

Guide to the Katharine R. H. Lyman Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1914

CREATOR: Lyman, Katharine

TITLE: Katharine R. H. Lyman papers

DATES: 1932-1937

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.05 linear feet (4 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers comprise approximately one hundred letters between Katharine Lyman and her mother, photograph albums, scrapbooks of clippings, and two videotapes, all depicting the daily life of the Chinese, political and military events, and staff at Peking Union Medical College Hospital in the 1930s.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Preferred Citation

Katharine R. H. Lyman Papers (MS 1914). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Associated Materials

Two books were transferred to the East Asia Library, Yale University Library. One map was transferred to the Map Collection, Yale University Library. Additional information available in the repository.

Biographical / Historical

Katharine Russell Ham Lyman was born in Brookline, Massachusetts, on August 9, 1894. She graduated from Radcliffe College with an A.B. degree in 1918. She was employed as a hospital social worker, 1918 to 1926, in the Boston and Pittsburgh areas, as well as assistant director of social work at Strong Memorial Hospital, 1926 to 1931, during which time she met her future husband, Richard S. Lyman (1891-1959), a neuropsychiatrist from Johns Hopkins Hospital. After their wedding in Germany, she traveled with him to Peking, China, where he worked at the Peking Union Medical College Hospital as associate professor of neurology and psychiatry and she worked as volunteer supervisor in the social service department. The Lymans returned to the United States in 1937 after the Japanese capture of Peking, eventually to work at Duke University of Medicine, North Carolina, in their respective fields. In 1943, Katharine Lyman worked in Washington D. C. for the Office of Strategic Services preparing lectures on Eastern culture for paratroopers. Katharine Lyman died in West Orange, New Jersey, in January 1994.

Scope and Contents

The papers comprise approximately one hundred letters between Katharine Lyman and her mother, photograph albums, scrapbooks of clippings, and two videotapes, depicting the daily life of the Chinese, political and military events, and staff at Peking Union Medical College Hospital in the 1930s.

Arrangement

The papers are arranged alphabetically by type of material.

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b. 1, f. 1	Biographical information	1960-1994
	Correspondence between Katharine Lyman and her mother Describes Lyman's daily life and discusses the political and military situation in China.	
b. 1, f. 2-4	1932 August 26-1935 December 17	1932 August 26-1935 December 17
b. 2, f. 1	1935 December 27-1937 August 22	1935 December 27-1937 August 22
	Photograph albums	
b. 2, f. 2	Trip to Jehol Japanese bus through Kupeikou to Jehol in Marichukuo, then boat down Luan River to Peking.	1937 June
b. 2, f. 3-4	Angkor Wat, Bali, Cambodia, Japan, Java, Korea, Macassar, Siam, Suez Canal, and Sumatra as well as China	circa 1933-1937
	Scrapbooks	
b. 2, f. 5	Scrapbook detailing background events leading to "kidnapping" of Chiang Kai-shek	1936
b. 2, f. 6	Scrapbook of newspaper clippings	1933-1937
b. 3	<i>An Eight Month Experiment</i> 1 Videocassette (VHS) 0:47:43 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) [Aviary] ms1914s01b003.u.mov The approximately 40 minute film consists of a sequence of scenes in a Peking psychiatric facility following a progression of treatment of some of Dr. Lyman's Chinese patients. It includes: 1933 Summer, Palace of Prince Na, Quarters, The Next Move, Delousing, A Further Extension Was Necessary, Three Months Pass - Snow, Teaching Clinics, Going Home, Dr. Fang Inspects, Men Private Patients, Women Private Patients, and Occupation. As a preservation measure, original materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access.	circa 1937
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- b. 4 Scenes of daily life, primarily in China circa 1937
1 Videocassette (VHS) 0:37:19 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)
[\[Aviary\] ms1914s01b004.u.mov](#)

The approximately 40 minute film includes: Lei Tai-Fu Arrives (assumed to be Dr. Lyman arriving home), Taking Down Ping, Central Park, Street Scenes, Street Kitchens, Miss China 1937, Chinese New Year, Ling Fu SSU, Peiping Union Medical College, Social Service Unit, Yenching University, Pilgrimage to Maio Feng Shrine, Street Parade, U.S. Troops Parading, Japanese Planes July 1937, Summer Palace, Pei Hai, National Library, Temple of Heaven, Funeral Procession, U.S. Marines, Belka (Mrs. Lyman's horse), Lei Hwang Teh (Mrs. Lyman's dog), and Ting Tsien (the woman who appears a few times is surely Mrs. Lyman).

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Subjects

Sino-Japanese War, 1937-1945

Geographic Names

Beijing (China)

Names

Lyman, Katharine

Lyman, Richard Sherman

Corporate Body

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