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Four College Catalog - <http://fclibr.library.umass.edu/>

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General collection

name of collection

Archives & Special Collections

background

Between 1838 and 1970 approximately 84 graduates of Mount Holyoke College went to South Asia as missionaries or missionary wives. The College's Archives & Special Collections contains the record of their experiences.

access/use restrictions

The collections are open for research to the Mount Holyoke College community and the public. All researchers are required to observe the Rules, Regulations and Policies of the Archives and Special Collections. Individuals wishing to visit the Archives and Special Collections are asked to make an appointment.

finding aids

<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/lits/library/arch/col/index.shtml>

Four College Catalog - <http://fclibr.library.umass.edu/>

materials

The collection includes obituaries, biographical information, and photographs of many graduates. Information may be requested by name of graduate.

Collection 1

name of collection

Mount Holyoke Missionary Records

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background

General collection of materials relating to missionaries connected to Mount Holyoke.

access/use restrictions

Unrestricted

extent

9 boxes

2 volumes - Encyclopedia of Missions

1 volume - World Missionaries Atlas

finding aid

No finding aid is available for this resource.

materials

This collection includes 4 boxes of general materials relating to Mount Holyoke and missionary work. There are 5 boxes pertaining to individual countries, which contain lists, inventories, articles, and records about missionaries in those countries.

Collection 2

name of collection

Burgess papers, 1838-1853.
MS 0513

background

Burgess, Abigail Moore (1813-1853), Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary class of 1838. In 1846, she married Reverend Ebenezer Burgess. In September of 1846, they left Boston, Massachusetts and sailed for Bombay, India to work as missionaries. The Burgesses were stationed in Ahmadnagar, northern India. Abigail Moore Burgess died in Mahabaleshwar, India on April 26, 1853 at the age of forty.

access/use restrictions

Unrestricted

Cite as: Abigail M. Burgess Papers, Mount Holyoke College, Archives and Special Collection, South Hadley, Massachusetts

extent

1 box

finding aid

http://asteria.fivecolleges.edu/findaids/mountholyoke/mshhm012_main.html

materials

biographical information, diaries, correspondence, manuscripts

Correspondence, journal, and biographical materials, in part relating to Burgess's work in India.

Collection 3

name of collection

Grant family papers, 1836-1874.
MS 0543

background

Burgess, Mary Zilpah Grant (1811-1842), aunt of Mount Holyoke student (1842-1844) Martha Grant (1824-1847). Married Reverend Ebenezer Burgess in 1839. They worked as missionaries in Ahmadnagar, India

access/use restrictions

Unrestricted

Cite as: Grant Family Papers, Mount Holyoke College, Archives and Special Collections, South Hadley, Massachusetts

extent

1 box

finding aid

http://asteria.fivecolleges.edu/findaids/mountholyoke/mshm035_main.html

materials

diaries

Includes a journal by Mary (Grant) Burgess, 1839-1840, describing the journey to India with her missionary husband, Ebenezer Burgess, and their life in India.

Collection 4

name of collection

Herron papers, 1849-1886 (bulk 1855-1863)
MS 0548

background

Herron, Mary Louise Browning (1834-1863), Mount Holyoke Seminary x1857. She sailed for India as a missionary in July of 1855. She married David Herron in April of 1857, and founded a school which became the United Church of North India Girls High School in Dehra Dun, where she died on November 25, 1863.

access/use restrictions

Unrestricted

Cite as: Mary L. Herron Correspondence, Mount Holyoke College, Archives and Special Collections, South Hadley, Massachusetts.

extent

1 box

finding aid

http://asteria.fivecolleges.edu/findaids/mountholyoke/mshm039_main.html

materials

biographical information, correspondence, manuscripts

Correspondence, articles, and biographical materials, mostly relating to Herron's missionary life in India.

Collection 5

name of collection

Purington correspondence, 1926-1927.
MS 0578

background

Purinton, Florence, 1862-1950; College administrator and teacher. Mount Holyoke Female Seminary graduate, 1886. Mount Holyoke College faculty member and administrator, 1887-1929. Papers consist of transcripts of letters to family members. Primarily documenting her travels to India, China and Japan and her observations of social conditions in each country and the work of missionaries.

access/use restrictions

none

extent

4 folders

finding aid

http://asteria.fivecolleges.edu/findaids/mountholyoke/msh060_main.html

materials

correspondence

Correspondence documenting trip to India (1926), includes accounts of Mount Holyoke alumnae in India and ABCFM missionaries.

Collection 6

name of collection

Smith papers, 1904-1924.

MS 0587

background

Smith, Edith Huntington Reed (1878-1924). Mt Holyoke College class of 1901. In 1915 she became a missionary in India where she worked until her death in 1924.

access/use restrictions

Unrestricted

Cite as: Edith H. Smith Papers, Mount Holyoke College, Archives and Special Collections, South Hadley, Massachusetts

extent

2 boxes

finding aid

http://asteria.fivecolleges.edu/findaids/mountholyoke/msh063_main.html

materials

correspondence, diaries, manuscripts, photographs

Correspondence, diaries, writings, and photographs, relating in part to Smith's work in India.

Collection 7

name of collection

White papers, 1908-1989.
MS 0600

background

White, Ruth Esther Parker (1895-1989). Mt. Holyoke College class of 1917. She married Emmons Eaton White and they sailed to India in October of 1917 to work as missionaries. They remained there, with a few short periods in the U.S. until 1959.

access/use restrictions

unrestricted

Cite as: Ruth Parker White Papers, Mount Holyoke College, Archives and Special Collections, South Hadley, Massachusetts

extent

10 boxes

finding aid

http://asteria.fivecolleges.edu/findaids/mountholyoke/msh255_main.html

materials

diaries, letters, speeches and other writings, biographical material, memorabilia, photographs, vernacular language materials

Chiefly letters by White and her husband, Emmons E. White, relating to their work as missionaries in southeastern India, 1917-1957. Some materials, including letters, in Tamil.

Collection 8

name of collection

Women's Christian College papers, 1919-
MS 0603

background

The Women's Christian College was founded in 1915 in Madras, India. In 1920 it became a sister college to Mount Holyoke.

access/use restrictions

unrestricted

Cite as: Women's Christian College Collection, Mount Holyoke College,
Archives and Special Collections, South Hadley, Massachusetts

extent

4 boxes

finding aid

http://asteria.fivecolleges.edu/findaids/mountholyoke/mshm256_main.html

materials

minutes, photographs

Minutes from College Council Meetings 1924-74, misc. materials and
photographs.

publications

Issues of the *College News*, 1949-58; *Principal's Journal*; *Principal's Report*,
1982/83.

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