Guide to the Katharine R. H. Lyman Papers

MS 1914

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1914

CREATOR: Lyman, Katharine

TITLE: Katharine R. H. Lyman papers

DATES: 1932–1937

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.05 Linear Feet (4 boxes)

LANGUAGE(S): The materials are in English.

SUMMARY: The papers comprise approximately one hundred letters between Katharine Lyman and her mother, photograph albums, scrapbooks of clippings, and two videotapes, all depicting the daily life of the Chinese, political and military events, and staff at Peking Union Medical College Hospital in the 1930s.

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Administrative Information

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Cite As

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Associated Materials

Two books were transferred to the East Asia Library, Yale University Library. One map was transferred to the Map Collection, Yale University Library. Additional information available in the repository.

Biographical / Historical

Katharine Russell Ham Lyman was born in Brookline, Massachusetts, on August 9, 1894. She graduated from Radcliffe College with an A.B. degree in 1918. She was employed as a hospital social worker, 1918 to 1926, in the Boston and Pittsburgh areas, as well as assistant director of social work at Strong Memorial Hospital, 1926 to 1931, during which time she met her future husband, Richard S. Lyman (1891-1959), a neuropsychiatrist from Johns Hopkins Hospital. After their wedding in Germany, she traveled with him to Peking, China, where he worked at the Peking Union Medical College Hospital as associate professor of neurology and psychiatry and she worked as volunteer supervisor in the social service department. The Lymans returned to the United States in 1937 after the Japanese capture of Peking, eventually to work at Duke University of Medicine, North Carolina, in their respective fields. In 1943, Katharine Lyman worked in Washington D. C. for the Office of Strategic Services preparing lectures on Eastern culture for paratroopers. Katharine Lyman died in West Orange, New Jersey, in January 1994.

Description of the Collection

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Arrangement

The papers are arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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<td>Japanese bus through Kupeikou to Jehol in Marichukuo, then boat down Luan River to Peking.</td>
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<td>Angkor Wat, Bali, Cambodia, Japan, Java, Korea, Macassar, Siam, Suez Canal, and Sumatra as well as China</td>
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<td>An Eight Month Experiment videotape (VHS)</td>
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<td>The approximately 40 minute film consists of a sequence of scenes in a Peking psychiatric facility following a progression of treatment of some of Dr. Lyman's Chinese patients. It includes: 1933 Summer, Palace of Prince Na, Quarters, The Next Move, Delousing, A Further Extension Was Necessary, Three Months Pass - Snow, Teaching Clinics, Going Home, Dr. Fang Inspects, Men Private Patients, Women Private Patients, and Occupation.</td>
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<td>The approximately 40 minute film includes: Lei Tai-Fu Arrives (assumed to be Dr. Lyman arriving home), Taking Down Ping, Central Park, Street Scenes, Street Kitchens, Miss China 1937, Chinese New Year, Ling Fu SSU, Peiping Union Medical College, Social Service Unit, Yenching University, Pilgrimage to Maio Feng Shrine, Street Parade, U.S. Troops Parading, Japanese Planes July 1937, Summer Palace, Pei Hai, National Library, Temple of Heaven, Funeral Procession, U.S. Marines, Belka (Mrs. Lyman's horse), Lei Hwang Teh (Mrs. Lyman's dog), and Ting Tsien (the woman who appears a few times is surely Mrs. Lyman).</td>
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Access Terms

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Lyman, Richard Sherman.
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