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CALL NUMBER: RG 142

CREATOR: Krug, Elsie Clark, 1888-

TITLE: Elsie Clark Krug Papers

DATES: 1909-1985

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.5 linear feet (7 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Detailed correspondence, diaries, photographs, and collected material document the life and work of a young, single woman missionary in China. Elsie Clark Krug was an American Methodist missionary in Fuzhou (Foochow) from 1912 to 1918. She taught at Hwa Nan College, then in its preliminary stages a mission-supported college for women.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.142>

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.142>.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Elsie Clark Krug.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

Elsie Clark Krug Papers (RG 142), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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)".

Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1888 August 6	○ Born in Baltimore, Maryland
1905	○ Graduated from Girls' Latin School
1909	○ Graduated from Goucher College (then known as Woman's College of Baltimore), Phi Beta Kappa
19xx	○ Received M.A. degree from the University of Chicago Divinity School
1912	○ Went to Fuzhou, Fujian Shi (Foochow, Fukien Province), China under auspices of Methodist Episcopal Church to teach at Hwa Nan College.
1918	○ Returned home on furlough; married Andrew H. Krug
1921	○ Daughter, Dorothy, born.
192x	○ Following a separation and later divorce, Elsie Clark Krug owned and ran a gift shop, specializing in imports from China and elsewhere.
1953	○ Retired
1982 November 30	○ Died

Scope and Contents

This is a small but valuable collection of letters, diaries, and collected material documenting the life, thoughts, and work of a young single woman missionary in China. Elsie Clark (Krug) wrote to her family on a frequent basis throughout her years in China and included detailed description of her activities and surroundings. Elsie Clark figures prominently in Jane Hunter's work *The Gospel of Gentility*.

Arrangement

- I. Correspondence, 1912-1918
- II. Diaries, 1912-1914
- III. Personal Items and Memorabilia, 1909-1986
- IV. Photographs, 1909-1963
- V. Collected Material, 1913-1947

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1912-1918

Family correspondence		
b. 1, f. 1-7	Letters to/from family	1912 Nov -1913 Dec
b. 2, f. 8	Extracts of letters	1913, n.d.
b. 2, f. 9-14	Letters to/from family	1914
b. 3, f. 15-21	Letters to/from family	1915 Jan - 1916 Mar
b. 4, f. 22-28	Letters to/from family	1916 Mar - 1917 Feb
b. 5, f. 29-34	Letters to/from family	1917 Feb - Dec
General correspondence		
b. 6, f. 35	Jones, Jennie D.	1913
b. 6, f. 36	Krug, Andrew	1913-1916
b. 6, f. 37	Faithfull-Davies, Margaret	1917, n.d.
b. 6, f. 38	Chinese friends and students	1913-1920, 1948, 1973
b. 6, f. 39	Wallace, Ethel	1948, 1961, n.d.
b. 6, f. 40	Willis, Katharine	1918-1919
b. 6, f. 41	Unidentified	1914

Series II: Diaries, 1912-1914

b. 6, f. 42	Diaries	1912, 1913
b. 6, f. 43	Diaries	1914

Series III: Personal Items and Memorabilia, 1909-1986

b. 6, f. 44	Memorabilia, biographical documentation	1909-1979
b. 6, f. 45	Obituary, interview with daughter	1982, 1985
b. 6, f. 46	Notes for extra-curricular class on the problems of girlhood (at Hwa Nan)	n.d.

Series IV: Photographs, 1909-1963,n.d.

b. 6, f. 47	Photos of ECK, colleagues, students	1909-1963,n.d.
b. 6, f. 48	Photograph album - scenes and people in Fuzhou (Foochow) and Fujian (Fukien)	1912-1918, 1932
b. 7, f. 49	Scenes in China	n.d.

Series V: Collected Material, 1913-1947

b. 7, f. 50	Copies of the <i>Kuliang Register</i>	1913-1915
b. 7, f. 51	Copies of the Fuzhou (Foochow) <i>Express</i>	1913-1916
b. 7, f. 52	Book on Chinese festivals	n.d.
b. 7, f. 53-54	Miscellaneous	1913-1947, n.d.
b. 7, f. 55	Chinese language primers	n.d.

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
Women missionaries

Names

Krug, Elsie Clark, 1888-

Corporate Body

Hua nan nü zi wen li xue yuan (Fuzhou Shi,
Fujian Sheng, China)