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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 188

**CREATOR:** Judd, Laurence C.

**TITLE:** Laurence and Virginia Judd Papers

**DATES:** 1943-2001

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.5 linear feet (5 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** This collection consists primarily of correspondence with family members, missionary colleagues, and supporting churches, which provides documentation of the life and work of Laurence and Virginia Judd. The Judds were Presbyterian missionaries and fraternal workers in Thailand from 1948 to 1970. Laurence was associate director of the Rural Life Department of the Church of Christ in Thailand from 1961 to 1970. Virginia was involved in educational work and the Church of Christ in Thailand Music Committee.

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## 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.188>.

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 Laurence and Virginia Judd

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

Laurence and Virginia Judd Papers (RG 188), 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

Date	Event
1920Aug 27 Laurence Cecil Judd born in Houston, TX 1942	○ LCJ received B.A. from Rice University
194x	○ Virginia Moffat received B.A. from University of Rochester
1942-1944	○ LCJ secretary of youth work for New Haven Conference of Churches
1944-1946	○ LCJ pastor of Foxon Congregational Church, East Haven, CT
1945	○ LCJ and VMJ married; five children
1946	○ LCJ received B.D. from Yale Divinity School; VMJ also took courses at YDS and at Institute of Far Eastern Studies at Yale
1946-1947	○ LCJ assistant pastor of Chinese Presbyterian Church of San Francisco, under appt. by the Presbyterian Board of National Missions
1948	○ LCJ and VMJ arrived in Beijing, under appointment of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, but due to political situation they were transferred to Thailand in December 1948.
1948-1951	○ Taught at Bangkok Christian College
1951-1953	○ Administrative and evangelistic work in Pitsanuloke Province, Thailand
1954	○ LCJ received M.S. from Cornell University
1954-1959	○ Rural development work in Nan Province
1961	○ LCJ received Ph.D. from Cornell University
1961-1970	○ LCJ associate director of Rural Life Department of Church of Christ in Thailand. Department cooperated with government and private agencies serving rural people and assisted church districts and local congregations in developing church and community improvement projects. VMJ assisted in the department program, tutored English, and was active in musical activities in church schools, village churches, national conferences, and the Lampang community music club.
1970-1986	○ LCJ professor of sociology and director of Asian studies program at Illinois College.

Date	Event
1977-1989	○ LCJ publications: <i>Chao Rai Thai: Dry Rice Farmers in North Thailand; A Vision to Some; Chao Rai Thai 1987 Update in Perspective; Trends in Rural Development Policy and Programs in Thailand 1947-1987</i>

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists primarily of correspondence dating from 1948 to 1971. The different types of correspondence - with family members, with supporting churches, and with missionary colleagues and friends - provide varying perspectives on the life and work of a missionary family in Thailand. Also of interest are various newsletters, reports, and minutes related to the Music Department at Payap College in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and the Music Committee of the Church of Christ in Thailand.

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## Arrangement

- I. Correspondence, 1943-1971
- II. Collected Material, 1961-1988
- III. Biographical Information, 1952, 1965, 2001

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1943-1971

	Family correspondence	
b. 1, f. 1-20	Letters to family	1948 -1961
b. 2, f. 21-34	Letters to family	1962-1970
	General correspondence	
b. 3, f. 35-38	Letters re. preparation for missionary service and arrival in China: outfit, medical, finances, transportation, etc.	1943-1948
b. 3, f. 39-40	Circular letters sent out by Judds	1948-1963
	Correspondence with supporting churches	
b. 3, f. 41	First Presbyterian, Auburn, IL	1960-1965
b. 3, f. 42-43	First Presbyterian, Bethlehem, PA	1958-1970
b. 3, f. 44	First Presbyterian, Cranbury, NJ	1947-1971
b. 3, f. 45	Westminster Presbyterian, Detroit, MI	1951-1970
b. 3, f. 46	Detroit Presbyterian	1956-1971
b. 3, f. 47	College Hill Presbyterian, Easton, PA	1947-1971
b. 3, f. 48	United Presbyterian, East Stroudsburg, PA	1968-1971
b. 3, f. 49	First Presbyterian, Hallstead, PA	1965-1971
b. 3, f. 50	Indianola Presbyterian, Columbus, OH	1947-1970
b. 4, f. 51	First Presbyterian, Honesdale, PA	1964-1971
b. 4, f. 52	Trinity United Presbyterian, Mercer, PA	1954-1971
b. 4, f. 53	Center Presbyterian, Canonsburg, PA	1952-1971
b. 4, f. 54	Fort Trumbull Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, Milford, CT	1947-1967
b. 4, f. 55	Noroton Presbyterian, Noroton, CT	1966-1968
b. 4, f. 56	Union Presbyterian, Oxford, PA	1964-1971
b. 4, f. 57	First Presbyterian, Richardson, TX	1961-1962
b. 4, f. 58	Lakeshore Presbyterian, St. Clair Shores, MI	1962-1968
b. 4, f. 59	First Presbyterian, Wilkes Barre, PA	1959-1972
b. 4, f. 60	Westminster Presbyterian, Wilkes Barre, PA	1963-1970
b. 4, f. 61	Second Presbyterian, Wyalusing, PA	1958-1968

## Correspondence to/from others

## Friends and missionary colleagues

b. 4, f. 62-66	Lacy family [Creighton Lacy was roommate of LCJ at YDS]	1948-1965
b. 4, f. 67	Re. trip to India	1957-1958

## "China Diaspora" - missionaries who had to leave Ningbo (Ningpo)

b. 4, f. 68	Margaret Budd	1952-1954
b. 4, f. 69	Charles and Hazel Harken	1948-1962
b. 4, f. 70	Earle and Bernetia Harvey	1947-1951
b. 4, f. 71	Arthur and Beth March	1948-1951
b. 4, f. 72	Bruce and Ruth Morgan	1948-1949
b. 4, f. 73	Chuck and Kitty Riddle	1948-1962
b. 4, f. 74	Elleroy and Mabelle Smith	1947-1955
b. 4, f. 75	Rev. W. R. O. Taylor	1949

## Yale friends who went to China and elsewhere as missionaries

b. 4, f. 76	Harry and Grace Brunger	1949-1962
b. 4, f. 77	Frank and Ruth Cooley [includes detailed report of University Christian Fellowships]	1948-1957
b. 4, f. 78	Hal and Jane Leiper	1947-1956
b. 4, f. 79	Karl and Bobbi Stange	1955-1963
b. 4, f. 80	Sterling and Barbara Whitener	1946-1963

## Other correspondence

b. 5, f. 81	C - L	
b. 5, f. 82	P - Z	
b. 5, f. 83	Newsletters from YDS friends	
b. 5, f. 84	Newsletters and bulletins re. communist influence	1948-1950

**Series II: Collected Material, 1961-1988**

b. 5, f. 85-86	Payap College, Music Department newsletters	1980-1988
b. 5, f. 87-89	Church of Christ in Thailand, Music Committee reports and minutes	1961-1970
b. 5, f. 90	Booklets re. missions; brochure on Yale-in-China	
b. 5, f. 91	New church contacts	1964-1967



### **Series III: Biographical Information, 1952, 1965, 2001**

b. 5, f. 92      Biographical sketches of LCJ and VMJ provided by COEMAR, United Presbyterian Church; Marquis Who's Who 2001 article re. LCJ; card with family photograph      1952, 1965, 2001

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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**

Missionaries  
Missions -- Thailand  
Rural development -- Religious aspects --  
Christianity

### **Names**

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Judd, Virginia

### **Corporate Bodies**

Church of Christ in Thailand. Rural Life Dept  
Witthayālai Phāyap

### **Contributors**

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