

# Guide to the George Henry Hubbard Papers

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**CREATOR:** Hubbard, George Henry, 1855-1928

**TITLE:** George Henry Hubbard papers

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**SUMMARY:** Chiefly diaries and account books kept by George Henry Hubbard describing his travels and his activities in Fukien Province as administrator of various schools, hospitals and missions. The account books provide a record for one of his schools and for his own personal expenses. Also in the papers are four letters to Hubbard, a diary containing school lessons kept by Hubbard's mother-in-law, Hannah Louise Plimpton Peet Hartwell, and notes on *Paradise Lost* made by her in 1847, presumably while a student at Mount Holyoke College.

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## Biographical / Historical

George Henry Hubbard, B.A. 1881.

Born January 11, 1855, in Orange, Conn.

Died April 15, 1928, in West Haven, Conn.

Father, John Peck Hubbard, a farmer; son of John and Sally (Peck) Hubbard; great-great-great-grandson of John Hubbard (honorary M.A. Yale 1730); ancestors came from Ipswich, England, to Ipswich, Mass., in 1635. Mother, Sarah Ann (Clark) Hubbard; daughter of Thomas and Eunice (Mallett) Clark; descendant of Thomas Clark, who came from England to Plymouth in 1620. Yale relatives include: Vernon K. Peet, '19 S. (nephew); John and Leverett Hubbard (both B.A. 1744), Daniel Hubbard (B.A. 1748), Nathaniel Hubbard (B.A. 1759), Stephen W. Hubbard (B.A. 1766), and George B. Hubbard, '42, Joseph S. Hubbard, '43, William B. Hubbard, '81 D., and George C. Hubbard, '13 (cousins).

New Haven High School and Hopkins Grammar School.

B.D. Yale 1884; ordained to Congregational ministry at West Haven on September 24, 1884; missionary of the American Board in China for forty years; stationed in Foochow until 1891 and then in Fukien until his retirement in 1925; during his service had had four furloughs, 1893-94, 1901-03, 1911-12, and 1920-21; had taught in the Union Theological Seminary at Foochow and served as superintendent of Ponasong Hospital; president of United Society of Christian Endeavor for China (formed in his home) 1900-05; secretary of Foochow Missionary Union 1888-1890; editor of *Banyan City News*; assisted in the publication of a *Romanized Colloquial Bible* in 1908; had supervised an edition of the *Foochow Colloquial Hymn Book*, translated Sunday school lessons into the Foochow colloquial language, and contributed articles to *Missionary Herald*, *Gospel Union News*, *Golden Rule*, *Shanghai Mercury*, and *Foochow Echo*; president of Hubbard Reunion Society in 1920; member West Haven Congregational Church since 1871.

Married July 24, 1884, in West Haven, Ellen Louise Peet, a graduate of Mount Holyoke Seminary (now College) in 1883, daughter of the Rev. Lyman Burt Peet (B.A. Middlebury 1834) and Hannah Louise (Plimpton) Peet, a graduate of Mount Holyoke Seminary in 1848, and sister of the Rev. Lyman P. Peet, '85, and Dr. Edward W. Peet, '86. Children: Nela Louise; Marguerite Fern (Mrs. Joseph M. Hurley) (B.A. Oberlin 1907); Winifred May (Mrs. Arthur T. Blachley); George Graham, ex-'20 S., who received degree of B.A. at

Oberlin in 1914; Norman Squires, '16; Theodore Vincent, '18; and Christine (B.A. Mount Holyoke 1921), the wife of the Rev. Warren Wheeler Pickett, '17. Mrs. Hubbard died February 14, 1925.

Death, due to heart failure, occurred as he was preaching at the First Baptist Church, West Haven. Buried in Oak Grove, Cemetery, West Haven. Survived by four daughters, three sons, eleven grandchildren, a brother, Eugene Hubbard, of Oyster River, Conn., and two sisters, Mrs. William Cottle, of Waterbury, Conn., and Mrs. Charles R. Lawrence, of Attleboro, Mass.

[Taken from *Yale University Obituary Record*, 1925-28, pages 85-86.]

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## Scope and Contents

These papers consist primarily of diaries and account books of George Henry Hubbard, missionary of the American Board in China for forty years, 1885-1925. The diaries, for the years 1896-1897 and 1908, describe Hubbard's travels and activities in Fukien Province as an administrator of various schools, hospitals, and missions. The account books for one of his schools and for his personal expenses provide valuable material about the economic situation and the cost of living in Fukien around the turn of the century. All five of these volumes have loose papers laid in such as receipts, notes, and items in Chinese, both printed and manuscript. Four letters to Hubbard which concern routine mission business are also included.

Two items in the collection pertain to Hubbard's mother-in-law, Hannah Louise (Plimpton) Peet, later Mrs. Charles Hartwell (d. 1908). One is a diary for 1894 containing school lessons by Mrs. Hartwell, then wife of Charles Hartwell, one of Hubbard's fellow missionaries in Foochow. The other item is a book of notes on Milton's *Paradise Lost* made by her in 1847, presumably while a student at Mt. Holyoke College.

The provenance of these papers is unknown.

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### George Henry Hubbard

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b. 1, f. 4	Book of expenses for school	1897-1898
b. 1, f. 5	Household account book	1915-1918
b. 1, f. 6	Correspondence	1897, 1918

### Hannah Louise (Plimpton) Peet Hartwell

b. 1, f. 7	Diary containing school lessons	1894
b. 1, f. 8	Notes on <i>Paradise Lost</i>	1847

## **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**

Clergy  
Education -- China  
Missionaries  
Missionaries' spouses  
Missions -- China

### **Geographic Names**

Asia  
China -- Religion  
Fujian Sheng (China)

### **Genres / Formats**

Account books  
Diaries

### **Names**

Hartwell, Hannah Louisa Plimpton Peet, -1908  
Hubbard, George Henry, 1855-1928