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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 113

**CREATOR:** McCracken, Josiah C., 1874-1962

**TITLE:** Josiah C. McCracken Papers

**DATES:** 1901-1961

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3.5 linear feet (8 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, writings, and collected material document the work of a distinguished medical missionary and educator in China and provide information about graduates of the Medical Department of St. John's University, Shanghai. Josiah Calvin McCracken was a medical missionary and educator in China from 1906 to 1948. Sent out by the Christian Association of the University of Pennsylvania, he headed the medical department at Canton Christian College from 1907 to 1912, and at St. John's University in Shanghai from 1914-1942

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## Requesting Instructions

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

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Helen McCracken Fulcher and Martha McCracken.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

Josiah C. McCracken Papers (RG 113), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1874	○ Born in Lincoln County, Tennessee; grew up in Kansas
1891-1895	○ Attended Cooper College, which became Sterling College, Sterling, KS
1896-1901	○ Attended University of Pennsylvania Medical School; athletic star in football and track
1901-1903	○ YMCA secretary, Columbia University
1903-1905	○ Medical intern at Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia
1906	○ Visited China to evaluate need for medical work there for Christian Association of University of Pennsylvania
1906	○ Married Helen Newpher, who became the mother of their eight children.
1907-1912	○ Developed the University Medical School at Canton Christian College, serving under the Christian Association of the University of Pennsylvania
1912-1913	○ On furlough in U.S.; daughter Mary Elizabeth paralyzed by polio, but was later able to go to medical school and become a pediatrician in China.
1914-1942	○ Dean of the Medical School of St. John's University, associated with the University of Pennsylvania; Professor of Surgery and chief surgeon at St. Luke's Hospital; physician to Shanghai American School.
1927	○ Received honorary Doctor of Science degree from University of Pennsylvania
1938-1942	○ Head of American Red Cross Hospital for Refugees, Shanghai
1942	○ Repatriated on the exchange ship Gripsholm
1942-1946	○ Staff surgeon at hospital in Pennsylvania
1944	○ Helen McCracken died.
1946-1948	○ Returned to Shanghai to reestablished Medical School at St. John's.
1948	○ Returned to U.S.; retired from active professional duties but remained active in church-related activities. Provided numerous letters of reference for St. John's Medical School graduates seeking employment in the U.S.
1962	○ Died

Additional biographical information available in *Mission to Shanghai; the life of medical service of Josiah Calvin McCracken* by Helen McCracken Fulcher.

## **Scope and Contents**

The Biographical Documentation of Series I includes articles and clippings about McCracken, memorabilia, and material compiled by his daughter Helen McCracken Fulcher. The Correspondence of Series II includes family correspondence, circular letters describing McCracken's work in China, and a valuable collection of correspondence and documents relating to the graduates of the Medical Department of St. John's University in Shanghai. The Writings and Collected Material of Series III include articles and speeches by McCracken, other articles about China, and documentation related to the University of Pennsylvania Medical School at St. John's University. Series IV includes photographs of McCracken, his students and their families, the staff of the Medical School in Guangzhou (Canton), and medical cases.

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## **Arrangement**

- I. Biographical Documentation
- II. Correspondence
- III. Writings and Collected Material
- IV. Photographs

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Biographical Documentation

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b. 6, f. 135	Looseleaf notebook: "The Story of Dr. Josiah Calvin McCracken, 1874-1962: The McCrackens of Shanghai, A Family Portrait" by Helen McCracken Fulcher (244 mimeographed typescript pages)
b. 7, f. 137	Articles and clippings about JCMcC

**Series II: Correspondence**

	Family correspondence	
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**Series III: Writings and Collected Material**

## By Josiah McCracken

b. 7, f. 136	"Medical Education in China"	1911
b. 7, f. 136	"The Work of the Medical School in China" (University of Pennsylvania Medical School in Canton)	1912
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b. 7, f. 136	Untitled address	ca. 1926-1927
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b. 7, f. 136	Untitled anecdote re. medical work	n.d.
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b. 7, f. 138	"How I Became a Christian" by Shao Chang Lee	1940
b. 7, f. 138	Speech by Mr. Mansfield Freeman of United Service to China	n.d.
b. 7, f. 138	Circular letter of Charles and Leila Boynton, Shanghai	1940
b. 7, f. 138	"Chinese Relief"	n.d.
b. 7, f. 138	"Things You Don't Read in the Papers"	n.d.
Collected documentation		
b. 8, f. 146-147	"Biographical Sketches St. John's University (Shanghai) Medical School Graduates (1943-1952)" and Supplement (1934-1952) Two volumes of biographical sketches compiled by the St. John's University Medical School Alumni Association in North America, 2001	
b. 7, f. 139	Documents re. curriculum and evaluation of the Pennsylvania Medical School, medical department of St. John's University	1940, ca. 1949
b. 7, f. 140	President's Report, University Medical School, Guangzhou (Canton)	1911
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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**

Medicine -- Study and teaching -- China  
Missionaries  
Missions, Medical  
Physicians

### **Names**

McCracken, Josiah C., 1874-1962

### **Corporate Body**

St. John's University (Shanghai, China)