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Duncan, Shirley 1943-1945
Duncan, Mrs. Stuart L. 1941-1945

Duncan, Shirley

1943

December 21, 1943

Miss Shirley Duncan
414-A Weaver Street
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Miss Duncan:

Miss Cockingham calls my attention to the Certificate of Indebtedness which was listed in a letter from Yenching dated May 13, 1942 and amounts to local currency $401.82. This amount at 5 to 1 equals US$80.36. This should have been deducted from the $734.78 which was paid to you, but it will be adjusted in the January salary remittance.

I sincerely trust that you reached home safely and I can well imagine the joy of your mother in greeting you. I hope that you both will have an exceedingly Happy Christmas and New Year--and it should be a truly happy one.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Shirley Duncan

Salary for 1 month			
Basic salary - C $ 185.00			
1/4 in US dollars -	46.25 @ 2:1	US $ 23.13	
3/4 in US dollars -	138.75 @ 5:1	27.75	
Exchange compensations -1/2 of above.		13.87	
	TOTAL FOR 1 MONTH.	US $ 64.75	
Salary for 2 yrs, Dec.1, 1941 to Dec.1, 1943 - 24 x $ 64.75			US $ 1554.00
Less payments.			
Salary for Dec., 1941 and Aug. 1942 - C $ 300.60			
	C $ 601.20 @ 5:1	US $120.24	
* Dole in Peking			
April & May	C $ 200.00		
	C $ 400.00 @ 5:1	US 80,00	
June, July, Aug. and Sept. C $ 200.00 @ 5.84			
	4 mo. @ US $ 34.25	137.00	
Oct. Nov. and Dec. C $ 250.00 @ 8			
	3 mo. @ US $ 31.25	93.75	
Jan. C $ 275.00 @ 9		30.56	
Feb. C $ 325.00 @ 9		36.11	
March and April C $ 440.00 @ 11			
	2 mo. @ US $ 40.00	80.00	
Comfort money in Weihsien			
May C $	50.00 @ 9 to 1	US $ 5.56	
June $	100.00 @11 to 1	9.09	
July $	100.00 @11 to 1	9.09	
Aug. $	100.00 @15 to 1	6.67	
Sept. $	100.00 @15 to 1	6.67	
			614.74
			US $ 939.26
Furlough salary and rent for Dec. 1943			117.50
			$ 1056.76
Payments made in New York-			300.00
			$ 756.76

* NOTE- Subject to correction when details are received from Washington, D. C.

414-A Weaver Street
Prescott, Arizona
February 9, 1944

Answered in person
file

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

My long delay in writing you has had at least two causes. In the first place, as you can imagine, my days at home have been full of visiting and speaking. Then, too, I kept thinking that I would be able to tell you definitely about my future plans if I waited a while.

I am planning to leave here on the thirteenth for Washington, but I shall make a visit to New York before I go to work. Probably my work will begin around the first of March. I must, of course, find some place in which to live in Washington.

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Very sincerely,

Shirley Duncan

Shirley Duncan

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414-A Weaver Street
Prescott, Arizona
February 9, 1944

Mr. G. A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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Very sincerely,

Shirley Duncan

April 6, 1944

Miss Shirley Duncan
Weaver Hill Hotel
2601 16th Street N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Meridian

Dear Shirley,

Here is a check for $10.00 together with a copy of a letter from Mr. Evans to me dated October 10, 1941.

Paid 4/6/44 No 10988

Perhaps you remember I received Mr. Evans' letter in the winter of 1941-42 but we had no University money with which to pay you at the time. No doubt you can use the money now as well as earlier.

We have just learned that you have not yet begun working so we are sending you a check for your March salary. It is too bad you have had this long wait in Washington.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

January 16, 1945

Miss Shirley Duncan
3058 Social Security Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Duncan:

Enclosed find a check endorsed to you for $78.60. This has been paid to us under License No. N.Y. 671176-M and reached us through the Yenching Treasurer at Chengtu who stated that Miss Jui-en Kuan wished to have this money sent to you--it being the equivalent of local currency which apparently she owed you.

This check has been endorsed to you and I am sure you can negotiate it without any difficulty.

With sincerest best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/S
Enc.

Duncan, Mrs. Stuart

1941 - 1945

414 A. Weaver St.
Prescott - Arizona

INDEXED

Mr. C. A. Evans:-
150 Fifth Ave -
New York City:-

Cc
Ackerman
4/3/41
MM

My dear Mr. Evans:- today I received a letter from my daughter Miss Shirley Duncan - who has been in Yenching University in Peking China, for almost four years.

In this letter she asked me to send you 100.00 to be made available for her - in Yenching - as soon as possible. She said you would know the method.

She appears fearful of a sudden change - and says she has no savings - in case of an emergency.

I would appreciate word from you, concerning this, so I can be assured that it reaches you, & you convey it to her account in Yenching University. Peking -

Very truly yours - Mrs. Stuart R. Duncan

Note Cockingham 4/3

Ck attached Dep. 4/3/41 - also sending Mrs Ann. Center Harbor Pl.

April 3, 1941.

Ack
4/9/41

Mrs. Stuart L. Duncan,
414 A. Weaver St.,
Prescott, Arizona

My dear Mrs. Duncan:

I am acknowledging your letter of recent date, enclosing check for $100.00 to be transmitted to Miss Shirley Duncan at Yenching University. Accordingly, we are crediting this amount to the Field Treasurer's bank balance here in America, and asking the Treasurer to make same immediately available upon receipt of our authorization.

We are hoping that there will be no major change at Yenching which will require any expenditure of personal funds. With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

CAE:MM

C. A. Evans

Mr. C. A. Evans.
150 5th Ave.
New York City.

file

My dear Mr. Evans:-

This is to say "thank you" - for telling me - so promptly - that you have secured the room which I asked you - to be made immediately available to my daughter - Shirley Duncan on reaching Minneapolis.

You said you would make it available to her upon receipt of authorization.

I am giving you that
authorization - since she
asked me to see that she had
it as soon as possible -
since "Sperlo here predicts a
change in April" -

I do hope - "it will not
require the expenditure of personal
funds" - for I have little
more to give her, but I much
do all I can, to see that she
is prepared for any emergency,
Greatly appreciating your

prompt courtesy - I am

yours truly -

Mrs. Sarah L. Duncan

April 9-'41

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Prescott - Ariz -
Sept. 29. '41.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
150 - 5th Ave -
New York City! -

ack
9/30/41

Dear Sir! - Last April - at her request - I sent you $10.00 - to transferred to my daughter Shirley Duncan - at Yenching University - Peking - China

You were so kindly courteous concerning it, - that I am taking the liberty of asking you, if it is now possible for you to aid me in sending her $10.00 for her Christmas gift.

Previously - I have been able to send it through the - American Express Co. at a cost of $1.00 - but I have no

assurance that I can do so.

I have had no word from her for three months. Will you be so kind as to let me know - if Jenching is still free to continue the work as usual? and if you could suggest any means by which I may get a letter to her. - at the present time

I am enclosing a self addressed envelope and a reply to these questions will mean sense to me - than I am able to tell you.

Sincerely yours -

Mrs. Stuart Duncan.

September 30, 1941

Mrs. Stuart L. Duncan
414 A. Weaver Street
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

Your letter of September 29th is at hand and we shall be happy indeed to forward funds to your daughter as we hope that within the next few days, we will have our accounts unfrozen to the extent of being able to send funds through in the usual manner.

Yenching is proceeding as usual with a record enrollment and many students turned away. This causes extra work, of course, upon the staff, but they are reported as being well and carrying on in fine spirits. This is a general statement which has been received and, I am sure, that this applies to your daughter.

We will let you know if any specific news comes through in the near future.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/S

Prescott - Ariz -
Oct. 6 - 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans.
150 Fifth - Ave -
New York city. -

ack
10/10/41

wrote to Miss Costigan
cc Mrs. Dunnigan
Miss Costigan
ack. office
10/11/41

Dear Mr. Evans. -

You were very kind - to reply to my letter regarding sending a box of Christmas money to my daughter in Fenching University, - so promptly and generously - I greatly appreciate your letting me know what you did concerning their immediate future, and your promise to let me know of any radical change there.

Gratefully accepting your willingness to forward money

10 Tes. I am sending you
a draft for 10^{00} 10 Tls sent
in time for Christmas 10

Miss Shirley Duncan
Yenching University
Peking China. -

and if the situation should
become such that you
cannot do so - will you
tell me! - also if I am to
help pay for this courtesy.
I think she knows that
half of this amount is
Lydia money - 10 Tls used

as she sees a place - in his name -

you are very kind -

Sincerely -

Mrs. Stuart Heineau,

$10 00/100 CHECK ATTACHED

Dep 10/10/41

SEE Oct 10/41 - E41-10-10-2
To Cookingham

October 10, 1941

Mrs. Stuart L. Duncan
414 A. Weaver Street
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

Your letter of October 6th has been received enclosing check for $10.00 to be transmitted to your daughter at Yenching University.

I am happy to inform you that our accounts for China have now been unfrozen and once again we are able to send funds through in the usual manner. Accordingly, we are notifying the Bursar at Yenching University to make the above sum immediately available for Miss Duncan.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of our letter to the field which I trust will reach its destination in due course.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

KGB
ENC.

November 3, 1941

Mrs. Stuart Duncan
414 A. Weaver Street
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

A few days ago I received a beautiful brochure on Arizona with enclosures and cards -- all from you. Of course, I have studied them with keen interest which has engendered a desire to again visit that part of the country.

We went through this country in 1923 on the way to the Orient and were enchanted by its beauty. Friends now tell us that God has smiled with extra goodness on that land, and with the help of man a Paradise now blooms.

Indeed I am grateful for this touch of the west which brings refreshment to one's soul. Many, many thanks to you.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

My dear Mr. Evans,'- It is not my intention to cause you unnecessary trouble. I am not an hysterical temperament, but in case you have any news concerning Jenching - in the face of this war and terrible situation with Japan, will you kindly let me know." It seems scarcely probable that they will leave the university

unsurbsided. It has been a wonderful
quiet very latest word—

Very gratefully thanking you,

Mrs. Stearns Duncan.

Dec 7-41.

Ack 12/12/41

December 12, 1941

Mrs. Stuart Duncan
414 A. Weaver Street
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

Your card is at hand and I am hastening to pass on such limited information about Yenching as is available.

On Tuesday we received word that the State Department had been informed that those in the diplomatic service in Peking were safe and they were interpreting this to mean that all Americans in that area were likewise safe. This morning's paper carries a telegraphic dispatch stating that all Americans in North China are safe, and the Japanese are only awaiting the news as to how the United States Government is handling the Japanese within the borders of this country. We have taken it to mean that all Americans in North China have suffered no physical damage, but it gives us no word as to the condition of property.

Word just came to hand from the Baptist Board that they had cabled to their missionaries in Free China to find out, if possible, about the situation in North China.

My present conclusion is that our good people are all safe, but we are not so sure about the property. We hope for the best.

If any word is received, it will be sent out immediately to those interested in the personnel and interest of Yenching University.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via Air Mail

January 2, 1942

Mrs. Stuart Duncan
414 A. Weaver Street
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

I am exceedingly grateful to you for sending me the beautiful booklet of Arizona. It is most charming indeed and alluring to the extreme.

Word has been received this morning that the Peking Union Medical School and Hospital operated by the China Medical Board under the Rockefeller Foundation is continuing its regular work and that all are safe.

This news came through the Swiss Embassy and we are hoping that similar treatment is being accorded to Yenching. We are trying to get some word through by appealing to the Swiss Embassy, but they are so over-burdened with the request that it is even difficult to get a telephone call through. If any such news comes to hand, we will send it out to interested people immediately.

With added thanks for your thoughtfulness, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

February 2, 1942

Mrs. Stuart Duncan
414A Weaver Street
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

I had the very great pleasure Saturday morning of having a call from Mr. James Burn. It seems that your families are intimately acquainted and it was a real joy to hear him tell of these intimate relationships, and I wish to thank you for suggesting that he get in touch with our office.

There is no added word regarding the situation at Peking, but there is a growing consciousness that the Japanese are treating foreigners with all due respect. It is hoped that this attitude will continue or better yet that there will be an exchange of those who are held in both countries.

We will let you know promptly of any new developments.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Dear Mr. Evans:- It was so very kind of you - to tell me about Shirley's childhood friend - calling on you. - and for you in your busy hours - to be pleased about it. was more than kind.

I am grateful - hearing about James Boon - talking - to you. some way - brought her nearer to me.

Of course you do realize the comfort - your letters - (letting me what you were able to get, and the Red Cross - are to me.)

Even the remote - possibility of an exchange, is a ray of hope. -

I sound as if I were on the verge of despair, concern

ing her. I am sorry - I have always felt that she was sent to China for a purpose - and that she was kept there for a purpose - I have put her entirely in the Lord's hands, and am standing aside to permit His purposes to be fulfilled. -

The word that the school sought to be reopened under Japanese supervision caused me to hope such sought to the case since my great concern for her - is how she will live - with no income, the word that the sec-salaries were paid - indicated more than the money - It appeared they were not being treated badly treated.

She has written to me so fully telling me at such length of those around her, that I feel as if I had met some of them, and I do hope Sr. Galt is given some supervision -

Strictly to my only relative in this life, she has always been an unusual girl - and unless she is actually suffering this experience will not be devoid of interest to her. - Again - thank you for everything.

Feb - 8 - '42 - Mrs. Stuart Duncan.

February 13, 1942

Mrs. Stuart Duncan
414-A Wagner Street
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

I am indeed grateful for your letter of February 5th.

I share with you your deep concern for the welfare of our good people in Yenshing and I marvel at your Christian grace and fortitude in bravely turning over to the Lord one who is so dear to you. There is not much else we can do, but you have done it without reserve and "not grudgingly."

In this consciousness may there come new peace and strength to you.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Dear Mr. Evans:- 1942 ack 7/15/42 O.K. for Cat

Will you kindly divert the enclosed draft for 5.00 for Donated Chinese relief - to keeping these in genching temporarily - if possible for you to do so.

During the drive here - I gave all I could - (I have a very little steady income) and have saved this much for sent.

A day or two ago - I had word from a young woman, with whom my Sherley lived for a year - in Jenching.

Two years ago she came here -

10 Wellesley college - on a scholar-
ship, and graduated this June -
She told me she recently had
a letter from home - said
Chinaching. - "and that her
father said - "that teaching
people - aside from the impression
ed dear, were safe" — I quote
her words.

Perhaps in time - Shirley may
get word to me in that way -
I hear from another friend -
Mrs. Bruce - I teaching - who
is now in Berkeley - that

those in your hurry - were going
away to her m. by the Red Cross -
do you think I have any reason
to hope this is true? -

At long last - I am now able to
"lean it all quietly - with God -
my soul" - but it would
comfort me greatly to feel
she has some means of getting
her necessities -

you have been so kind - I
am intruding again - but in
full appreciation -

Sincerely -

Mrs. Stuart Duncan.

July 15, 1942

Mrs. Stuart Duncan
414-A Weaver Street
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

Thank you very much for your letter and for the check enclosed. I am forwarding your gift to United China Relief headquarters with directions that it be accredited to Yenching University.

I realize that these days are extremely difficult for you, and I only wish I were in a position to give you more specific and cheerful information regarding the circumstances in which your daughter and her Yenching colleagues find themselves. I believe you can rest assured that so far Miss Duncan and her friends, with a very few exceptions, have received no ill treatment at the hands of the Japanese. According to the best information available, the invaders are treating their American prisoners on the Yenching campus with a surprising degree of consideration. One recent letter, which arrived by way of West China, even speaks of trips to the Western Hills made by Yenching staff members in March with the knowledge and consent of the Japanese.

It is our hope that there will soon be another ship for the repatriation of our friends in China. Unfortunately, there was not space on the first two ships to take care of all of those who desired repatriation.

We will let you know as soon as we receive any definite word regarding conditions in the Peking area. In the meantime, I am sure the fine spirit you have displayed will sustain you until the time when your daughter is once again united with her family. Please do not hesitate to call on me at any time for any information in my power to give you.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

cmo:d

September 17, 1942

Mrs. Stuart Dumont
416 A Manor Street
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Dumont:

I do so appreciate the pictorial booklets which you sent me recently covering the wonderful country of Arizona and Mexico. You are indeed very thoughtful.

I am sure your prayers are blending with our own for the repatriation of all of those interned at Yenching University. We have done everything possible at this end and now we are putting it in the hands of Divine Providence. We are sincerely hopeful that these prayers will be answered.

Very gratefully yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Dear Mr. Evans, - Lucie & has carelessly misplaced the receipt from the office of United China relief - for the small amount of aid which you so kindly forwarded to them - I am taking the liberty of sending you the draft enclosed - for the same purpose. Use it according to your discretion - as to which section of the relief it may best serve, I would it were more - but I don't collect Lordie income very quickly from my small income -

Your kindly interest in those from yesterday, which

so sincere. It touches me deeply - and it gives me much pleasure to hear you are interested in our "Highways" Magazine.

Madame Lui tai Chi - wife of the minister of defense at Chungking - and young wd. speak the summer here - I had tea at her home - and she called - and had tea with me -

She very graciously offered to send a letter to her husband - from me to Shirley, she seemed to enjoy so difficulty

whatever it getting used to him. She later told me she had sent it, telling him to do all in his power to get it to her. She is spending the winter in Tucson, and said she would let me know when she heard from him concerning it. "If there is some a remote hope of getting away into free China, and a generating in Estelle" - I very much doubt if Shirley would come home if she had the chance to do so.

twice each day - I definitely thank God - for taking care of her, and those around her, and that I try my hard to forget she is on earth.

James Bond - who - at my request - called upon you is now British Lieutenant on the "Enterprise", some where in the Polynesians - I am writing to you in this vein, because Jim said you were a very gracious gentleman

Sincerely -
Sept. 26 - '42

Mrs. Stuart Duncan

October 3, 1942

Mrs. Stuart Duncan
414A Weaver Street
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

Your very good letter of the 26th of September came just as we were in the midst of a series of meetings and I am now trying to get caught up on my correspondence.

The check for $5.00 has been sent to United China Relief as it was made out in their name. I assume that you wish to have it designated for Yenching which I have done.

We have every hope that the group from Yenching will get away on the next trip of the GRIPSHOLM. Late reports indicate that the Japanese are in full control of the situation and that we will be dependent upon their good will to allow our people to leave. That is one reason why we have solicited the spiritual assistance of all of our constituency. The response to this appeal has been most remarkable and I have been greatly stimulated by the letters which we have received.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via Air Mail

January 11, 1943

Mrs. Stuart Dunmire
4144 Weaver Street
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Dunmire:

For a number of days, I have had a note on my desk to write to you and express my deep appreciation and sincere thanks for the Christmas booklet on Arizona which you so kindly sent to me. This issue is especially interesting and gives one the desire to travel through that beautiful country.

I trust you had a very delightful holiday season, and may this new year be all that you would wish it to be.

With added thanks to you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/M
(not dictated)

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February 9, 1943

Mrs. Stuart Duncan
414A Weaver Street
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

A letter has been received from Miss Margaret Speer, Dean of Women at Yenching University, wherein she alludes to Miss Shirley Duncan as being one of the group housed in the American Embassy at Peking, China.

Miss Speer states that they had considerable difficulty in becoming accustomed to their new surroundings after the long stay on the Yenching campus. However, apparently they have made the best of things and have learned to accept the changes of life and various rumors with calm contentment. She says in closing, "The beautiful services of intercession, held twice a week in the chapel of the British Embassy, and led by Bishop Scott, have been our great comfort."

I thought you would be interested in having this bit of information.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

1943

Dear Mr. Evans, - for days - I have been wanting to thank you, from my heart, for the inclosed word from Shirley - which you so thoughtfully - and graciously sent me.

Lela (2)

A short time ago, I had a message through the Red Cross, dated May 28-1942 - writing first words - in her own hand, in which she said that conditions were - unfortunately good for them.

Also brought to Mr. Howard Galt -

who is now in Clarksburgh. Her husband and son are still there - she said she had a letter from her husband - saying they were in Peking. interviewed at the Embassy. The - war - here and there - all - must - establish - in my faith - that they are as well for them. as we could possibly hope. And at the - last - they are being - such - I think my - mind is now at peace to have her here now. and if she - now - work - home -

The - religious - services - of which you speak - with - the - deepening - of their - soul - consciousness - and - - than a lift - from - of usual church going would do.

they will find within 3
resources - and, which will
enable him to be of great
value - in this "land of pure
salvation" - which is to be
evolved from this, - which
some one has called -
a "cosmic necessity" -
a birth, - though still
powerless in which to be born,
again - & thank you,
you don't know how much,
Thos. Stuart Duncan. Recd 7-27

Stuart Duncan

Dear Mrs. Evans - ack 5/10/43

I unwisely had this small draft made out to "China Relief" - when I wanted it to go to the - aid of the sick yesterday.

Will you kindly use your influence to see that it is diverted to that purpose; -

Thank you -

Mrs. Sheath Duncan,

May 11-43

OVER

Sent to UCR asking this to be designated
for ABCCC, restricted for lynching items.

5/17/43 JAC

May 17, 1943

Mrs. Stuart Duncan
4444 Weaver Street
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

I wish to thank you for your letter of May 11th enclosing check for $5.00 made payable to United China Relief.

We have sent your check on to the above organization at 1790 Broadway, New York City, instructing them to designate it for Yenching University.

With many, many thanks to you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

August 27, 1943

Mrs. Stuart Duncan
414 A Weaver Street
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

Our office has issued letters conveying the news that Yenching missionaries are largely being repatriated on the next sailing of the Gripsholm. You have received notice that your daughter, Shirley, is included on this list. Of course, we will not know the final outcome until the lists have been finally checked with the roster of names approved by the Japanese. We believe, however, that this will be approved. Anyway, it shows that there is every reason to believe that your daughter will be on this next sailing which should arrive back in the United States somewhere around early December.

You have been exceedingly patient and our prayers are with you that this latest news will come to full fruition and that your daughter will arrive safely home.

With sincerest good wishes to you, I am

Most sincerely,

CAE:EW.

C. A. EVANS

Signed and sent in Mr. Evans' absence by E. Winter - air mail

Duncan 1942

Mrs. Duncan - who has lived alone - (as she served would alone) - these past few years - and a bit of her "cabin" -

MRS. STUART DUNCAN, MOTHER OF SHIRLEY DUNCAN

A robe from the Manchu dynasty - supposed to be 200 years old.

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MRS. STUART DUNCAN, MOTHER OF SHIRLEY DUNCAN

1943

Ce gown made from
tribal cloth - in authentic-
Chinese fashion - which Shirley
had made to measure for me
in China -

MRS. STUART DUNCAN, MOTHER OF SHIRLEY DUNCAN

Prescott - Ariz.
Sept. 5 '43.

ack. 9/10/43

Dear Mr Evans:-

In addition to the official news - that Shirley's name was included among those to be repatriated - your personal note came as an added joy to me.

Your kindly personal interest in me - and your evident pleasure in being able to give me any bit of information during this time of "trusting and faith" — has caused me to be deeply grateful to you and of it, to be in divine plan for her life - that Shirley is to reach home ere long - I hope you will meet her - I know she will be somewhat strange to me - after all these years - (6½) of dual spring experiences - but when she left me - I would be very

pleased to have had you meet

I have no idea what is in prospect for her - as to how she is to cross the continent to me, after she reaches Bay - whether there would be work she could get - to earn money to come home - or whether I am to make an effort to see what she gets here. If you have ideas concerning that - during this interval of waiting. I would be very grateful for anything you can tell me.

Sincerely -

Mrs. Stuart Duncan,

Rec'd 9/9/43 KSB

September 10, 1943

Mrs. Stuart Duncan
414-A Weaver Street
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

I am indeed happy to meet you through the medium contained in your letter of September 5th. However, it is far too inadequate, it would be delightful to meet you in person. I am grateful for the photographs which you mailed me.

I, too, am looking forward with keenest anticipation to the return of the GRIPSHOLM. Other friends of those returning besiege us for news or ways and means to forward messages or packages. We shall be most happy indeed to have them arrive in New York safely and allow the greetings to come thereafter. I shall not rest content until the actual exchange has been completed.

Particularly I shall be glad to see your daughter. She went out at a later date than many of the others, although it has been six and a half years. I am sure, however, that these are not years which will be lost to her in experience. I hope that they may be looked upon as years of training and fortitude and strength wherein new spiritual power has been acquired and greater poise has been secured. Truly these good people have been sustained by the prayers of their relatives and friends.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dear Mr. Evans,-

Your unfailing courtesy - and your interest and kindness concerning Shirley - have caused you to seem a real friend to me, and now, with my personal blessings so near at hand - I do want to say "thank you" - again - and with such great - heart felt gratitude for your part in bringing this - home coming - to a reality.

I am sending a letter in your care - for you to give to Shirley when you see her, Miss Deborah Johnson - a friend of Shirley's father - for forty years is coming from Atlantic City - on purpose to meet her - She will be at the - Hotel Bristol W. 48th St. N.Y. - Dec - 2 - 3 - & 4 - and anything that you can do - to assure her meeting Shirley - would be an unspeakable

able favor to me.

The great generosity in seeing that Shirley's way home — is paid — is much more — than I had any reason to expect. — I will always — gratefully — do what is in my power — to assist fumishing Dunnesely." — and I feel assured that Shirley's first interest is still there —

Sincerely —

Thos. Elwith Dunneau,

Dec. 14 — 1913

December 1, 1943

Mrs. Stuart Duncan
414-A Weaver Street
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

Things have piled up with such rapidity that correspondence is almost neglected. However, while waiting for some of the people to be dismissed from the GRIPSHOLM, which has been in dock for four hours now, I am trying to get caught up.

Your welcome letter of the 14th informed us about Miss Alberta Johnson who will be at the Hotel Bristol tomorrow. We are following through with these instructions and hope there will be no difficulty.

I was just interrupted with a message stating that within the next two or three hours the bulk of the passengers will be off and that all will be debarked by 11 o'clock tonight.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via Air Mail

January 3, 1945

Mrs. Stuart Duncan
414-A Weaver Street
Prescott, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

The Christmas brochure on the beauties of Arizona came to hand safely and I do so appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Believe it or not, right at this point your daughter was announced and I spent the last half hour visiting with her and two Yenching Chinese professors who are in America. As you know, she is in the midst of things in Washington and she is looking fine and wished me to remember her to you.

Again may I thank you for your thoughtfulness and with best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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