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Guide to the John David Hayes Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RG 127

CREATOR: Hayes, John David, 1888-1957

TITLE: John David Hayes Papers

DATES: 1921-1969

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers include writings, biographical documentation, photographs, and a tape recording documenting Hayes' work in China. Hayes was a Presbyterian missionary in China from 1917 to 1952, serving primarily in the Beijing (Peking) area. He was involved in student, educational, and administrative work. Hayes was interned by the Japanese during World War II and imprisoned by the Communists in China from 1951 to 1952.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.127>

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.127>.

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

b. box
f. folder
■■■■ item barcode

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Hayes Family

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

John David Hayes Papers (RG 127), Special Collections, Yale Divinity Library.

Processing Information

Place names were modernized in the description, with the name originally used in the collection material or in an older version of the finding aid in parenthesis: e.g. "Beijing (Peking)" or "Benin (Dahomey)".

Biographical / Historical

| Date | Event |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 1888 February 23 | ○ Born in Tengchowfu, Shandong (Shantung) Province, China - son of Presbyterian missionaries Watson MacMillan Hayes and Margaret Young Hayes |
| 1910 | ○ A.B., Princeton University |
| 1911 | ○ Appointed Rhodes Scholar from Ohio as candidate from Wooster College (x'09) |
| 1914 | ○ B.A., Oxford University, England |
| 1914-1915 | ○ Service with YMCA in France |
| 1916 | ○ Married Barbara M. Kelman |
| 1917 | ○ B.D., Princeton Theological Seminary |
| 1917-1952 | ○ Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. missionary in China. Hayes was in charge of Presbyterian student Christian work in Beijing (Peking), China, 1917-1943. He was also Executive Chairman of the American Presbyterian Mission, member of the China Council, member of the Board of Directors of Yenching University, and on various other boards for many years. |
| 1918 -1931 | ○ Involved in various flood and famine relief projects |
| 1925 -1942 | ○ Served on faculty and administration of College of Chinese Studies, Beijing (Peking) |
| 1943 March - 1945 September | ○ Interned by Japanese authorities in Weihsien Civilian Assembly Centre, Shandong (Shantung) Province. |
| 1948 | ○ Returned to China, serving in Kueiyang, Kweichow Province. |
| 1949 -1951 March | ○ Taught at government university following Communist takeover |
| 1951 October - 1952 September | ○ Jailed by Communists |
| 1955 | ○ Went to Indonesia to work with students |
| 1957 | ○ Died from injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Indonesia |

Scope and Contents

Hayes' work with students in China, his administrative work, and his work in famine and flood relief are described in biographical accounts. Of particular interest are Hayes' writings regarding his period of

Japanese internment and the "confessions" that Hayes was forced to write while imprisoned by the Communists.

Arrangement

- I. Biographical documentation
- II. Writings
- III. Collected material
- IV. Audio-visual material

Collection Contents

Series I: Biographical Documentation

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| b. 1, f. 1 | Chronology of Hayes family; c.v. of JDH; letter describing tasks in Indonesia | |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Narrative account of JDH's life by his wife, Barbara Kelman Hayes | |
| b. 1, f. 3 | Drafts and source material for BKH account | |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Interview with JDH, "I Saw Red China from the Inside" (<i>U.S. News and World Report</i>); writings about JDH by Sam Dean; tributes to JDH following his death | 1953 - 1955, n.d. |

Series II: Writings

The writings of JDH are arranged chronologically

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| b. 1, f. 5 | "Report of the Shensi Investigation | 1921 |
| b. 1, f. 5 | "The Kansu Report" (Gansu) | 1921 |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Untitled typescript document describing period of Weihsien internment | 1943 -1945 |
| b. 1, f. 7 | "The Relationship between American Mission Work and the American Government" ("Confessions" of JDH written while imprisoned by Communists; handwritten and typescript copies | ca. 1951-1952 |
| b. 1, f. 8 | Memorandum of address given by Dr. John D. Hayes to the Rhodes Scholar luncheon Thursday, September 10, 1953 | 1953 |
| b. 1, f. 9 | "In and Out the Bamboo Curtain" - Wooster Alumni Bulletin; "Experiences in Red China"; transcription of "tape made informally in the home of friends in Washington, D. C." | 1954 -1955 |
| b. 1, f. 10 | "The Invincible" (a play) | n.d. |

Series III: Collected Material

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| b. 1, f. 11 | <i>National Geographic</i> article re: earthquake in Gansu (Kansu) Province (with illustrations from photographs by the Hayes-Hall Kansu Earthquake Relief Expedition) | 1922 |
| b. 1, f. 12 | Articles re. Communism in Asia | 1952-1963 |
| b. 1, f. 13 | Correspondence of Barbara Kelman Hayes | 1944 - 1969,n.d. |

Series IV: Audio-visual Material

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|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| b. 1, f. 14 | Photographs of Gansu (Kansu) Earthquake (33, with some duplicates) | 1921 |
| b. 1, f. 15 | Tape recording of radio program: "Facing Communism" | |
| b. 1, f. 15, ■■■■ 39002099400633 | "Facing Communism" Radio Program <i>1 Audiotape Reel</i> Full box label: " - COPY - Speed: 7 1/2"/sec Dr. John Hayes Dr. Olin Stockwell Rev. Frank Cooley "Facing Communism" - Radio program - " Use of originals is restricted. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Divinity Special Collections staff for further information. | [circa 1921-1969] |

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

Communism -- China

Names

Hayes, John David, 1888-1957

Corporate Body

Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A -- Missions --
China