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Collection Summary

Title: Hayes, Hollister, and Kelman Families Papers

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Creator: Kelman family

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Summary: Correspondence, diaries, memoirs, lectures and sermons, genealogical material, and printed matter pertaining chiefly to members of the Hayes family and their careers as Presbyterian missionaries in China. Includes papers of Margaret Hayes Hollister; her parents, John David Hayes and Barbara Monteath Kelman Hayes; her paternal grandparents, W. M. Hayes and Margaret Young Hayes; her maternal grandfather, John Kelman; and her paternal great-grandfather, David Hayes.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Ambler, Barbara Hayes, 1926-2006. Barbara Hayes Ambler papers.

Hayes family.

Hayes, Barbara Monteath Kelman, 1893-1975. Barbara Monteath Kelman Hayes papers.

Hayes, David, 1832-1865. David Hayes papers.

Hayes, John David, 1888-1957. John David Hayes papers.

Hayes, Margaret Young, 1857-1949. Margaret Young Hayes papers.

Hayes, W. M. (Watson M.), 1857-1944. W.M. Hayes papers.

Hollister family.

Hollister, Margaret Hayes, 1917- Margaret Hayes Hollister papers.

Kelman family.

Kelman, John, 1864-1929. John Kelman papers.

Organizations

Gripsholm (Ocean liner)

Oroya (Steamship)

Oxford University--Students.

United States. Army. Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, 100th (1861-1865)

Weihhsien Civilian Assembly Center.

Yanjing da xue--Students.

Subjects

Americans--China.

Education--China.

Missions--China.

Plague--China.

Political prisoners--China.

Presbyterian Church--Missions--China.

Sino-Japanese War, 1894-1895.

Sino-Japanese War, 1937-1945.
Social service--Washington (D.C.)
Voyages and travels.
World War, 1939-1945--China.
World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps--China--Shandong Sheng.
World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps--Philippines.
World War, 1939-1945--Prisoners and prisons, American.
World War, 1939-1945--Prisoners and prisons, Japanese.

Places

Australia--Description and travel.
China--History--1861-1912.
China--History--Republic, 1912-1949.
China--History--Revolution, 1911-1912.
China--Social life and customs.
Pennsylvania--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Titles

Hayes family papers
Hollister family papers
Kelman family papers

Provenance

The papers of the Hayes, Hollister, and Kelman families were given to the Library of Congress by Margaret Hayes Hollister in 2012.

Transfers

Photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of the Hayes, Hollister, and Kelman Families Papers.

Other Repositories

Other papers of John David Hayes can be found at Yale University Divinity School Library, New Haven, Connecticut.

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Biographical Note

W. M. Hayes

Date	Event
1857, Nov. 23	Born Lackawannock Township, Mercer County, Pa.
1879	Graduated, Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa.
1882	Graduated, Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pa. Married Margaret Ellen Young Travelled to China and settled in Shandong Sheng (Shantung Province)
1882-1943	Missionary to China under Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
1883-1895	Taught at Tengchow College, Shantung, China
1896-1901	President, Tengchow College, Shantung, China
1901-1903	Founder and president, Provincial University of Shantung, China
1904-1919	Professor, Union Theological Seminary, Tsinan, Shantung, China
1919-1937	President, North China Theological Seminary, Tenghsien, Shantung, China
1924	Founder, North China Women's Bible Seminary, Shantung, China
1933	Retired from active service with Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
1943-1944	Interned with wife and son, John, Weihsien Civilian Assembly Center, Shantung, China
1944, Aug. 2	Died, Weihsien, Shantung, China

Margaret Young Hayes

Date	Event
1857, Oct. 3	Born Margaret Ellen Young, Lackawannock Township, Mercer County, Pa.
1881	Appointed missionary to China by Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
1882	Married Watson MacMillan Hayes Travelled to China and settled in Shandong Sheng (Shantung Province)
1882-1943	Missionary to China under Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. Taught classes at schools where husband was affiliated
1895	Evacuated from Tengchow to Chefoo with son John David during Sino-Japanese War
1900	Evacuated from Tengchow to Chefoo with children during Boxer Rebellion
1927	Evacuated from Tenghsien during Nationalist Revolution
1933	Retired from active service with Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
1943-1945	Interned with husband and son John David, Weihsien Civilian Assembly Center, Shantung, China
1945	Returned to the United States
1949, Dec. 1	Died, New York state

John David Hayes

Date	Event
1888, Feb. 23	Born, Tengchowfu, Shantung, China
1905-1909	Attended College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio
1910	Graduated, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.

1910-1911	Instructor, Peekskill Military Academy, Peekskill, N.Y.
1911	Appointed Rhodes Scholar
1911-1914	Attended Merton College, University of Oxford, Oxford, England
1914-1915	Served with YMCA in France
	Assistant minister, St. George's West Church, Edinburgh, Scotland
1914-1916	Attended New College Theological Seminary, Edinburgh, Scotland
1916	Married Barbara Monteath Kelman
	Entered Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J.
1917	Graduated Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J.
	Travelled to China with wife and infant daughter
1917-1943	In charge of student Christian work, Peking, China
1918-1932	Participated in flood and famine relief projects
1935-1936	Acting president, College of Chinese Studies, Peking, China
1939-1942	Acting president, College of Chinese Studies, Peking, China
1943-1945	Interned with parents, Weih sien Civilian Assembly Center, Shantung, China
1947-1948	Assistant pastor, National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.
1948	Returned to China at the invitation of the Church of Christ in China, assigned to Kweiyang, Kweichow Province
1949-1951	Taught in two Chinese universities
1951-1952	Imprisoned by Chinese Communists
1953-1955	Travelled throughout the United States speaking about his experiences
1955	Travelled to Indonesia to work with students
1956-1957	Worked at Christian Normal College, Salatiga, Java
1957, March 4	Died, Salatiga, Java, Indonesia

Barbara Monteath Kelman Hayes

Date	Event
1893, April 5	Born Barbara Monteath Kelman, Peterculter, Scotland
1911-1913	Attended Somerville College, University of Oxford, Oxford, England
1916	Married John David Hayes
	Moved to the United States
1917	Moved to China with husband and infant daughter, Margaret
1917-1941	Resided in Peking, China
1927-1928	Evacuated from Peking to Scotland with family during Nationalist takeover of Peking
1941	Director, Language School for the Philippines, Peking College of Chinese Studies, Baguio, Luzon, Philippine Islands
1941-1942	Interned by Japanese with daughter Barbara and son John in Camp John Hay and Camp Holmes, Philippine Islands
1942-1943	House internment in Presbyterian mission, Manila, Philippine Islands
1943	Returned to the United States as part of Japanese-American civilian prisoner exchange
1944-1948	Worked for National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.
1948	Returned to China with husband at the invitation of the Church of Christ in China, assigned to Kweiyang, Kweichow Province
1949-1950	Worked in China liason office, Church of Christ, Hong Kong
1951	Returned to the United States and resided in New York, N.Y.
1951-1959	Speaking tours and other work with Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
1975, Oct. 24	Died, Syosset, N.Y.

Margaret Hayes Hollister

Date	Event
1917, April 15	Born Margaret Irene Hayes, New York, N.Y.
1917	Travelled to Peking, China, with parents
1928-1934	Attended North China American School, Tungchow, China
1934-1935	Attended Yanjing da xue (Yenching University), Peking, China
1939	Graduated from Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass.
1939-1940	Assistant to the dean of women, Yanjing da xue (Yenching University), Peking, China
1942	Married William Hollister (divorced 1964)
1961	M.S.W., National Catholic School of Social Service, Washington, D. C.
1961-1966	Social worker, Christ Child Hospital for Children, Rockville, Md.
1966-2002	Social worker with Department of Human Services, Mental Health Administration, Washington, D. C.

John Kelman

Date	Event
1864, June 20	Born, Dundonald, Ayrshire, Scotland
1884	M.A., Edinburgh University, Edinburgh, Scotland
1885-1888	Lived in Australia to recover his health
1890	Graduated, New College, Edinburgh, Scotland
1891-1897	Pastor, Peterculter United Free Church, Aberdeenshire, Scotland
1892	Married Ellin Runcorn Bell
1897-1907	Pastor, New North Free Church, Edinburgh, Scotland
1907-1919	Pastor, St. Georges United Free Church, Edinburgh, Scotland
circa 1914-1917	Chaplain, British Territorial Army
1917	Speaking tour in the United States. Lectured on the war aims of the Allies
1919-1924	Pastor, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, N.Y.
1924-1925	Pastor, Froggnal Presbyterian Church, London, England
1929, May 3	Died, Edinburgh, Scotland

Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Hayes, Hollister, and Kelman families span the years 1826-2012, with the bulk of the material dating from 1862 to 2010. They primarily relate to two generations of American Presbyterian missionaries and educators in China. W. M. (Watson MacMillan Hayes) (1857-1944) and his wife, Margaret Young Hayes (1857-1949), lived and worked in China from 1882 to 1944. Their son, John David Hayes (1888-1957) and his wife, Barbara Monteath Kelman Hayes (1893-1929), served in China in the period 1917-1952. W. M. and Margaret Young Hayes had three children, John David, Irene, and Ernest. Irene died in childhood. John David and Barbara Monteath Kelman Hayes had five children, Margaret, Elinor, Janet, Barbara, and John. All but one of the children were born in China and attended college in the United States. Additional material relates to John and Barbara Hayes's eldest daughter, Margaret Hayes Hollister (1917-), and Barbara Hayes's father, John Kelman (1864-1929), a Scottish clergyman.. The papers are grouped by type of material into diaries and journals, correspondence, miscellany, and books. They are primarily written in English, although some Chinese is present.

Among the diaries and journals are a diary kept by W. M. Hayes while he was interned by the Japanese in the Weihsien Civilian Assembly Center in Shandong Sheng (Shantung Province) from 1943 until his death there in 1944 and his granddaughter, Barbara Hayes's (later Barbara Hayes Ambler) account of her internment in the Philippines from 1941-1943. A journal written by Margaret Hayes (later Margaret Hayes Hollister) provides an account of the year she spent as a student at Yanjing da xue (Yenching University) in Peking, China. Barbara Monteath Kelman Hayes's pocket diaries relate largely to her later years in the United States. A journal kept by her father, John Kelman, describes his voyage from Australia on the steamship *Oroya* in 1888. Two of these diaries are supplemented by lectures filed in the miscellany section

of the papers. A lecture by John Kelman details his experiences in Australia in 1888 and one by Barbara Hayes Ambler recounts her internment experience during World War II.

A correspondence section is comprised primarily of family letters. They are particularly numerous from the period 1910 through the 1950s. Many of the letters were written by W. M. Hayes and Margaret Young Hayes, and a large portion of these were written to their son, John David. There are holes in some letters from when stamps were removed from the envelopes. As a result, some of the text is missing. W. M. Hayes also wrote to his mother and sisters in Pennsylvania and sent letters to the Presbyterian Church of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. These letters are filled with details of their life and work and comment on events such as the first Sino-Japanese War in 1895, an outbreak of plague in 1911, the Chinese Revolution in 1911-1912, and the second Sino-Japanese War starting in 1937. There is also a large group of letters written by Barbara Monteath Kelman Hayes to members of her family in the 1940s and 1950s. Among the oldest letters are those written by W. M. Hayes's father, David Hayes, while he was a soldier in the 100th Pennsylvania Volunteers during the Civil War. He was killed in 1865 while on picket duty near Petersburg, Virginia.

The miscellany includes biographical information on family members, sermons by John Kelman, and personal files comprised of material belonging to or relating to specific individuals. Among the items in John David Hayes's personal file are school records from China, memorabilia from his time as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, and a typescript of the "confessions" he wrote while imprisoned by Chinese Communists. The personal file for his daughter, Margaret Hayes Hollister, chronicles her life and work as a social worker in Washington, D.C. Margaret Hayes Hollister's memoir, *Inheriting China*, describes her experiences growing up in China and includes accounts of the lives of her parents and grandparents. A memoir written by her sister, Barbara Hayes Ambler, includes details of her voyage on the repatriation ship the *Gripsholm* as part of a Japanese-American civilian prisoner exchange during World War II. Also included is Barbara Monteath Kelman Hayes's account of the work of her husband, John David Hayes. A file of research for a proposed documentary on W. M. Hayes and John D. Hayes contains copies of State Department documents relating to the latter's imprisonment by Communists from October 1951 to September 1952.

A group of books with religious themes published by John Kelman between 1903 and 1924 includes two, *Salted with Fire* (1915) and *The War and Preaching* (1919), that relate to World War I, when Kelman served as a chaplain in the British Territorial Army.

Arrangement of the Papers

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