

Repository

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<http://library.wooster.edu/services/special.php>

Cited in Crouch *Christianity in China*, 1989

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General Collection

name of collection

Special collections

background

In order to preserve our social and literary history, The College of Wooster Libraries, Wooster, Ohio, have secured rare materials, archival materials, and other unique collections which are housed in Special Collections. These materials include first editions of classic texts, signed and inscribed editions of major literary works, examples of fine binding, materials that offer significant historical documentation and the College Archives.

finding aid

Books listed in the online library catalog, CONSORT. Finding aids for other materials in repository.

materials

pamphlets

Brodhead, A. (Augustus). *Historical sketch of the missions in India under the care of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church*. Philadelphia : Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, 1881.

Forman, Henry, ed. *An Account of the work of the North India Mission of the Presbyterian Church of America for the year 1906-1907*. Ajmer : Scottish Mission Industries, [1907?]

serials

The Forman Christian College magazine. [Lahore, India] : The College, Library has: v.15(1923)-v.18(1927)

Forman Christian College monthly. [Lahore, India] : The College, Library has: v.13(1922)-v.14(1923)

The Indian evangelical review. [Madras : Printed at the Foster Press, 1873- Library has: v.1(1873)-v.9(1883)

Collection 1

name of collection

College Archives

finding aid

Finding aids in repository.

Collection 1.1

name of collection

Buildings and grounds
Missionary homes

background

The College, with the support of the Presbyterian Church, maintained homes for missionaries on furlough and for children of missionaries attending The College. Among these were Livingstone Lodge (the "Inky") for male missionary children, and the Henderson Memorial Home for Missionaries, still a residence for retired missionaries.

materials

Addresses, clippings, correspondence, notes, papers, photographs

Collection 1.2

name of collection

Miscellaneous Materials
Ewing Christian College

background

The College has maintained a close relationship with Ewing Christian College, Allahabad, U.P., India, since the early part of the 20th century. Several Ewing faculty came to Wooster as visiting scholars, and Wooster sent recent graduates to teach English at Ewing.

material

Correspondence, publications

Collection 1.3

name of collection

Miscellaneous Materials
India Dinner

background

The College holds an annual Indian dinner, now part of South Asia week. The dinner was first established to raise funds for the Wooster-in-India program.

material

Correspondence, invitations, flyers, pamphlets

Collection 1.4

name of collection

Miscellaneous Materials
Wooster-in-India

background

For many years a recent graduate of The College of Wooster spent one to two years at Ewing Christian College to teach English or other subjects. Some of the support for this program came from the Presbyterian Church.

material

Clippings, correspondence, flyers, pamphlets, maps, notes, photographs, press releases, reports

Collection 2

name of collection

Compton collection

background

The Compton Collection includes clippings, correspondence, photographs, memorabilia and manuscripts of the family of Dr. Elias and Ms. Otelia Compton. Their daughter, Mary Compton Rice (College of Wooster class of 1911), also is included in this collection, although the bulk of materials relating to her life are included in The Rice Collection.

materials

Includes letters between Mrs. Rice, a missionary to India, and her family. Of special note is correspondence around the time of the partition of Pakistan and India in 1947.

Collection 3

name of collection

Missionary collections

background

Between 1870-1905, at least 40 percent of all library donations were made by Presbyterian clergymen or their families. According to early library accession ledgers, in 1892 38 percent of the library's collection was comprised of works of religion and theology. These volumes emphasized several of the college's ties to the Presbyterian Church and missionary work abroad, especially missionary work in Africa and Asia. As a result, the department now houses quite a collection of 19th-century periodicals related to missionary work, as well as many personal collections of missionary families.

materials

reports

International Missionary Council. Meeting (4th : 1938 : Madras, India)
"The Madras series", presenting papers based upon the meeting of the International missionary council, at Tambaram, Madras, India, December 12th to 29th, 1938. New York, London, International missionary council, 1939

vernacular language materials (e.g. Hindi, Urdu, Tamil, etc.)

Koran. Hindustani. *The Qurán*, tr. into Urdú language by Abdul Qádir ibn i Shah Walí Ullah, with a preface and introduction in English by T.P. Hughes, and an index in Urdu by E.M. Wherry. Lodiana, Mission press, 1876

Collection 3.1

name of collection

Missionary Alcove collection

background

In the 1890s, a "missionary alcove" was established in the library as a pledge of support for missionary activities on campus.

extent

Ca. 160 monographs

finding aid

Books are searchable in the online catalog, CONSORT, under title "Missionary Alcove Collection."

material

pamphlets

Gracey, J. T. (John Talbot), 1831-1912. *India : country, people, missions*. Rochester, N. Y., J.T. Gracey [etc.] 1884.

Collection 3.2

name of collection

Rice Collection

background

Dr. Charles Herbert Rice (1884-1960) and Mary Compton Rice (1897-1961). C. Herbert, College of Wooster class of 1906; Mary Compton, College of Wooster class of 1911. The collection is the personal collection of Dr. and Mrs. Rice. They both dedicated their lives to work with educational missions in India. Dr. Rice served as a professor of psychology for six years at Forman Christian College in Lahore and then later served as the principal of Ewing Christian College in Allahabad. They both witnessed the upheaval when India and Pakistan were partitioned in August 1947.

finding aid

Finding aid in repository

materials

This collection includes scrapbooks, journals, diaries, photographs, and correspondence.

Note: Additional unaccessioned material in repository.

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