resided in New Jersey.
- 1950-1955 ○ Bucher served as Associate Director of Missionary Education in the Presbyterian (U.S.A.) Board of Christian Education, Philadelphia
- 1956-1972 ○ Henry and Louise Bucher served in Phetchaburi (Phetburi), Thailand under the Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
- 1964 ○ Daughter Priscilla severely burned when her clothes accidentally caught fire in the family's Phetchaburi (Phetburi) kitchen. This added to the trauma of cerebral palsy from childbirth.
- 1972-1977 ○ The Buchers retired and went to live in Chattanooga, TN where Henry engaged in various temporary pastoral positions at four Presbyterian churches in the area.
- 1978 ○ For health considerations, the Buchers left Chattanooga for retirement communities, initially in Leesburg, Florida and later in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and at Westminster Garden in Duarte, California. While in Leesburg, Henry was the organizing pastor of the Lake Square Presbyterian Church.
- 1996 November 8 ○ Louise Bucher died. In 1997 her ashes were buried half near Roanoke, Virginia, and half in Phetchaburi (Phetburi), Thailand.
- 1998 November 25 ○ Henry H. Bucher, Sr. died. In 1999 his ashes were buried half near Roanoke, Virginia, and half in Phetchaburi (Phetburi), Thailand

## Scope and Contents

This collection provides valuable insight into the life and work of Presbyterian missionaries Henry Hale Bucher, Sr. and Louise Scott Bucher. The Buchers were involved in missionary work from 1929 to 1972 and served in a variety of settings, from Henry Bucher's initial period of teaching at Bangkok Christian College through their years stationed in Hainan, South China, evacuation to the Philippines during World War II, time spent in internment camps, a return to China after the war, evacuation due to the Communist takeover in China, and eventual return to mission work in Thailand.

Series I, Family Correspondence, contains frequent, detailed letters that the Buchers wrote home to their families. These letters provide excellent documentation of their mission activities, family life, and the political disruptions of the time. The letters of Henry tend to be more substantial in terms of describing events, issues, and activities of their work, while Louise's letters deal more with family matters. The series includes both "circular" type letters addressed to the home families in general as well as letters addressed to specific family members. Letters written by Henry and Louise to their own children in later years, are more personal in nature and less descriptive of mission activities.

Most valuable in Series II, General Correspondence, are the circular letters that the Buchers sent to their supporters and friends at home. These provide a succinct overview of their work in the various venues where they found themselves. Also of interest in this series are letters written to the Buchers by former students and colleagues in China and Thailand, as well as communications from Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church and from the American Consulate regarding the situation for missionaries in China and Philippines during war.

Series III, Writings and Notes of the Buchers, includes interesting journal-type writings by Henry that describe his mission trips into the countryside in great detail. Also contained in this series are writings from the period when Henry was Associate Director of Missionary Education in the Presbyterian (U.S.A.) Board of Christian Education. Extensive sermon notes from through Henry's life are also included.

Series IV, Collected Material, is organized according to the various stages of their work. Documentation of the Hainan Mission of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. is particularly rich. Also of significant interest is collected material relating to the internment camps in the Philippines during the Second World War and in particular the raid by the U.S. Army that rescued inhabitants of the Los Baños camp.

Series V, Personal Items and Memorabilia, is divided into three sections: Biographical documentation, Artifacts and certificates, and Audio-visual materials. This series fills out the story of the Buchers' internment experience both through biographical documentation and through audio-visual materials. Numerous photographs trace the growth of the Bucher family and illustrate the venues where they worked.

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## Arrangement

- I. Family Correspondence
- II. General Correspondence
- III. Writings and Notes of the Buchers
- IV. Collected Materials
- V. Personal Items and Memorabilia

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Family Correspondence

To families of Henry Hale Bucher Sr. and Louise Catron Scott Bucher  
English

This subseries contains letters addressed to "Dear Families" or "Dearest Families" - typescript letters generally addressed to the families of Henry and Louise. Letters addressed to specific family members are contained in the following two subseries.

b. 1, f. 1	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Qiongshan (Kiungchow), Hainan, including regarding birth of daughter Anna Louise, language study, new home	1934 October - 1935 March
b. 1, f. 2	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Qiongshan (Kiungchow), including regarding a church service and election of Elders, and birth of son Henry	1935 August - 1936 December
b. 1, f. 3	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Qiongshan (Kiungchow), including mission work, growth of children Anna Louise, Henry, and new baby Priscilla (surviving twin)	1937 April - 1937 October
b. 1, f. 4	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Ledong (Nodoa), including regarding Henry's trip to the Loi country, interactions with fellow missionaries	1938 February - 1939 January
b. 1, f. 5	12 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Ledong (Nodoa), College of Chinese Studies (Beijing (Peking)) and Philippines, including regarding disruptions of war	1939 February - 1941 April
b. 1, f. 6	9 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Manila	1941 Jun - Sep
b. 1, f. 7	12 letters, written by Henry and Louise following internment, from boat and Hong Kong, return to Qiongshan (Kiungchow), Hainan in February 1947	1946 December - 1947 December
b. 1, f. 8	9 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Qiongshan (Kiungchow), including regarding Henry's trip to Ngai Tsui, mission work	1948 January - 1948 May
b. 1, f. 9	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Qiongshan (Kiungchow), including regarding "Christianizing the Home" campaign, economic situation	1948 May - 1948 November
b. 1, f. 10	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Qiongshan (Kiungchow), including regarding Anna Louise and Henry, Jr. at Shanghai American School, Henry's trips to countryside	1948 November - 1949 April
b. 1, f. 11	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Qiongshan (Kiungchow), Hong Kong, New Jersey, Thailand, Florida	1949 April - 1981, undated
To/from family of Louise Scott Bucher		
b. 1, f. 12	10 letters, primarily written by Louise from Qiongshan (Kiungchow), Hainan, South China, regarding family matters	1934 August - 1935 December
b. 1, f. 13	10 letters, written by Louise from Qiongshan (Kiungchow), including regarding birth of son	1936 February - 1937 February

## To/from family of Louise Scott Bucher (continued)

b. 1, f. 14	8 letters, written by Louise from Qionghshan (Kiungchow), Hong Kong, and Ledong (Nodoa), Hainan, including regarding expecting twins	1937 March - 1938 March
b. 1, f. 15	10 letters, written by Louise and Henry from Ledong (Nodoa); letters from Henry describe trip into Loi country, Easter services, summer Bible School	1938 April - 1939 February
b. 1, f. 16	10 letters, written by Louise while on furlough in U.S.	1939 Nov - 1940, no date circa 1930s
b. 1, f. 17	7 letters, written by Louise from Beijing and beginning in March 1941 from the Philippines	1940 Oct - 1941 Nov
b. 1, f. 18	13 letters, including letter to Scott family from Marjorie Judson, missionary colleague of the Buchers, regarding events in Philippines; letters from Louise, Henry, and children on American Red Cross stationery, following internment, and from ship returning to U.S.	1944 Feb - 1945 Apr
b. 1, f. 19	9 letters, written by Louise and Henry after return to Hainan, including regarding trip by Henry to Zi-lim, Ngai Tsiu, Hainanese marital and religious customs	1947 Feb - 1949 Jun
b. 1, f. 20	4 letters, written by Louise and Henry enroute to Thailand and from Bangkok and Phetchaburi (Phet Buri; referred to by Buchers as Phetburi or Petburi)	1956 October - 1959 May
b. 1, f. 21	10 letters, from Louise and Henry in Phetchaburi (Phetburi) and from Miss Yupa Oonyawongse, who had visited relatives of Louise in the U.S.	1962 January - 1963 December
b. 1, f. 22	10 letters, written by Louise and Henry from Phetchaburi (Phetburi), Thailand, including regarding accident that left daughter Priscilla with severe burns	1964 January - 1964 October 3
b. 1, f. 23	9 letters, written by Louise and Henry from Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1964 October 6 - 1964 November
b. 1, f. 24	12 letters, written by Louise and Henry from Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1964 November - 1965 January
b. 1, f. 25	8 letters, written by Louise and Henry from Phetchaburi (Phetburi) and Bangkok	1965 February - April 6
b. 1, f. 26	10 letters, written by Louise Henry, and Priscilla from Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1965 April 10 - 1965 August 4
b. 1, f. 27	10 letters, written by Louise, Henry and Priscilla from Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1965 August 21 - 1966 January
b. 1, f. 28	11 letters, written by Louise and Henry from Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1966 February - 1966 July
b. 1, f. 29	9 letters, written by Louise and Henry from Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1966 July - 1967 March 9
b. 1, f. 30	11 letters, written by Louise and Henry, from Bangkok and Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1967 March 6 - 1967 November
b. 1, f. 31	10 letters, written by Louise and Henry from Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1968 January - July



## To/from family of Louise Scott Bucher (continued)

b. 1, f. 32	6 letters, written by Louise from Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1968 August, circa 1960s
b. 1, f. 33	10 letters, written by Louise from Phetchaburi (Phetburi) and Bangkok	1970 February - 1970 July
b. 1, f. 34	10 letters, written by Louise from Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1970 August - November
b. 1, f. 35	10 letters, written by Louise and Henry from Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1970 December - 1971 May
b. 1, f. 36	10 letters, written by Louise and Henry from Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1971 June - 1972 January
b. 1, f. 37	10 letters, written by Louise and Henry from Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1972 March - 1974 August
b. 1, f. 38	13 letters, written by Louise and Henry from Phetchaburi (Phetburi) and Bangkok	1975 January, circa 1970s
b. 1, f. 39	10 letters, written by Louise and Henry from Leesburg, Florida	1981 Oct - 1983 Nov
b. 1, f. 40	10 letters, written by Louise and Henry from Leesburg, Florida	1984 Jan - 1984 Jun
b. 1, f. 41	10 letters, written by Louise and Henry from Leesburg, Florida	1984 Jun - 1984 Oct
b. 1, f. 42	7 letters, written by Louise and Henry from Leesburg, Florida	1984 Dec - 1987 Jun
b. 1, f. 43	4 undated letters from Louise to family; 2 letters from Aunt Clara	1965, 1967, no date
b. 14, f. 12	Miscellaneous letters written by Clara Scott and other family members to the Buchers	1960s-1970s
To/from family of Henry Hale Bucher, Sr.		
b. 2, f. 1	11 letters, written by Henry regarding trip to Pak Saa, Thailand and teaching at Bangkok Christian College (1930-1931); from Roanoke, VA and en route to China with Louise (1934)	1930 February - 1934 July
b. 2, f. 2	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise regarding arrival in Hong Kong and station at Qiongshan (Kiungchow), Hainan	1934 August - 1934 November
b. 2, f. 3	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Hainan, including regarding birth of daughter Anna Louise and Chinese life and customs, kite flying	1934 Nov - 1935 Feb
b. 2, f. 4	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Qiongshan (Kiungchow), including regarding Chinese New Year rites, language study, beliefs of fellow missionaries	1935 February - 1935 April
b. 2, f. 5	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise regarding Henry's trip to countryside of Hainan and contact with Loi tribe, from visit to Hong Kong, and return to Qiongshan (Kiungchow)	1935 May - 1935 August

## To/from family of Henry Hale Bucher, Sr. (continued)

b. 2, f. 6	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Hainan, including regarding Sunday School and Bible classes	1935 Sep - 1935 Dec
b. 2, f. 7	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Qiongshan (Kiungchow)	1936 January - 1936 February
b. 2, f. 8	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Qiongshan (Kiungchow), including regarding birth of son Henry	1936 March - 1936 September
b. 2, f. 9	14 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Qiongshan (Kiungchow) and Haikou (Hoihow) including regard Henry's trips to visit churches in the countryside, Chinese religious festivals English	1936 September - 1937 May
b. 2, f. 10	20 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Qiongshan (Kiungchow), including regarding birth of twin daughters, of whom Priscilla Jo survived, language study, Henry's trips to countryside, trip to Hong Kong, return to Ledong (Nodoo), Hainan, baptism of Chinese Christians	1937 June - 1938 April
b. 2, f. 11	9 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Ledong (Nodoo), including regarding ordination of Chinese clergy	1938 May - 1938 November
b. 2, f. 12	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Ledong (Nodoo) and then on furlough in Roanoke, VA and Princeton, NJ	1938 December - 1940 September
b. 2, f. 13	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise en route to China, from College of Chinese Studies, Beijing (Peiping), including regarding plans for evacuation to Philippines	1940 September - 1941 January
b. 2, f. 14	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise enroute to Philippines, from Baguio, from Manila	1941 Feb - 1941 Jul
b. 2, f. 15	14 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Manila (1941-1942) and from "somewhere in the Philippines" following internment (1945); 1 letter to George H. Bucher from U.S. Department of the Interior regarding internment of Bucher family by Japanese; 1 letter to Bucher relatives from Presbyterian Board of Missions announcing repatriation of Bucher family; 1 letter from brother-in-law Fred Fowler regarding Bucher family upon repatriation	1941 Aug, 1942 Feb, 1945 Mar, May
b. 2, f. 16	12 letters, written by Henry and Louise, from Hong Kong, from Qiongshan (Kiungchow), Hainan; one letter to George H. Bucher from Presbyterian Board of Missions reassuring him of his son's safety	1947 January - November
b. 2, f. 17	12 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Qiongshan (Kiungchow)	1948 January - July
b. 2, f. 18	7 letters, written by Henry and Louise, from Hong Kong, including regarding Anna Louise and Henry going to school at Shanghai American School	1948 Aug - Dec
b. 2, f. 19	8 letters, written by Henry and Louise from Qiongshan (Kiungchow)	1949, undated
b. 2, f. 20	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise, from Roanoke and Thailand	1957, 1964, undated
b. 2, f. 21	13 letters to Henry and Louise primarily from Robert and Carol Bucher	1947 Aug - 1964 Feb, no date
b. 2, f. 22	10 letters to Henry and Louise primarily from Robert and Carol Bucher	1964 Mar - 1965 Mar

## To/from family of Henry Hale Bucher, Sr. (continued)

b. 2, f. 23	9 letters to Henry and Louise from Robert and Carol Bucher and G. Hale Bucher	1965 Apr - 1995 Nov
b. 2, f. 24	3 letters to Henry and Louise with note from George Bucher while in Manila, P.I.	1943
To/from Bucher children and Louise English		
Various		
b. 2, f. 25	20 letters and cards to parents, grandparents from children of Henry and Louise	1945-1949
b. 2, f. 26	Serial letter written by Henry to Louise and children while on itinerating trip to Hai Bak Peninsula	1936
b. 2, f. 26a	10 letters, written by Henry to children and Louise, primarily from trip to Zi-lim, Ngai Tsui (many with typed transcripts)	1947 Aug - Dec
b. 2, f. 26b	5 letters, written by Henry to children and Louise during trips to the interior, including Si-vun area (with typed transcripts) See also "Dear Diary" letters from same time period in Series IV, Writings	1948 May, Nov; 1949 Jan-Feb
b. 2, f. 27	10 letters, written by Henry and Louise to children, en route to Thailand	1956 - 1958
b. 2, f. 28	15 letters, written by Henry and Louise to children from Thailand	1959 - 1963
b. 2, f. 29	8 letters, written by Henry and Louise to children from Thailand	1964 - 1967
b. 2, f. 30	Miscellaneous letters to/from children and other family members, including Scott to Aunt Clara Scott and regarding deteriorating health of Louise in later years	1966, 1977-1987
b. 2, f. 31	Miscellaneous letters to/from children, spouses, and other family members	1994 - 1995, no date
Priscilla Bucher		
b. 14, f. 8	Letters to parents while she was in Montana and they were in Thailand	1962-1964
b. 14, f. 9	Letters to parents while she was in Wisconsin and her parents were in Thailand, including two letters from the woman with whom she was residing.	1970
Henry H. Bucher, Jr.		
b. 2, f. 32	15 letters and card from parents in New Jersey, en route to Thailand	1955 October - 1956 October
b. 2, f. 33	8 letters from parents en route to Thailand, from Bangkok	1956 November
b. 2, f. 34	11 letters from parents in Bangkok	1956 Dec
b. 2, f. 35	12 letters from parents and Priscilla in Bangkok	1957 Jan
b. 2, f. 36	10 letters from parents and Priscilla in Bangkok	1957 Feb

## To/from Bucher children and Louise &gt; Henry H. Bucher, Jr. (continued)

b. 2, f. 37	11 letters from parents and Priscilla in Bangkok	1957 Mar
b. 2, f. 38	3 letters from parents in Thailand	1957 April
b. 3, f. 1	14 letters from parents and Priscilla in Bangkok	1957 May - Jun
b. 3, f. 2	23 letters from parents and Priscilla in Bangkok and Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1958 February - September
b. 3, f. 3	12 letters from parents in Bangkok and Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1958 October - 1958 November
b. 3, f. 4	11 letters from parents in Phetchaburi (Phetburi) and Bangkok	1958 December - 1959 January
b. 3, f. 5	26 letters from parents in Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1959 February - June
b. 3, f. 6	30 letters from parents in Phetburi and Bangkok	1959 Jun - Nov
b. 3, f. 7	30 letters from parents in Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1959 November - 1960 May
b. 3, f. 8	30 letters from parents in Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1960 May - 1962 December
b. 3, f. 9	30 letters from parents in Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1962 December - 1963 August
b. 3, f. 10	30 letters from parents in Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1963 September - 1964 February
b. 3, f. 11	30 letters from parents in Phetburi and Roanoke	1964 Feb - Jul
b. 3, f. 12	30 letters from parents in U.S. and Phetchaburi (Phetburi); one letter from Nick Lash in Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1964 July - 1965 March
b. 3, f. 13	29 letters from parents and Priscilla in Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1965 March - 1966 September
b. 3, f. 14	30 letters from parents in Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1966 September - 1967 March
b. 3, f. 15	30 letters from parents in Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1967 March - October
b. 3, f. 16	30 letters from parents in Phetburi	1967 Oct - 1968 Apr
b. 3, f. 17	20 letters from parents in Phetchaburi (Phetburi) and U.S.	1968 Aug - 1997, undated
Louise and Henry Sr. to/from each other		
b. 3, f. 18	13 letters to/from Louise and Henry	1947-1948

**Series II: General Correspondence**

## Circular letters from Buchers to supporters and friends

b. 3, f. 19	9 letters, Henry from Bangkok Christian College (1931); Henry and Louise from Qiongsan (Kiungchow) and Ledong (Nodoa)	1931, 1934, 1937-1939
b. 3, f. 20	5 letters, from College of Chinese Studies, Beijing (Peking) and the Philippines	1940 - 1941
b. 3, f. 21	11 letters, from Hartford, CT, from Qiongsan (Kiungchow), Hainan, from Ventnor, NJ	1946 - 1949
b. 3, f. 22	8 letters, from New Jersey, from Bangkok	1951, 1952, 1955 - 1957
b. 4, f. 1	10 letters, from Phetchaburi (Petchaburi, Phetburi), Thailand	1958 August - 1961 April
b. 4, f. 2	10 letters, from New Jersey on furlough; from Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1961 December - 1963 December
b. 4, f. 3	10 letters, from Phetchaburi (Phetburi)	1964 April - 1967 July
b. 4, f. 4	13 letters, from Phetchaburi (Phetburi), from U.S., including regarding Rev. C.T. Tsai	1967 September - 1985 May
b. 4, f. 5	25 letters, from Sante Fe, NM	1985 Jun - 1987 Nov
b. 4, f. 6	10 letters, from Duarte, CA	1994 - 1997
Letters to/from friends and colleagues		
b. 4, f. 6	Letters from Henry's former students at Bangkok Christian College	1931
b. 4, f. 7	Letters from Henry's former students at Bangkok Christian College; letters to/from Dr. Bercovitz, College of Chinese Studies colleagues, Ralph C. Wells and Margaret Frame of Presbyterian Mission	1931, 1938-1941
b. 4, f. 8	Including to/from Ralph C. Wells and E.E. Walline of Presbyterian Mission, C.T. Tsai of Church of Christ in China, Espiritu Cardenas of the Philippines	1945 - 1949
b. 4, f. 9	Including to/from Marshall Welles, students of the Buchers in Thailand	1950 - 1959
b. 4, f. 10	Including to/from John Weir and Theodore Romig of Presbyterian mission regarding work in Thailand, Brown, Kneeder, Curtis, Muller, and others	1960 - 1964
b. 4, f. 11	Including to/from colleagues and former students in Thailand	1966 - 1972
b. 4, f. 12	Including from former students and colleagues in China and Thailand, to Princeton Theological Seminary Class of 1934	1984 - 1987
b. 4, f. 13	Including to/from former students and colleagues in China and Thailand	1987
b. 4, f. 14	Including to/from former students and colleagues in China and Thailand	1992 - 1997
b. 4, f. 15	Including to/from former students and colleagues in China and Thailand, and from Sam Wells, Boot black in Princeton, NJ	no date

## Letters of others

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b. 4, f. 16	Including circular letters of other missionaries and descriptions of internment experience of Bucher family	1939-1944, 1962
b. 4, f. 17	Communications from Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church and from American Consulate regarding situation for missionaries in China and Philippines during war, return of Hainan missionaries requested by Gen. and Mme. Chiang Kai-shek	1937 - 1946

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**Series III: Writings & Notes of Buchers**

## Reports of Henry H. Bucher, Sr.

b. 4, f. 18	Personal reports from China, Philippines, Thailand	1936-1937, 1941, 1960
b. 4, f. 19	"Dear Diary" accounts of field work in Hainan and Thailand (many with typed transcripts)	1947-1949, 1964
b. 4, f. 20	Personal reports and reports of work from Thailand	1962 -1965

## Sermon notes of Henry H. Bucher, Sr.

b. 5, f. 1	Sermon Notes	1951 Jan - 1951 Oct; circa 1951
b. 5, f. 2	Sermon Notes	1952 Jan - 1954 Feb
b. 5, f. 3	Sermon Notes	1975 - 1981 Apr
b. 5, f. 4	Sermon Notes	1981 May - 1981 Jun
b. 5, f. 5	Sermon Notes	1981 Jun - 1981 Sep
b. 5, f. 6	Sermon Notes	1981 Oct - 1981 Nov
b. 5, f. 7	Sermon Notes	1981 Dec; circa 1981
b. 5, f. 8	Sermon Notes	1982 Jan - 1982 Feb
b. 5, f. 9	Sermon Notes	1982 Apr - 1983 May
b. 5, f. 10	Sermon Notes	1983 Jun - 1984 Jul
b. 5, f. 11	Sermon Notes	circa 1984 - 1993 Sep
b. 5, f. 12	Sermon Notes	No date
b. 6, f. 1	Sermon Notes	No date
b. 6, f. 2	Sermon Notes	No date
b. 6, f. 3	Sermon Notes	No date
b. 6, f. 4	Sermon Notes	No date
b. 6, f. 5	Sermon Notes	No date
b. 6, f. 6	Sermon Notes	No date

## Sermon notes of Henry H. Bucher, Sr. (continued)

b. 6, f. 7	Sermon Notes	No date
b. 14, f. 1	Notebook of sermons/notes in Thai script and English	
b. 14, f. 2	Notebook of sermons/notes in Thai script and English, with enclosed articles, clippings	
Writings for publication by Henry H. Bucher, Sr.		
b. 6, f. 8	"Christian Workcamp"; "Christmas Story"; "The Church in China - A Warning to Laymen in America"; "The Church in Hainan - A Challenge to Laymen in America"; "A Handbook for Presbyterian Men"	1950-1952, 1972, no date
b. 6, f. 9	"How to Train Talent in the Church"; "How's Your Teaching Vocabulary"; "The Influence of National Missions on the Life of America"	1952, 1955, no date
b. 6, f. 10	"Learning with International People: An MCM Legacy"; "Old Wine in New Wineskins"; "Perpetuating Interest in Missions"; "Petchaburi in Historical Perspective"	1956, 1981, no date
b. 6, f. 11	"A Profile in Courage and Faith: A Very Great Chinese Gentleman, Rev. C. T. Ts'ai of Shanghai"; "Signs of Hope"; "Sunday School Lessons on Mission"	1952, 1980s, no date
b. 6, f. 12	"Thailand Shepherd"; "Together in Thailand"; "What We Owe to Christian Missionaries"; "Who is my Neighbor?"; "Why Mission?"; "Young People and World Missions"; "Missionary Memories - Thailand"	1950, 1955, 1962, 1987, no date
b. 6, f. 13	Miscellaneous short articles for Presbyterian magazines	1950 - 1952
b. 6, f. 14	Miscellaneous short articles for Department of Missionary Education, Presbyterian Church	1951 - 1953, no date
b. 6, f. 15	Book reviews	1950 - 1955
Autobiographical writings by Henry H. Bucher, Sr.		
b. 6, f. 16	6 typescript autobiographical essays, including "Highlights from the Wartime Memoirs of Henry H. Bucher, Sr."	1980 - 1993, no date
Miscellaneous notes and writings of Henry H. Bucher, Sr.		
b. 6, f. 17	Regarding missions, Hainan, China, Thailand, trip to Asia	1946-1948, 1968, 1985, 1997, no date
b. 14, f. 10	Petchaburi in Historical Perspective	no date
b. 6, f. 18	Poem written for farewell party from Presbyterian Missionary Education Department; updates and "musings" from later life	1955, 1990s
Writings of Louise Scott Bucher		
b. 6, f. 19	Personal report; autobiographical essays; "Christmas in Petburi Thailand"; "Christmas in Thailand"	1955, 1972, no date



**Series IV: Collected Material**

## Regarding China

b. 7, f. 1	Hainan Newsletters - American Presbyterian Mission These published newsletters contain some brief articles by and notices about the Buchers.	1934, 1935, 1937, 1938
b. 7, f. 2	Hainan Newsletters - American Presbyterian Mission	ca. 1948-1949
b. 7, f. 3	Histories of Hainan mission: "The Isle of Palms: Sketches of Hainan"; "Fifty Years in Hainan: American Presbyterian Mission 1881-1931"; report of Hainan Synod	1919, 1931, ca. 1947
b. 7, f. 4	Histories of Hainan mission: "Hainan Revisited" by Frieda R. B. Manus; "The Presbyterian Mission on Hainan Island Under the Japanese, 1937-1941" by Kathleen Lodwick	1985, 1987, 1992
b. 7, f. 5	4 articles re. Hainan Island by M. M. Moninger, from Lingnan Science Journal	1932 - 1934
b. 7, f. 6	Souvenir booklet, postcards, map, and miscellaneous articles about Hainan	1986 - 1987, no date
b. 7, f. 7	Booklet: "It's Happening in Peiping" for distribution by Young People's Department of Board of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.; handwritten notes: "The Overture on Concubinage"; map of China	1932, 1948, no date
b. 7, f. 8	Miscellaneous articles and newsletters related to Christianity in China	1985 - 1997, no date

## Regarding Philippines and internment experience

b. 7, f. 9	Poem, prayer, articles, clippings concerning raid to liberate internment camp at Los Baños on February 23, 1945	1989-1996, no date
b. 7, f. 10	Tributes to individuals interned in Philippines	2000
b. 7, f. 11	Books related to Los Baños raid and internment camps: "The Los Baños Raid: The 11th Airborne Jumps at Dawn"; "Interrupted Lives: Four Women's Stories of Internment during World War II in the Philippines"; "How We Took It"	
b. 8, f. 1	Books related to Los Baños raid and internment camps: "Captive Community" "The Los Baños Prison Camp Raid"; "We Survived War's Crucible"; "Behind Barbed Wire and High Fences"	
b. 8, f. 2	Books related to Los Baños raid and internment camps: "Escape at Dawn"; "Deliverance at Los Baños"; "Land of the Morning"	

## Regarding Thailand

b. 8, f. 3	Handwritten essays by Thai students	1930-1931
b. 8, f. 4	Booklets related to Christianity in Thailand, including "The Siam Outlook" (1934); "Guide to Christian Work in Thailand"; "Christianity in Thailand"	1934, ca. 1950s
b. 8, f. 5	Reports, calendars, articles related to Christianity in Thailand	1957 - 1961

## Regarding Thailand (continued)

b. 8, f. 6	Articles, programs, newsletter, dissertation related to Christianity in Thailand	1970-1996
b. 8, f. 7	Notices regarding First Thai Presbyterian Church, Covina, CA; articles re. Thailand in general	1960s - 1995
b. 8, f. 8	Thai language booklets, hymns, tributes related to Christianity in Thailand	
b. 14, f. 13	Newspaper article re. Prince Mahidol	ca. 1971
Miscellaneous		
b. 8, f. 9	Articles copied and distributed by HHB	
b. 8, f. 10	Articles and clippings	

**Series V: Personal Items and Memorabilia**

Biographical documentation		
b. 9, f. 1	Biographical sketches	ca. 1951, 1958, 1971
b. 9, f. 2	Chronological sequence: regarding internment in Philippines, award of Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbons to Henry and Louise	1942 - 1945 May
b. 9, f. 3	Chronological sequence: clippings regarding return of Bucher family to U.S. following internment	1945
b. 9, f. 4	Chronological sequence: including clippings, tributes from Thailand, departure from Hawthorne residence in Leesburg, FL	1946 - 1989
b. 9, f. 5	Chronological sequence: including 50th anniversary Los Baños reunion, notices from Westminster Gardens, Duarte, CA	1992 - 1997
b. OV1	Regarding Louise Scott Bucher: scrapbook from time at State Teachers College, East Radford, Virginia	1930
b. 9, f. 6	Regarding Louise Scott Bucher: yearbook from Radford High School, clippings from wedding, documentation and tributes from time of her death	1933, 1996, 1997
b. 9, f. 7	Regarding death of Henry Hale Bucher, Sr.: programs and arrangements, conveyance of ashes to Thailand	1998-2000
b. 9, f. 8	Regarding death of Henry Hale Bucher, Sr.: condolence cards and communications	1998
b. 9, f. 9	Regarding Bucher children: clippings regarding wedding of Anna Louise, book: "Ocho Ocho: My Childhood in War-Torn Asia" by Anna Bucher Jones For material related to Henry Hale Bucher, Jr. see YDSL Record Group No. 250, Henry Hale Bucher, Jr. Papers	1954, 2012
b. 9, f. 10	Regarding Bucher children: clippings, documents relating to Priscilla and Scott, including diary from Dhodital hiking trip taken by Scott in 1958	1956 -1984, no date
b. 14, f. 3	Regarding Priscilla Jo Bucher, including regarding health issues, personal memorabilia	1950-1964
b. 14, f. 4	Regarding Priscilla Jo Bucher, including obituaries, statements from memorial service	2013
b. 9, f. 11	Regarding extended families	1942 - 1987, no date
Artifacts, diplomas, certificates		
b. 9, f. 12	Louise Bucher: certificate from U.S. Department of Agriculture State Agricultural College, diploma from State Teachers College, East Radford, VA, Thai language document with photograph	1920, 1930, no date
b. 14, f. 5	Louise Bucher: Pi Gamma Mus certificate, Commonwealth of Virginia State Teachers Certificate, documentation for substitute teaching	1929, 1930, 1953
b. 9, f. 13	Henry Bucher: Chinese business cards, greeting cards sent to his wife, certificate from Westminster College	1992, no date

## Artifacts, diplomas, certificates (continued)

b. OV1	Henry Bucher: diploma from Princeton Theological Seminary, Thai language certificate	1934, no date
b. 14, f. 6	Henry Bucher: Princeton diploma, Certificate of Ordination, Certificate of Church Membership, citation of Henry and Louise from COEMAR, United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.	1934, 1950, 1972
b. 9, f. 14	Chinese cash; Philippines cash - Victory Series No. 66 from World War II era; small silk banner with photograph and Chinese calligraphy; woven textile scene of river and path with Chinese calligraphy	1940s, no date
b. 9, f. 15	Guest book from Phetchaburi (Phetburi), Thailand and Sante Fe, New Mexico	1962 - 1968, 1985
b. 10, f. 1	Guest book from Thailand and U.S.	1968 - 1995
b. OV-D5	Large silk banner with photograph of staff of Hoihow Hospital, Hainan surrounded by signatures of Chinese staff	

## Audio-Visual Materials

## Photographs

## Family

b. 10, f. 2	Henry Hale Bucher, Sr.	1929 -1997
b. OV1	Henry Hale Bucher, Sr.: oversize group photos from Princeton Theological Seminary	1933 - 1934
b. 10, f. 3	Louise Scott Bucher	1933 - 1990s
b. 10, f. 4	Henry and Louise Bucher	1933 - 1990s
b. 10, f. 5	Immediate Bucher family: parents with children	1935 - 1940s
b. 10, f. 6	Immediate Bucher family: parents with children, home in Haddonfield, NJ	1950s - 1960s
b. 10, f. 7	Immediate Bucher family: parents with children	1970s - 1990s
b. 10, f. 8	Bucher children: Anna Louise	1934 - 1980s
b. 10, f. 9	Bucher children: Henry, Jr.	1936 - 1980s
b. 10, f. 10	Bucher children: Priscilla Jo	1937 - 1990s
b. 10, f. 11	Bucher children: George Scott	1942 - 1960s
b. 10, f. 12	Bucher children: in groups	1936 - 2008
b. 10, f. 13	Extended Bucher and Scott families	1933 - 1997

## Related to mission work

b. 11, f. 1	Thailand (Siam): loose photos Photos taken during period when Henry was teaching at Bangkok Christian College.	1929 - 1931
b. 11, f. 2	Thailand (Siam): photo album	1929 - 1931

## Audio-Visual Materials &gt; Photographs &gt; Related to mission work (continued)

b. 11, f. 3	China: Qiongzhan (Kiungchow), Hainan	1930s -1940s
b. 11, f. 4	China: Hainan (from visit of friend to former mission areas)	1984
b. 11, f. 5	China: Beijing (Peiping), Hong Kong	1946, undated
b. 14, f. 11	China: group photos of passengers on U.S.S. General Gordon, on which Buchers returned from China	1949
b. 11, f. 6	Philippines	1940s
b. 11, f. 7	Thailand: photo album showing services in church	1961
b. 11, f. 8	Thailand: photo album "Christmas Eve at the International Church"	1962
b. 11, f. 9	Thailand: contents of photo album "To Sir With Love from M.S. 5 Science Aroonpradit School Petburi"	1968
b. 11, f. 10	Thailand: photo album "Petburi Farewell Party for Mrs. Louise Bucher"; mounted photos from farewell to Buchers	1972
b. 12, f. 1	Thailand: photo albums, including "New dormitory for boys at Aroonpradit in Petburi"	no date
b. 12, f. 2	Thailand: loose photos: groups and scenes of church work	1960s - 1972
b. 13, f. 1	Thailand: oversize photos of Church of Christ in Thailand meetings and Thailand Congress on Evangelism	ca. 1960s
b. 12, f. 3	Thailand: loose photos: buildings and scenes	1960s - 1972, no date
b. 12, f. 4	Thailand: loose photos: buildings and scenes	1960s - 1972, no date
b. 14, f. 7	Thailand: mounted set of photographs regarding work in Thailand, sent by co-worker Frieda Manus	
Events		
b. 12, f. 5	Westminster College 50th reunion	1978
b. 12, f. 6	60th wedding anniversary	1993
b. 12, f. 7	Reunion of China missionaries at Columbia Theological Seminary	1994
b. 12, f. 8	Reunion commemorating 50th anniversary of Los Baños rescue by U.S. Airborne	1995
b. 12, f. 9	Louise Scott Bucher funeral and memorial services	1996-1997
b. 12, f. 10	Bucher family trip to Asia	1997
b. 12	Henry H. Bucher, Sr. memorial service in Thailand	1998

## Audio-video recordings

## Audio-Visual Materials &gt; Audio-video recordings (continued)

b. 12, f. 12	4 VHS tapes: 60th wedding anniversary, memorial services for Louise Scott Bucher, memorial service for Henry H. Bucher, Sr.	1993, 1996-1998
b. 12, f. 12, ■■■ 39002052077808	60th Anniversary of Henry and Louise Bucher, Westminster Gardens (copy) <i>1 Videocassette</i> Use of originals is restricted. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Divinity Special Collections staff for further information.	1993 October 16
b. 12, f. 12, ■■■ 39002052077816	Louise Scott Bucher Memorial, Westminster Gardens <i>1 Videocassette</i> Use of originals is restricted. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Divinity Special Collections staff for further information.	1996 December 22
b. 12, f. 12, ■■■ 39002052077782	Louise Scott Bucher Memorial Service at Sherwood Memorial Cemetery <i>1 Videocassette</i> Use of originals is restricted. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Divinity Special Collections staff for further information.	1997 May 15
b. 12, f. 12, ■■■ 39002052077790	"Witness to the Resurrection," Henry Bucher, Sr., Westminster Gardens <i>1 Videocassette</i> Use of originals is restricted. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Divinity Special Collections staff for further information.	1998 December 26
b. 12, f. 13	2 audiocassette tapes: China Missionary Reunion, opening address by Bishop K.H. Ting; Henry Bucher, Sr. "Stories of Los Baños 2 CDs: Oral history by Henry H. Bucher regarding World War II internment by Japanese	1985, 1994
b. 12, f. 13, ■■■ 39002131152952	Henry Bucher, Sr. "Stories of Los Baños" <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Use of originals is restricted. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Divinity Special Collections staff for further information.	1985 December 28
b. 12, f. 13, ■■■ 39002052077774	China Missionary Reunion, opening address by Bishop K.H. Ting <i>1 Audiocassette</i> Use of originals is restricted. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Divinity Special Collections staff for further information.	1994 October 14-1994 October 16
b. 12, f. 14	DVD: Video oral history by Henry H. Bucher, Sr. regarding family historic documents and internment and liberation experience during WWII. (2 copies)	1989
b. 12, f. 15	DVD: History Channel Special: "Rescue at Dawn - The Los Baños Raid"	2008
b. OV1	3 78 RPM records: Gospel recordings in Hainanese: "The Resurrection of Christ", "Ye Must Be Born Again", "The Prodigal Son"	1947
b. OV1, ■■■ 39002131153349	Hainanese, The Prodigal Son - #366-1B-GN 6431; Hainanese, Believe and be Saved - #366-1A-GN 5430 <i>1 Phonograph Record : 78 RPM</i> Use of originals is restricted. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Divinity Special Collections staff for further information.	

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Hainanese: "The Resurrect [...] (continued)

b. OV1, ■■■■  
39002131153331

Hainanese, Ye Must Be Born Again - #366-2A-GN 5432;  
Hainanese, O Happy Day - #366-2B-GN 5433;  
*1 Phonograph Record : 78 RPM*

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b. OV1, ■■■■  
39002131153323

Hainanese, The Resurrection of Christ - #366-4A-GN 5436;  
Hainanese, Christ The Lord is Risen Today - #366-4B-GN 5437  
*1 Phonograph Record : 78 RPM*

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