

# Guide to the Ingram Family Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 325

**CREATOR:** Ingram, James Henry, 1858-1934

**TITLE:** Ingram Family Papers

**DATES:** 1887 - 1986

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3 linear feet (7 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English (Latin script)

**SUMMARY:** Extensive correspondence in the Ingram Family Papers provides insight into China in the early twentieth century with descriptions of missionary and medical activities over thirty years, including exile during the Boxer Rebellion, work in convalescent hospitals and famine refugee camps in the wake of World War I, views inside the Forbidden City in the last years of the Qing dynasty, and documentation of the expat culture of Beijing and repatriation amid the chaos of World War II.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Jane Packard Pratt (Sheeks), 2022.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

Ingram Family Papers (RG 325), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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## 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)".

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## Biographical / Historical

James Henry Ingram (1858-1934) was born in Ohio and received his medical education at the University of Pennsylvania. Leaving for China in 1887, Ingram was initially stationed in Tongzhou (Tungcho) as a medical missionary with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM). He lived the rest of his life primarily in China and continued his work after 1912 with the Peking Union Medical College (PUMC). Ingram's career spanned place and discipline—treating patients with a variety of diseases and ailments and teaching both therapeutics and later psychiatry at the PUMC. Late in his life, he pushed for the development of an insane asylum in North China and served as an expert witness within the Chinese law courts on mental illness. His work took him across China in 1920, gathering information on the conditions in famine refugee camps and across Siberia and into Europe with the Red Cross in 1918-1919 to treat the wounded of World War I.

Beyond his career in medical practice and teaching, Ingram worked as a supervisor of building projects for the ABCFM, a consultant for the Tungcho Dairy, and invented a delousing machine. As prolific translator himself, he taught at the Peking Language School, hypothesized about the relationship between Chinese and Ancient Sumerian, and traveled across China and Mongolia. In 1920 he wrote to his daughter Isabel, "I have been as far north as the middle of the Gobi Desert and as far south as Taimingfu; as far east as Peitaiho and as far west as the Trappist Monastery. I have been interested in the purchase of land and cattle. [I] have had to dodge sharpers in several directions.... doctored Mongols, Chinese, and foreigners...designed delousers and bathhouses for Famine Refugees...planned for opening an Insane Asylum and have been mountain climbing. Do you think my life is monotonous?"

Over the nearly half-century he lived in China, six children were born into the Ingram family. In 1891 James and his wife Sallie Voss Ingram gave birth to Ruth Ingram in Tongzhou. After Sallie's death, while in the United States on furlough in 1894, James married Myrtle Bell Prough Ingram. While in China, Miriam (Ingram Pratt) was born in 1898, Isabel (Ingram Mayer) in 1902, Robert (Vinter Ingram) in 1904, Lewis (Fleetwood Ingram) in 1906, and Kathryn (Ingram Rowe) in 1911. Nell Ingram, sister of James and George, moved to China in 1915 to teach at Jefferson Academy, an ABCFM school in Beijing.

At breaks within James' correspondence, the Ingram children fill in the family record. Ruth Ingram's article, published in the *Mission Dayspring* (found in Series II of this collection), provides the only extensive account within the collection of the Ingram family's flight from Tongzhou and shelter in the British Legation during the Boxer Rebellion in August 1900. Beginning in 1922 until the coup in 1924, Isabel (Ingram Mayer) worked as a tutor to Empress Wanrong. Her letters during this time provide a view into the court and high society of Beijing in the late Qing dynasty.

In 1931, Miriam and her three daughters Jane, Nancy, and Peggy moved from the United States to join James, Myrtle, Nell, and Isabel in Beijing. In 1934 James Ingram died in the Western Hills of Beijing. A year later, in 1935, Nell Ingram died in Beijing. As waves of Americans left China amidst the violence of World War II in 1941, Myrtle Ingram died in Beijing at the PUMC Hospital where her late husband had taught and three of her children had worked. Late during their years in China, Miriam worked at the PUMC as a dietician. As the last Ingram to leave China, Miriam wrote to her siblings in 1942. "So far no date for our coming evacuation," she added, "[I] have taken the children to see the Temple of Heaven for the day twice... we hope to bring some atmosphere with us."

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## Scope and Contents

The Ingram Family Papers consist largely of correspondence that circulated among family members divided between the United States and China. The majority of the letters were written by James Henry Ingram, who worked as a doctor for the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM) in Tongzhou (Tungcho), North China, and later with the Peking Union Medical College in Beijing. James' letters, dating from his arrival in China in 1887 until his death in 1934, attest to his interest in Chinese politics, history, and the upheavals of the twentieth century. Close to Chinese students, politicians, and military personnel, James faithfully recorded his experiences and impressions for his family at "home" in the United States. Outside of the letters of James Ingram, this collection contains the extensive correspondence of James' sister Nell Ingram, his wife Myrtle Ingram, and his six children. The breadth and extent of the Ingram Family Papers attests to the essential role letter writing played in retaining and strengthening their family ties during extended periods of physical distance as well as the enduring relationship over a tumultuous half century between the Ingram family and China.

### Series I: Correspondence

Starting in 1887, when James Ingram moved to Tongzhou, his brother George Ingram, who lived in Princeton, New Jersey, collected the bulk of the letters contained in Series I. Following George's death in 1930, the letters are predominantly addressed to the Ingrams' daughter Ruth. Series I contains the correspondence of James Ingram and his immediate family: Sallie (Voss) Ingram, Myrtle (Bell Prough) Ingram; the children Ruth Ingram, Miriam Ingram (Pratt), Isabel Ingram (Mayer), Robert Ingram, and Lewis Ingram as well as letters from young Jane (Pratt Sheeks) and Nancy (Ingram Pratt), and Peggy (Margaret Pratt Macdonald). Following her move to Beijing in 1915 to teach at Jefferson Academy until George's death in 1930, correspondence from Nell Ingram—George and James' sister—represents a significant portion of George's collected correspondence. The letters in this collection contain valuable information on the ABCFM mission station in Tongzhou, the Peking Union Medical College, and James Ingram's work and impressions of medicine in North China. Furthermore, James comments extensively on Chinese economy, reform, and global politics. Examples of this include his discussions of reforms in China (in 1905 and throughout the collection), the opium trade (an expansive topic within the collection, notably in 1913 and 1914), his 1904 writings on the Russo-Japanese War, and his 1914 mentions of the Siege of Tsingtao and the implications and violence of WWI within China, and his extensive letters from 1918-1919 when James (and Ruth) worked in Russia and across Europe treating the wounded of WWI.

### Series II: Writings

Series II contains published writings by Ruth, James, and George Ingram, as well as informal writings from George's 1922 Asia trip. Ruth Ingram's article in the *Mission Dayspring* provides the only detailed description within the collection on the Ingram family's exile from Tongzhou and sheltering in the British Legation during the Boxer Rebellion. For images of this time, see Series V (Photographs), "The Siege in Peking" taken by C.A. Killie, a fellow missionary sheltering with the Ingrams. Series II also contains writings from George Ingram's visit to the family in 1922. A close follower of global politics and advocate for Christian missions himself, George commentated in the *Trenton Sunday Times Advertiser* on India and recorded his impressions of Korea and China. His brother, James' years-long research and interest in the "Lost Tribe" of China, culminated in his written article in 1928. Further information regarding the "Lost Tribe" of China and James Ingram's research can be found in Series I (Correspondence), particularly letters April 15, 1917 and June 30, 1918, and within Series IV (Personal Items and Memorabilia) "College Girl Finds Lost Tribe of Chinese," *New York Evening Journal*, on Isabel Ingram.

### Series III: Collected Materials

The collected materials within the Ingram Family Papers document the institutions the Ingrams worked with or were adjacent to in China, as well as their interests ranging from missions to cooking. Notable within the collection of assembled annual reports is the "Report on the Peiping Union Medical College," 1942, which was sent to Ruth Ingram at her request while she awaited Miriam's evacuation from China. The report describes the occupation and closure of the school during WWII. The collection, in addition to a hand-written cookbook most likely used by Myrtle in Series IV (Personal Items and Memorabilia), contains

three cookbooks owned and used by Miriam Ingram Pratt and Isabel Ingram Mayer. Throughout her lifetime working as a nurse and medical educator in the United States, Ruth Ingram displayed a continued interest in the medical and artistic history of China, as represented in her collected articles. Two books within the collection, George Ingram's copy of *Chinese Characteristics* by Arthur H. Smith and *Tientsin Scribbles* by Clara M. Cushman, are available for reference and request in Divinity Special Collections.

#### Series IV: Personal Items and Memorabilia

Series IV contains miscellaneous collected papers and items of the Ingram family. The series begins with James' written language practice dating from his earliest years in China in the late nineteenth century, and chronologically ends nearly a century later with materials related to the death of Miriam Ingram Pratt in 1987. Notable within Series IV are the extensive newspaper clippings James gathered and sent to George Ingram—mostly related to Chinese politics—and the newspaper articles written on the Ingram family, including several pictures in *The Peiping Chronicle* of James Ingram's seventy-fifth birthday. Other personal items, such as the Peking Utility Book of the Peking International Women's Club, several programs gathered from local events, and the "Map of Peking issued by the American Express Co.," provide a window into the expat community of Beijing in the early twentieth century.

#### Series V: Photographs

Series V contains a sequence of images, "The Siege in Peking" from 1900, as well as images of James Ingram's 1920 Mongolia trip. "The Siege in Peking" is an incomplete series of 32 mounted black and white photographs depicting the siege of the Legation Quarter in August 1900 during the Boxer Rebellion, taken by Charles A. Killie (1857 – 1916) of the American Presbyterian Mission. The images are digitized on the Historical Photographs of China website: <https://www.hpcbristol.net/photographer/reverend-charles-killie-1857-1916> and archived within The National Archives, London and The Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia. James, Myrtle, Ruth, and Miriam Ingram are pictured in photograph No. 23. Further information related to the photographs of James Ingram's trip to Mongolia can be found in his personal correspondence in Series I, July 30, 1920.

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## Arrangement

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- I Correspondence, 1887 - 1944
- II Writings, 1889 - 1928
- III Collected Materials, 1897 - 1963
- IV Personal Items and Memorabilia, 1887 - 1986
- V Photographs, 1900 - 1920

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Family Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1	James Ingram to George Ingram Mostly in shorthand script.	1887
b. 1, f. 2	Sallie Ingram to George Ingram	1887
b. 1, f. 3	<a href="#">James Ingram to George Ingram</a> Mostly written in shorthand script, sketches, two circulars addressed to George.	1888 January - June
b. 1, f. 4	James Ingram to George Ingram	1888 July - December
b. 1, f. 5	Sallie Ingram to George Ingram; James Ingram's Chinese colleague to George Ingram	1888
b. 1, f. 6	James Ingram to George Ingram	1889
b. 1, f. 7	Sallie Ingram to George Ingram	1889
b. 1, f. 8	James Ingram to George Ingram July 27, 1890 James describes flooding in Tongzhou. November 19, 1890 reports on meeting his students.	1890
b. 1, f. 9	James Ingram to Father, George Ingram January 21, 1891 notice of the birth of Ruth Ingram. February 4, 1891 letter describing Sallie Ingram's death.	1891
b. 1, f. 10	James Ingram to George Ingram	1892
b. 1, f. 11	James Ingram to George Ingram	1893
b. 1, f. 12	James Ingram to George Ingram Letter from furlough in the United States.	1894
b. 1, f. 13	James Ingram to George Ingram Letters from furlough in the United States. November 24, 1895 letter from Tongzhou.	1895
b. 1, f. 14	Myrtle Ingram to George Ingram	1895
b. 1, f. 15	James Ingram to George Ingram June 30, 1896 notice of the birth of Esther Ingram. August 23, 1896 concerning John Mott's trip to Beijing.	1896
b. 1, f. 16	James Ingram to George Ingram September 23, 1897 notice of the death of Esther Ingram.	1897
b. 1, f. 17	Myrtle Ingram to George Ingram	1897
b. 1, f. 18	Ruth Ingram to George Ingram Letter from furlough in the United States, staying in Vineland, New Jersey.	1900

b. 1, f. 19	James Ingram to George Ingram January 22, 1902 James recounts memories of the Boxer Rebellion. March 9, 1902 notices of the birth of Isabel Ingram.	1902 January - May
b. 1, f. 20	James Ingram to George Ingram	1902 June - December
b. 1, f. 21	Including from: Myrtle, Nell, Ruth June 30, 1902 Myrtle Ingram describes James Ingram's job supervising building in Beijing for the ABCFM.	1902
b. 1, f. 22	James Ingram to George Ingram	1903
b. 1, f. 23	Myrtle Ingram to George Ingram	1903
b. 1, f. 24	James Ingram to George Ingram Letters concerning the Russo-Japanese War. April 17, 1904 notice of the birth of Robert Vinter Ingram.	1904
b. 1, f. 25	James Ingram to George Ingram February 11, 1905 draft of an article intended for The Independent, "The North China Union Medical College." March 4, 1905 letter on behalf of the faculty of Union Medical College to physicians in North China.	1905 January - October
b. 1, f. 26	James Ingram to George Ingram November 1, 1905 draft of an article sent to George, "The Awakening of Peking." November 10, 1905 discussion of reforms in China.	1905 November - December
b. 1, f. 27	Including from: Myrtle, Ruth	1905
b. 1, f. 28	James Ingram to George Ingram	1906
b. 1, f. 29	Myrtle Ingram to George Ingram	1906
b. 1, f. 30	James Ingram to George, Nell	1907
b. 1, f. 31	Including from: Myrtle, Ruth, Isabel Ingram, Harry E. King July 28th, 1907 Ruth writing from United States.	1907
b. 1, f. 32	James Ingram to George, Ruth	1908
b. 2, f. 1	James Ingram to George Ingram	1909-1910
b. 2, f. 2	Including from: Myrtle, Ruth	1909-1911
b. 2, f. 3	James Ingram to George, Nell August 4 to October 15, 1912 trip to Scotland, Switzerland, and Germany.	1912 January - September
b. 2, f. 4	James Ingram to Ruth, Nell, George	1912 October - December
b. 2, f. 5	Including from: George, Myrtle, Miriam February 26, 1912 letter from George with extensive edits on a lecture "Medical Missions."	1912



b. 2, f. 6	James Ingram to Ruth, Nell, George	1913 January - March
b. 2, f. 7	James Ingram to Ruth Ingram	1913 April - June
b. 2, f. 8	James Ingram to Ruth, Nell	1913 July - September
b. 2, f. 9	James Ingram to Ruth, Nell, George November 2, 1913 letter describing shift from therapeutics and hygiene to psychiatry. Fragment, n.d. at end on the opium trade in Beijing.	1913 October - December, n.d.
b. 2, f. 10	Including from: Myrtle, Miriam	1913
b. 2, f. 11	James Ingram to Ruth, Nell	1914 January - March
b. 2, f. 12	James Ingram to Ruth, George May 10, 1914 description of treatment of opium addiction at the hospital.	1914 April - June
b. 2, f. 13	James Ingram to Ruth, Miriam	1914 July - September
b. 2, f. 14	James Ingram to Ruth, Miriam November 1, 1914 discussion of Great Britain and opium trade. November 15, 1914 mention of the Siege of Tsingtao. November 22, 1914 broad discussion on China, Germany, WWI.	1914 October - December
b. 2, f. 15	Including from: Nell, Myrtle September 8, 1914 Nell in Beijing. Text by Miriam or Ruth, "My Trip to Savannah."	1914
b. 2, f. 16	James Ingram to Ruth, Miriam, George Letters on the German and Japanese army present in Beijing.	1915 January - February
b. 2, f. 17	James Ingram to Ruth, Miriam, Nell	1915 March - September
b. 2, f. 18	James Ingram to Ruth, Miriam	1915 October - December
b. 2, f. 19	Including from: Nell, Myrtle, Miriam, Robert, Lewis	1915
b. 2, f. 20	James Ingram to Ruth, Miriam, George	1916 January - April
b. 2, f. 21	James Ingram to Ruth, Miriam	1916 May - July
b. 2, f. 22	James Ingram to Ruth, Miriam November 26, 1916 fundraising for the insane asylum.	1916 August - December
b. 3, f. 1	Including from: Nell, Miriam, Isabel, Robert, Lewis	1916 January - June
b. 3, f. 2	Nell Ingram to George Ingram	1916 July - December

b. 3, f. 3	James Ingram to Ruth, Miriam, George March 11, 1917 description of a trial in which James worked as an expert witness. April 15, 1917 on travel and research related to the "Lost Tribe."	1917 January - April
b. 3, f. 4	James Ingram to Ruth, Miriam, George May 6, 1917 description of morning drills at the American Legation. May 27, 1917 list of translated works, appended draft of an article, "The Need for an Asylum for the Insane in North China."	1917 May - December
b. 3, f. 5	Including from: Nell, Myrtle, Miriam, Ruth	1917 January - June
b. 3, f. 6	Including from: Nell, Myrtle, Miriam, Robert, George	1917 July - December
b. 3, f. 7	James Ingram to Ruth, Miriam, Isabel, George March 11, 1918 written essay, "Account of the Outbreak of Pneumonic Plague." June 30, 1918 on the "Lost Tribe."	1918 January - July
b. 3, f. 8	James Ingram to Miriam, Isabel, Robert, Lewis	1918 August - September
b. 3, f. 9	James Ingram to Miriam, Isabel, Myrtle, Kathryn, family October 6, 1918 traveling across Siberia with the Red Cross, letter contains descriptions of prisoners of war, the Bolsheviks and the political context of Russia, WWI hospitals and medical aid.	1918 October
b. 3, f. 10	James Ingram to Myrtle, family	1918 November - December
b. 3, f. 11	Including from: Nell, Myrtle, Miriam, Ruth, George	1918 January - July
b. 3, f. 12	Including from: Nell, Myrtle, Miriam, Isabel November 17, 1918 Myrtle Ingram letter to the family recounting the celebrations of the end of WWI in Beijing.	1918 August - December
b. 3, f. 13	James Ingram to family	1919 January - February
b. 3, f. 14	James Ingram to Isabel, Miriam, family March 7, 1919 descriptions of Czech, Chinese, and Russian soldiers.	1919 March - April
b. 3, f. 15	James Ingram to Isabel, George, family June 15, 1919 leaves Vladivostok, July 1 in San Diego, August 17 in Prague.	1919 June - August
b. 3, f. 16	James Ingram to George, family, Miriam, Isabel December 17, 1919 James Ingram arrives back in Beijing.	1919 September - December
b. 3, f. 17	Including from: Nell, Myrtle, Lewis Myrtle Ingram circulars to family.	1919 January - August
b. 3, f. 18	Including from: Nell, Myrtle, Miriam, Isabel	1919 September - December

b. 3, f. 19	James Ingram to Miriam, Isabel, George March 18, 1920 to George Ingram including newspaper clipping, "Japan and China." March 29, 1920 recounts memories of the Boxer Rebellion.	1920 January - March
b. 3, f. 20	James Ingram to Miriam, Isabel, George May 16, 1920 to George Ingram including newspaper clipping, "Japanese High Handedness and Imprudence at Changsha."	1920 April - June
b. 3, f. 21	James Ingram to Isabel Ingram	1920 July
b. 3, f. 22	James Ingram to Isabel Ingram	1920 August - October
b. 3, f. 23	James Ingram to Isabel Ingram December 12, 1920 report on famine in China. December 19, 1920, "A report on the conditions of famine refugee camps" on Mentoleou, Chang Hsin Tien, and Feng Tai.	1920 November - December
b. 3, f. 24	Including from: Nell, Isabel, Miriam	1920 January - May
b. 4, f. 1	Including from: Nell, Miriam, Robert	1920 June - December
b. 4, f. 2	James Ingram to Isabel Ingram, George Ingram	1921 January - April
b. 4, f. 3	James Ingram to Isabel Ingram, Robert Ingram	1921 May - August
b. 4, f. 4	James Ingram to Isabel Ingram, Robert Ingram	1921 September - October
b. 4, f. 5	James Ingram to Isabel, Robert, George Ingram "Some Chinese Gods," essay fragment, n.d.	1921 November - December, n.d.
b. 4, f. 6	Including from: Nell, Robert, Myrtle Ingram	1921
b. 4, f. 7	James Ingram to Miriam, Isabel, Robert, Lewis Ingram	1922
b. 4, f. 8	Including from: Nell, Miriam, Robert, George; "Cousin Stella," H.G.C. Hallock March 11, 1922 letter from H.G.C. Hallock regarding his work in Shanghai. April 14, 1922 letter from cousin in California as George leaves for his Asia trip. July 7, 1922 from Pyongyang ("Pyengyang"), Korea and September 8, 1922 from Beijing letters from George Ingram to "Mr. Cooper."	1922
b. 4, f. 9	James Ingram to Miriam, Robert, Lewis, George	1923 January - March
b. 4, f. 10	James Ingram to Miriam, Robert, Lewis, George	1923 April - June
b. 4, f. 11	James Ingram to Ruth, Miriam, Robert, Lewis	1923 July - September
b. 4, f. 12	James Ingram to Ruth, Miriam, Robert, Lewis, George	1923 October
b. 4, f. 13	James Ingram to Ruth, Miriam, Robert, Lewis	1923 November

b. 4, f. 14	James Ingram to Ruth, Miriam, Robert, Lewis	1923 December, n.d.
b. 4, f. 15	Including from: Nell, Myrtle, Lewis, Robert, Isabel May 21, 1923 Isabel Ingram mentions her work at the palace.	1923 January - August
b. 4, f. 16	Including from: George, Nell, Myrtle, Ruth, Lewis, Robert	1923 September - December, n.d.
b. 4, f. 17	James Ingram to Ruth, Miriam, Robert, Lewis	1924
b. 4, f. 18	Including from: Nell, Myrtle, Ruth, Isabel, Lewis March 2, 1924 Isabel Ingram describes her community and work at the palace.	1924 January - March
b. 4, f. 19	Including from: Nell, Myrtle, Ruth, Isabel, Lewis, George	1924 April - July
b. 4, f. 20	Including from: Nell, Myrtle, Miriam, Robert August 26, 1914 Nell includes newspaper clipping "Dr. and Mrs. Ingram Returned"	1924 August - September
b. 4, f. 21	Including from: Nell, George, Ruth	1924 October - December, n.d.
b. 4, f. 22	Including from: Nell, Ruth, Robert	1925 January - June
b. 4, f. 23	Including from: Nell, Lewis December 28, 1925 Nell Ingram writes to George Ingram that James, Ruth, and Isabel are working in a temporary hospital near the treaty port Tientsin.	1925 July - December, n.d.
b. 4, f. 24	Including from: Nell, Myrtle, George, Lewis	1926
b. 4, f. 25	Including from: Nell, Myrtle	1927
b. 4, f. 26	James Ingram to Ruth Ingram, family	1929
b. 4, f. 27	Myrtle Ingram to Ruth Ingram	1929
b. 5, f. 1	James Ingram to Ruth Ingram, family March 2, 1930 news of George Ingram's death. July 4, 1930 from Berlin. Following letter from London, en route to United States.	1930
b. 5, f. 2	Including from: Myrtle, Ruth	1930
b. 5, f. 3	James Ingram to Ruth Ingram, family March 1, 1931 arrived in Beijing with Miriam, Jane, Nancy, and Peggy.	1931 January - June
b. 5, f. 4	James Ingram to Ruth Ingram, family	1931 July - December
b. 5, f. 5	Including from: Nell, Myrtle, Jane Pratt	1931
b. 5, f. 6	James Ingram to Ruth Ingram, family	1932 January - June

b. 5, f. 7	James Ingram to Ruth Ingram, family September 1, 1932 letter addressed to Eleanor Shenehon from the United States Department of State regarding the "attempted abduction by bandits and...serious wounding of Miss Harriet Harehet near Ningpo." September 4, 1932 letter includes newspaper clipping, "Chinese Nurses Hold National Convention Here."	1932 July - December, n.d.
b. 5, f. 8	Including from: Myrtle, Miriam, Robert, "Mrs. W.C. Merritt"	1932
b. 5, f. 9	James Ingram to Ruth Ingram, family James Ingram's 75th birthday. Images found in Box 6, folder 5.	1933
b. 5, f. 10	Including from: Myrtle, Nell, Miriam, Jane Pratt, Nancy Pratt	1933
b. 5, f. 11	James Ingram to Ruth Ingram, family	1934
b. 5, f. 12	Including from: Nell, Myrtle, Miriam, Peggy Pratt	1934
b. 5, f. 13	<a href="#">Including from: Myrtle, Ruth, Miriam, Isabel, Robert</a>	1938-1941
b. 5, f. 14	<a href="#">Including from: Ruth, Miriam, Lewis, William Mayer, Grace Boynton</a> May 20, 1942 Miriam writes from Beijing to the family in the United States about Myrtle's death in December 1941. 1942 evacuation from China. Further information in Box 5, folder 25 "Report of the Peiping Union Medical College" 1942.	1942-1944
b. 5, f. 15	James Ingram miscellaneous	1887-1934, n.d.
b. 5, f. 16	Ruth, Robert, Lewis Ingram miscellaneous	1900-1930, n.d.

**Series II: Writings**

b. 5, f. 17	<a href="#">Account of the Boxer Rebellion by Ruth Ingram</a> "A Little Girl's Story of the Siege of Peking." by Ruth Ingram, <i>Mission Dayspring</i> vol. XX (no. 1), January 1901.	1901
b. 5, f. 18	Newspaper articles by James Ingram and George Ingram "Dr. Ingram's Letter," by James Ingram, <i>The Wave</i> , April 11, 1889. "India Has Long Way To Go Before It Can Be Called a Christian Land," by George H. Ingram, Trenton Sunday Times Advertiser, December 31, 1922.	1889-1922
b. 5, f. 19	Writings from Asia trip by George Ingram "A Sunday in Seoul," n.d. Journal, Peking July 23, 1922.	1922
b. 5, f. 20	Article on the "Lost Tribe" by James Ingram "The "Lost Tribe" of China," by James Ingram, <i>Bulletin of the Catholic University of Peking</i> No. 4, 1928. "The following is the substance of a paper read before the Things Chinese Society in Peking on September 27, 1927, by Dr. J.H. Ingram, Medical Advisor of the Catholic University of Peking."	1928

## Series III: Collected Materials

b. 5, f. 21	Collected reports and publications <i>Annual Report of the North China Mission of the American Board, 1906. Report of the Union Medical College Peking, 1906. North China College, Tung Cho Near Peking China, booklet, 1898?. Fragment of unknown publication, 1898.</i>	1898–1906
b. 5, f. 22	Peking University, booklet n.d. 1920?	
b. 5, f. 23	Peking Union Medical College, Annual Announcement	1921–1922
b. 5, f. 24	Collected reports and publications Peking Union Bible Training Institute for Women, <i>Annual Report</i> January 1 to December 31, 1940. <i>Mission Station Tehchow</i> , by Dr. Fritz Baumgarten, 1940.	1940
b. 5, f. 25	Report on the Peiping Union Medical College Report dated May 15, 1942, describes the occupation and closure of the college during World War II. For further information regarding Miriam Ingram Pratt's repatriation to the United States, see Box 5, folder 14.	1942
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