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Introduction

In 1975, Mrs. Susan Scott, sister of missionary Edith Crook, donated a number of Edith's books on Asia and some photographic material to UBC. The photographic materials were subsequently turned over to Special Collections.

Biographical/historical note

Rudolph and Edith Crook were medical missionaries in Szechuan Province of China from 1920 to 1950 or 1951. Edith worked at the West China Union University from 1920 to 1930. After her marriage to Rudolph in 1930, she worked with him at the American Baptist Mission.

Scope and content note

This collection consists of 188 photographs in three distinct series: "A Trip to Tibet", which is an illustrated account of Edith and "Dolf's" trip into the Tibetan region of Szechuan province in the summer of 1930; two mini albums of photographs entitled, "China and Architecture" and "Chinese Life and Industry" and a collection of color and black and white transparencies of China taken between approximately 1930 and 1950.

The majority of the collection is made up of 8 cm. x 5 1/2 cm. black and white silver gelatin prints taken possibly by Edith or her husband, or by a Chinese student Mr. Gin from West China Union University who accompanied them and others on their trip into the Tibetan area of China. The color slides are attributed to a W.B. Martin of Harrington Park, N.J.

Series description

MANUSCRIPT

BC 1773/1 "A Trip to Tibet: Summer 1930". 28 x 22 cm.
This is a 16-page account written in January 25, 1931 by Edith Crook and sent to family and friends. It describes the trip she, her husband six other fellow travellers and Chinese guides took from Yachow high up into the Tibetan region of Szechuan province from July 7 to August 16, 1930. Crook details the rigours of their trip, the countryside they saw people they encountered and lamaseries they visited. 48 8 cm. x 5 1/2 cm. photographs illustrate the narrative showing Tibetan countryside, religious ceremonies, costumes, houses and the towns of Yin

Gwan Djia, Tachienlu, Jaydoe Pass and U Lung Gong.
Included also are shots of Edith and her husband.

ALBUMS

- BC 1773/2 "Chinese Architecture". Encased folding page paper album. 11 cm. x 8 cm.
53 8 cm. x 5 1/2 cm photographs showing examples of Chinese architecture: Yao Chiao, Yachow, Dso Gong Sham Temple, Min Shan, Confucian Temple and outside the West Gate, Yachow. There are close ups of details as well as mid distance and long shots of buildings.
- BC 1773/3 "Chinese Life and Industry" Encased folding page paper album. 11 cm. x 8 cm.
35 8 cm. x 5 1/2 cm. photographs portray irrigation procedures and instruments, poppy fields, bridges, procedure for moving stones, tea production, rafts plowing, and building and opening of the tripod dam at Kwanhsien.

SLIDES

The original order of the sildes was broken as the slides were given to an old friend of the Crooks, Earl Willmott, who was in Asia at the same time as the Crooks. He organized and identified the slides before they were submitted to Special collections. The color slides have been left in the order Earl established, with their captions. The black and white slides have been filed at the end.

- BC 1773/4-175 95 color 35 mm slides depicting the countryside, buildings, and people at work in China. Also included are two slides of North American houses. A caption list accompanying the slides identifies most of the visuals. See attached caption list.

10 color and 70 black and white 35 mm slides of countryside in China, madical cases, staff and patients and [hospital] in China. There is no identification of this material.

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