

Guide to the Katharine Vaughn Papers

RG 31



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RG 31

CREATOR: Vaughn, Katherine

TITLE: Katherine Vaughn papers

DATES: 1920-1930

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.5 linear feet (4 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, writings, collected material and photographs document the work of Katherine Vaughn with the YWCA in Guangzhou (Canton) and Shanghai, China from 1920-1930.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.031>

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.031>.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of David Vaughn, 2008

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Copyright has been transferred to Yale University.

Preferred Citation

Katherine Vaughn Papers (RG 31), Special Collections, Yale Divinity Library.

Biographical / Historical

Katherine Vaughn was born in Brooklyn, NY on January 31, 1888. She graduated from Packer Collegiate Institute and Vassar College. For several years she was on the staff of Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. From 1920 to 1948, she was associated with the YWCA, serving for eight years as general secretary in Guangzhou (Canton) and Shanghai, China. Later she was head of publications and booksales for the YWCA in New York. She joined the staff of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in 1948 and worked there until her death.

Scope and Contents

Detailed correspondence provides valuable documentation of Vaughn's work with the YWCA in China. Her professional work, social life, and her observations of political events shed light on the life of a single woman missionary in China during the 1920s. Complementary documentation may be found in the YWCA of the U.S.A. Records in the Sophia Smith Collection at Smith College.

Arrangement

- I. Correspondence, 1290-1930
- II. Writings, 1920
- III. Personal Items and Memorabilia, 1920-1930, n.d.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1920-1930

To family		
b. 1, f. 1	Enroute and arrival in China	1920 Aug-Sep
b. 1, f. 2	In Guangzhou (Canton)	1920 October
b. 1, f. 3-6	Regarding everyday life	1920 Nov-1921 Jun
b. 1, f. 7	Including regarding camping vacation	1921 Jul-Aug
b. 1, f. 8-9	Including regarding visit from Rockefellers	1921 Sep -1922 Feb
b. 1, f. 10	At National Christian Conference in Shanghai	1922 Mar-Apr
b. 1, f. 11	In Hong Kong and Guangzhou (Canton)	1922 May-June
b. 1, f. 12	On vacation in Typhoon	1922 Jul-Aug
b. 1, f. 13-14	In Guangzhou (Canton)	1922 September- December
b. 1, f. 15-16	Including regarding visits to Hong Kong	1923 Jan-Apr
b. 1, f. 17	Including regarding co-worker marrying	1923 May-Jun
b. 1, f. 18	Including regarding camping in Hong Kong and bad storm	1923 Jul-Sep
b. 1, f. 19	To Shanghai for conference	1923 Oct-Dec
b. 1, f. 20	In Guangzhou (Canton)	1924 January- March
b. 1, f. 21	Visit to Hong Kong and planning conference	1924 Apr-Jun
b. 1, f. 22	Visiting Hong Kong	1924 Jul-Sep
b. 2, f. 23	In Guangzhou (Canton); civil war; looting	1924 October- December
b. 2, f. 24	To Shanghai and return to U.S.	1925 Jan-Mar
b. 2, f. 25	Return to Guangzhou (Canton), China	1926 September- December
b. 2, f. 26	In Guangzhou (Canton)	1927 January- February
b. 2, f. 27	Evacuated to Hong Kong: war	1927 Mar-Apr
b. 2, f. 28	In Guangzhou (Canton)	1927 May-June
b. 2, f. 29-30	Visiting Hong Kong: Guangzhou (Canton)	1927 July- October

To family (continued)

b. 2, f. 31-33	In Guangzhou (Canton): Hong Kong	1927 November-1928 April
b. 2, f. 34	Move to Shanghai	1928 May-Jun
b. 2, f. 35	Convention and visit to Beijing (Peking)	1928 July- August
b. 2, f. 36-38	In Shanghai	1928 Sep-1929 Apr
b. 2, f. 39	Including regarding political unrest	1929 May-Jun
b. 2, f. 40	Vacationn in H.K.; Shanghai; Conference	1929 Jul-Sep
b. 2, f. 41-43	In Shanghai	1929 Oct-1930 Apr
b. 2, f. 44	In Shanghai: political unrest	1930 May-Jun
b. 2, f. 45	Return to U.S.	1930 Jul-Dec
Letters to/ from others		
b. 3, f. 46	B-E Including: Bond, Brown, Chin, Clark, Denstoe, Edwinson	
b. 3, f. 47	H-P Including: Helen T, Howson, Hsai, Kirk, Lin, Liu, Mil, Paget, Parker	
b. 3, f. 48	R-W Including: Rosalee, Shibrya, Shui, Spiedel, Tsit, Willis, Wu	
Circular letters of Katherine Vaughn		
b. 3, f. 49	Reports from Shanghai	1928, 1930
Letters of others		
b. 3, f. 50	Mr. and Mrs. George Vaughn	1926-1927
b. 3, f. 51	To Mrs. George Vaughn from Katharine's friend	1923-1930
b. 3, f. 52	Henry Hodgkins, Maud Russell, Ma King Kwang, T.Z. Koo (National Comm. reports)	1927-1930

Series II: Writings, 1922

b. 3, f. 53

"Homemaking in Canton", "Canton 1922"

1922

Series III: Personal items and memorabilia, 1920-1930, n.d.

Biographical Information

b. 3, f. 54	Photo; Funeral service; Research paper: "Katherine Vaughn, Missionary in China" by David Vaughn (grand-nephew)
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b. 3, f. 55	Passport and documents
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Collected items

b. 3, f. 56	Cards, programs, travels
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b. 3, f. 57	News clippings regarding China
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b. 3, f. 58	Booklets, YWCA Newsletters
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b. 3, f. 59	Photograph album to China scenery, groups	1920-1922
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b. 4, f. 60	Photo album	1922 Dec-1926 Sep
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b. 4, f. 61	Photo album: Guangzhou (Canton) and Shanghai	1926-1930
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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

Missionaries
Missions -- China
Young Women's Christian associations -- China

Names

Vaughn, Katherine