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# Guide to the Hudson Family Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 253

**CREATOR:** Hudson, Waddy Hampton, 1867-1960

**TITLE:** Hudson Family Papers

**DATES:** 1885-1967

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2 linear feet (5 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** This collection documents the work of Southern Presbyterian missionaries Waddy Hampton Hudson, his wife Maude Chapin Hudson, and their son George A. Hudson, primarily in Jiaxing (Kashing), Zhejiang Province, China from 1894 to 1940. Waddy Hudson was in charge of mission accounts, trained ministers, and preached in neighboring villages, traveling from Jiaxing (Kashing) in a house boat. George Hudson worked initially in Jiaxing (Kashing) and then in Taiwan following World War II, including a tent evangelism ministry.

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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 Patricia Hankins, on behalf of Annie Chapin Hudson Hankins, 2013

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

Hudson Family Papers (RG 253), 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

Waddy Hampton Hudson was born in 1867 in Greenville, South Carolina. He graduated from Furman University in 1890 and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1893. In December 1893, Hudson married Maude Chapin, who was born in Boston 1867. The Hudsons had seven children: George Alexander, David Venable, Eirenne Chapin, Lois Chapin, Maude Chapin, Waddy Hampton, and Annie Chapin.

Having been appointed missionaries under the Presbyterian Church, U.S., Waddy and Maude Hudson sailed for China on December 21, 1893, supported the Independent Presbyterian Church of Savannah, Georgia. They arrived in Sinchang, China in January 1894 and were engaged in language study until September 1895. With their fellow missionaries, the Hudsons established the Jiaxing (Kashing) Mission, which included missionary residences, a hospital, a church, and schools. Waddy Hudson remained in Jiaxing (Kashing) except for furloughs in the United States, until 1940, formally retiring in 1941. He died in 1960.

Waddy Hudson received honorary doctorates from Davidson College (1914) and Furman University (1922). His missionary duties included being in charge of the mission accounts, building churches, training ministers, and preaching in small towns in the Jiaxing (Kashing) area. He was the first Moderator of the Kashing Presbytery, engaged in famine relief work, and was a correspondent for the North China Daily News.

Maude Hudson supervised the hiring and training of teachers in the two schools she had established in Jiaxing (Kashing), taught a Bible study class for women, ran the household, and cared for her seven children. The family traveled by houseboat to the outlying villages for religious work. Maude left China in 1918 due to ill health and died in 1934 in Warm Springs, Georgia.

George A. Hudson, the eldest son, was born in China in 1894 and lived there, educated by his mother, until he was 16. After one year of high school in Davidson, North Carolina, he attended Davidson College for three years before transferring to the University of South Carolina and graduating in 1918 with B.A. and M.A. degrees. He received a B.D. degree from Columbia Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina and later received Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Union Seminary, Richmond, Virginia. Hudson returned to China after graduating from seminary, also supported by the Independent Presbyterian Church of Savannah, Georgia. Following the Communist takeover in China, Hudson worked in Taiwan, primarily in tent evangelism and church extension. He conducted 129 evangelism campaigns in frontier villages and helped to organize and build more than 50 churches and chapels following the tent campaigns. Hudson retired in 1966 and died in 1982.

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## Scope and Contents

The Hudson Family Papers document the work of two generations of Southern Presbyterian missionaries in China and Taiwan. Letters from Waddy and Maude Hudson to his family in the U.S. provide detailed descriptions of their surroundings and mission work. The correspondence documents primarily the earlier years of the Hudsons' work in China, before 1918. There is little correspondence of the Hudson children, but George's mission work in Taiwan (Formosa) is documented by clippings and photographs. Also of interest in this collection are reports of Southern Presbyterian mission stations, hospitals, and schools in China as well as photographs of the Hudsons' evangelistic boat and tent ministries. Additional documentation of

Waddy Hudson's work is available in the archives of the Independent Presbyterian Church of Savannah, Georgia held at Emory University.

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## **Arrangement**

- I. Correspondence
- II. Writings
- III. Collected Material
- IV. Personal Items and Memorabilia
- V. Photographs

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1885-1960

#### Family correspondence

##### Waddy to parents

b. 1, f. 1	Observations about life away from home; enters Princeton Theological Seminary (1890); interest in missions	1885 Mar - 1891 Apr
b. 1, f. 2	At seminary, re. preaching, personal relationships	1892 Jan - Mar
b. 1, f. 3	Goes to Devil's Lake, North Dakota to work in a church for the summer	1892 May - Jun
b. 1, f. 4	Finishes summer ministry, reports to Princeton; brother William also attending Princeton; attends American Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance meeting in November	1892 Jul - Dec
b. 1, f. 5	Preparing to apply for missionary work under Southern Presbyterian church; graduates from Princeton in May; goes to Savannah to preach	1893 Feb - Jul

##### Waddy and Maude to parents

b. 1, f. 6	Waddy Hudson and Maude Chapin married on December 5, 1893; traveling west, sail for China on December 21	1893 Dec
b. 1, f. 7	Enroute to China; arrive in Shanghai; language study	1894 Jan-Jun
b. 1, f. 8	Based in Sinchang for language study; daily life; move to Hangzhou (Hangchow) for summer, birth of son George on October 1	1894 July-December
b. 1, f. 9	WHH preaching in Chinese, descriptions of Chinese homes and lifestyle; procurement of property in Jiaxing (Kaishing/Kashing) for new station with Dr. Venable	1895 January-December
b. 1, f. 10	Waddy Hudson and Dr. Venable establishing medical and evangelistic work in Jiaxing (Kashing); to Hangzhou (Hangchow) for summer; births of children David and Lois	1896 January - 1901 June
b. 1, f. 11	In Mokanshan for summer; property procured for school in 1906; WHH director of Seminary; boat ministry attacked by robbers; unrest in Jiaxing (Kashing)	1904 August-1908 January
b. 1, f. 12	On furlough in U.S. during 1911; resumes ministry in Jiaxing (Kashing)	1911 July - 1918 July

##### Maude to Waddy

b. 1	Dated letter expresses concern for Waddy traveling	1894 Dec, no dates
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##### Waddy to/from siblings

b. 1, f. 14	Wilton: regarding business at home, regarding family in China	1908-1940
b. 1, f. 15	Lois: including regarding her marriage	1894-1906
b. 1, f. 16	Austin: regarding business at home, family, gifts to Hudson Memorial	1894-1934

## General correspondence

b. 1, f. 17	Circular letters to "Dear Home Folks" from Hudsons	1923 Apr-Jun
b. 1, f. 18	Letters of Hudsons to/from S.M. Alexander, Chu Nien-ku, H.G. Hallock, E.M. Lippin, K.K. Keh, Frank Price, W. Stuart, Walker, Young	1892-1960
b. 1, f. 19	Letters of others, including WHH's father to his wife, other family member correspondence	1893-1949

**Series II: Writings, 1905-1957, 1997**

By Waddy		
b. 2, f. 20	"The Kashing Story" (A report to the Independent Presbyterian Church of Savannah, Georgia, 1957); "Gods and Demons" (published in Chinese Recorder, 1920); "Impressions from U.S.A."(n.d.); "Back in China" (1918), "The Next Leaders" (n.d.); "The Outlook for Christianity in China"; newspaper articles, miscellaneous notes	1918-1957, no date
By Maude		
b. 2, f. 21	Description of their home and surroundings in China	no date
By Lois		
b. 2, f. 22	Miscellaneous writings and poems, primarily from her school days	1905-1920
By George		
b. 2, f. 23	"A Five Point Program for the Far East" (n.d.); "Walking in Darkness" (n.d.); "Communism in China and its Challenge" (1951)' "Tent Evangelism in Formosa" (1952)	1951-1952, no date
By others		
b. 2, f. 24	Memoir of Henrietta McCaslin Hutcheson Schwartz for years 1910-1932, daughter of Strause and Allen Hutcheson, missionaries in Jiaying, Zhejiang (Kashing, Chekiang)	1997



**Series III: Collected Material, 1901-1946**

b. 2, f. 25	Related to Presbyterian Church, U.S missions, including reports, notes regarding mission property in China	1931-1943
b. 2, f. 26	Including biographical information on missionaries Wade Hampton Venable, Hampden DuBose, John Leighton Stuart; agreement for sale of boat "Lucy Roy"	1930-1939
b. 2, f. 27	Regarding Sutsien Station, Hangzhou (Hangchow) Station, Suchowfu Station, Hwaiianfu Station	1926-1936, undated
b. 2, f. 28	Regarding Jiaxing (Kashing) Station, including property records	1932-1942, undated
b. 2, f. 29	Tsingkiangpu General Hospital, Qingjiangpu, annual reports	1930, 1934, 1938, 1940
b. 2, f. 30	Elizabeth Blake Hospital, Soochow - brochures, annual reports	1921, 1924, 1931, 1933
b. 2, f. 31	Sutsien General Hospital, Goldsby King Memorial Hospital, Zhenjiang (Chinkiang), Kashing Christian Hospital, photos of Southern Presbyterian medical missionaries in China	1923-1939, undated
b. 2, f. 32	Brochures regarding Southern Presbyterian medical work in China	1929, no date
b. 3, f. 33	Brochures and documents relating to schools, including Kashing High School, Kiangyin schools, Union Bible School, Hangchow Christian College, Bible Teachers Training School for Women	1915-1946
b. 3, f. 34	Booklets, including related to missionary education, and "Rev. Hampden C. DuBose, D.D. and the Anti-Opium Movement in China" by Plamer C. DuBose	1925-1944, no date
b. 3, f. 35	Booklets relating to missionary education and Southern Presbyterian missions in China	1915-1944, no date
b. 3, f. 36	Booklets relating to missionary education and missions	1918-1944, no date
b. 3, f. 37	Chinese language materials, including manuscript "confession of faith" (1901). Lord's Prayer in Sinchang dialect, "Thirty Lessons in the Life of Jesus Christ" (published by China Baptist Publication Society, 1937), illustrated "reader"	1901-1937, no date
b. 3, f. 38	Newspaper clippings, primarily related to China and mission work	
b. 3, f. 39	Photocopies of articles from "The Bi-Monthly Bulletin", including regarding robber attack on Rev. W.H. Hudson, activities of Jiaxing (Kashing) mission station	undated
b. 3, f. 40	Kashing High School yearbook	1924
b. 3, f. 41	Hillcrest School yearbook	1917
b. 3, f. 42	Book: "Our China investment : sixty years of the Southern Presbyterian Church in China" by P. Frank Price	1927

**Series IV: Personal Items and Memorabilia, 1890-1967, n.d.**

b. 4, f. 43	Fabric banner with embroidered Chinese characters	
b. 4, f. 44	Waddy Hampton Hudson: biographical and genealogical information, including "This Is Your Life" memoir, obituary	
b. 4, f. 45	WHH recommendations and certificates for college and seminary, appointment as missionary, honorary degree from Davidson College	1890-1929
b. 4, f. 46	WHH passport, wedding announcement, biographical clippings and documents, cards	1893-1937
b. 4, f. 47	WHH personal financial records	1902-1957
b. 4, f. 48	George A. Hudson: biographical information, including resolution from Decatur Presbyterian Church with biographical sketch	1918-1967
b. 4, f. 49	GAH: biographical information: newspaper and magazine clippings	

**Series V: Photographs, 1894-1950s**

b. 4, f. 50	Family portraits and group portraits, family bungalow at Mokanshan
b. 4, f. 51	Portraits and group portraits: missionary colleagues, Chinese colleagues, school groups
b. 4, f. 52	Portraits and group portraits: Chinese individuals, including school groups
b. 4, f. 53	Group portraits: Chinese and Western individuals
b. 5, f. 54	Group portraits: Chinese and Western individual
b. 5, f. 55	Buildings and scenery in China
b. 5, f. 56	Boat ministry
b. 5, f. 57	Tent evangelism ministry of George A. Hudson
b. 5, f. 58	Tent evangelism ministry of George A. Hudson
b. 5, f. 59	Miscellaneous individuals and scenes
b. 5, f. 60	Album: Family, friends, scenery

## **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**

Missions -- China

### **Names**

Hudson, George Alexander, 1894-1982

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