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Guide to the Albert Dewey Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RG 161

CREATOR: Dewey, Albert

TITLE: Albert Dewey Papers

DATES: 1898-1958

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.5 linear feet (3 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Detailed correspondence, writings, collected material, diaries, and photographs document the life and work of Albert Dewey and his family in Turkey. Albert Dewey was an American medical missionary serving under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in Gaziantep (Aintab), Turkey from 1919 to 1959.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.161>

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.161>.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

Albert Dewey Paper (RG 161), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

Biographical / Historical

Albert Dewey was educated at the University of Denver (B.A. 1913, M.A. 1915, M.D. 1917). He did graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania and in Vienna. In 1941 he was elected a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. He was in the U.S. Army during World War I and saw service in London and France. With his wife, Elsie Greene Dewey, he sailed to the Near East as a missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in 1919 for work in Talas and Merzifon. He worked for six years under Near East Relief in Turkey, Greece, Syria, and the Caucasus. He took charge of the Azariah Smith Memorial Hospital in Gaziantep, Turkey in 1929. Albert and Elsie Dewey had five children. Elsie died in 1940 and Albert married Dora Shank, a nursing supervisor in Turkey, in 1942. The Deweys retired from their work in 1959.

Scope and Contents

Detailed correspondence to Dewey's parents, sibling, and children provides an excellent account of his work as a medical missionary at Gaziantep Hospital in Turkey. Further documentation is provided by diaries, writings, and collected material. These papers are complemented by the Merrill Isely Papers of YDSL Record Group No. 158. Isely was an American Board colleague of Dewey in Turkey.

Arrangement

- I. Correspondence, 1898-1958
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- V. Photographs, 1920-1921, n.d.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1898-1958

Family Correspondence		
b. 1, f. 1	To/ from parents of Albert Dewey	1898-1915
b. 1, f. 2-34	To/ from parents of Albert Dewey	1918-1931
To/from siblings of AD		
b. 1, f. 35	Alice Dewey	1918-1928
b. 1, f. 36	David Dewey	1918-1921
b. 1, f. 37	Edward Dewey	1918-1940
b. 1, f. 38	Clarence Dewey	1920-1924
b. 1, f. 39	Various	1930-1947
b. 1, f. 40	From others	1923-1927
To/from children of AD		
b. 1, f. 41-47	Letters	1932-1940 Jul
b. 2, f. 48-56	Letters	1940 Aug-1957
Circular letters		
b. 2, f. 57-69	Letters	1921-1958
General correspondence		
b. 2, f. 70	Ansoy-Graham	
b. 2, f. 71	Greene, Mrs. T. C.	
b. 2, f. 72	Harris - Mouammer	
b. 2, f. 73	Phelps, Teda Belle	
b. 2, f. 74	Packard - Willard	
b. 2, f. 75	first names only	

Series II: Writings, 1943-1946, n.d.

b. 2, f. 76	"A Review of some of the recent literature dealing with splenic enlargement" (Thesis submitted to Faculty of Graduate School of Medicine of University of Pennsylvania)	
b. 2, f. 76	Annual meeting sermon	1943
b. 2, f. 76	Statement of reasons for my presence in Turkey	n.d.
b. 2, f. 76	Annual meeting sermon	1946
b. 2, f. 76	Miscellaneous	n.d.

Series III: Collected Material, 1931-1958

Related to American Board mission in Turkey

b. 2, f. 77	Re. Gaziantep Hospital - brief history	
b. 2, f. 78	Re. Gaziantep Hospital, Talas Clinic, American Hospital Istanbul	
b. 2, f. 79	Re. Aintab Hospital (Gaziantep)	
b. 2, f. 80	Re. American Board Mission in Turkey	
b. 2, f. 81-83	Annual reports - Mission and Hospital	1931-1949
b. 3, f. 84-85	Annual reports - Mission and Hospital	1950-1958

Other

b. 3, f. 86	Re. Near East Relief	
b. 3, f. 87	Re. earthquake in Turkey	1940
b. 3, f. 88	Travel	
b. 3, f. 89	Turkey	

Series IV: Personal Items and Memorabilia, 1914-1938

b. 3, f. 90	Miscellaneous
b. 3, f. 91	Biographical documentation

Series V: Diaries, 1914-1938

b. 3, f. 92	Albert Dewey	1933-1935, 1938
b. 3, f. 93	Albert Dewey	1914-1917
b. 3, f. 94	Elsie Dewey	1929

Series VI: Photographs, 1920-1921, n.d.

b. 3, f. 95	Friends and colleagues	
b. 3, f. 96	Travel in Near East	1920-1921
b. 3, f. 97	Family	
b. 3, f. 98	Scenery and buildings	
b. 3, f. 99	American Board Hospital and Mission buildings	

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 -- Turkey

Names

Dewey, Albert

Corporate Body

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign
Missions