The Finding Aid of the Terry and Susan Giboney Papers 0057

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Abstract: Terry and Susan Giboney were Church of Christ missionaries in Omika, Japan from 1963-1966. They both worked primarily with Ibaraki Christian College teaching various classes. The collection includes photographs, correspondence, publications, and financial records from their stay in Japan.
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The collection was donated to Pepperdine University by Susan Giboney on February 19, 2014.
Biographical note
On January 15, 1939, Terry Giboney was born to Max and Ruth Giboney from Missouri. On December 19, 1940, Susan Kay was born to E. Hugh Huff from Ontario Canada and Archeva Huff from Texas. Both Terry and Susan grew up attending the Arcadia Church of Christ in California. Before marrying, Terry attended Citrus Junior College and graduated from George Pepperdine College in 1961. Susan attended George Pepperdine College and graduated in 1962. Upon graduation, Susan taught in several schools in Los Angeles. Inspired by their experience at George Pepperdine College, listening to lectures on mission as work at their church, the Giboneys left to Omika, Japan to work at Ibaraki Christian College as missionaries in 1963.
As teachers, Terry taught Bible classes and preached at churches while Susan taught in the home economics department for the junior high, high school, and college departments. Susan also taught local English teachers the English language using the Bible as literature. In addition to teaching at Ibaraki Christian College, the Giboneys found themselves teaching elementary school children, high school teenagers in churches, and individuals at their homes.
The Giboneys were very much involved in the lives of their students outside of the classroom. In 1963, Terry coached the high school Japanese speech team which placed well in several contests. They also participated in summer camps such as the Hitachi Christian Camp (1964) with high school and college students and the Motosu Christian Camp (1965) for American children from missionary families in Japan. They worked with Nazare-En, an elderly Christian home that housed over 100 elderly people. Terry later became a member of the board of directors for the Nazare-En. He also worked with the Far East Fellowship where he preached to military G.I.’s. In addition, both Susan and Terry became part of an organization called the “Light and Life Program” which published and distributed Christian literature to the Japanese. On January 11, 1966, Terry and Susan had their first child: Carrie Ruth Giboney. After giving three years of service to the people of Omika, Japan the Giboneys returned to the United States in 1966.
Upon arriving in California, the Giboneys placed membership with the La Habra Church of Christ in California. Terry became a teacher for fifth and sixth graders in the La Habra School District and worked with the Missions Committee of the La Habra Church of Christ. Terry received his Master's Degree in Education and an Administration credential from California State University, Fullerton. During this time period, they had their second child, Peggy Sue.
Both Terry and Susan made plans to return to teach in Tokyo, Japan. After fundraising and Terry’s resignation as a teacher from the La Habra school district they were ready to leave. However, due to a political situation at the school in Japan they were asked not to return. Fortunately, Terry was reinstated with the La Habra School District. Soon, Susan found out that she was pregnant with their son, Paul Travis.
After the birth of their son, Terry became Vice Principal of Sierra Vista School in La Habra and later Principal of Los Lomas and Sierra Vista Schools in the district. When Carrie was in the second grade, the family moved to the city of Brea to accommodate their growing family and became members of the Sunny Hills Church of Christ in Fullerton, California. During this time, Susan received her certificate to teach classes in Parent Education and began traveling to schools to teach parenting classes. Later, both Terry and Susan developed a curriculum to teach family life classes at their church. Susan

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also taught women's classes, led the women's service committee, and worked with the Parent Teacher's Association. Terry became a Deacon and then an Elder of the Sunny Hills Church. By this time, Terry had received his doctorate from the University of Southern California.

While their children were in high school, Susan completed her Master's Degree in Child and Family Studies, at California State University, Long Beach. Afterwards, she began teaching for Pacific Christian College in Fullerton (now Hope Christian University). Since both Terry and Susan held Master's degrees they were able to develop a ministry for teaching premarital classes and individual counseling.

Once their children were in college, Terry and Susan traveled nationally and internationally teaching seminars. Eventually Terry was asked to work for Pepperdine University as the Assistant Provost. Both Terry and Susan moved to Pepperdine's campus where Susan also found work with the Education Department. They continued their work with the Missions committee and teaching family life classes and premarital classes at the University Church of Christ where Terry also became an Elder.

On December 6, 1996, after battling colon cancer for two years, Terry passed away. Dealing with grief and loss led Susan to begin writing and teaching about this and caregiving. Susan continued to direct and teach for the Education Department at Pepperdine University and received the Teaching Excellence Award in 2003. After teaching as a visiting professor in Lausanne, Switzerland she was diagnosed with breast cancer and completed sixth months of chemotherapy and radiation after surgery. Today, Susan is retired from Pepperdine University but continues to serve on four boards that include the Center for the Family, Associated Women for Pepperdine, Alumni Leadership Council, and the George Pepperdine Alumni Committee. She also hosts a weekly house group of Pepperdine students and teaches at a women's prison.

Scope and Content

The collection includes photographs, correspondence, publications, and financial records from Terry and Susan Giboney's time in Japan and range in date from 1952 to 1967. The photographs depict campus life at Ibaraki Christian College, while the correspondence, which is mainly between the Giboneys and the Huff Family (Susan's parents), provide a glimpse into the daily life and tasks performed by Terry and Susan while in Japan. The publications include newsletters and reports from Ibaraki Christian College regarding the various jobs Terry and Susan held in Japan. The publications also show how students and faculty participate in campus activities at Ibaraki Christian College. In addition, the collection houses a small amount of receipts from purchases the Giboneys made while in Japan.

Arrangement

The collection is organized into the following series: 1. Photographs; 2. Correspondence; 3. Publications; 4. Financial Records; and 5. Travel Documents.

Related Archival Materials

James L. Lovell Papers, Collection no. 0011, Special Collections and University Archives, University Libraries, Pepperdine University.

J.M. McCaleb Papers, Collection no. 0013, Churches of Christ Heritage Center, Special Collections and University Archives, University Libraries, Pepperdine University.

Sarah S. Andrews Collection, Collection no. 0115, Churches of Christ Heritage Center, Special Collections and University Archives, University Libraries, Pepperdine University.

Separated Materials

Several books were separated from the collection and added to Special Collections. A Bible and a Hymnal belonging to Terry, as well as a Social Studies lesson book belonging to Susan. All three items are mostly in Japanese.

Processing Information note

The collection was arranged and described by Valeria Pacheco, under the supervision of Katie Richardson in May, 2015.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

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Christian education
Christianity -- Japan -- History
Missionaries, American
Universities and colleges -- History
Missionaries -- Japan -- History
Financial records
Churches of Christ -- History -- 20th century
Correspondence
Publications
Giboney, Terry
Giboney, Susan Kay
Ibaraki Kirisutokyō Daigaku

box 1-2  
Series 1: Photographs 1963-1966

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Giboneys and Home in Japan 1963-1966
Physical Description: (30 photographs)

box 1, folder 2  
Ibaraki Christian College Baptisms 1963-1966
Physical Description: (19 photographs)

box 1, folder 3  
Ibaraki Christian College Campus Festivals 1963-1966
Physical Description: (45 photographs)

box 1, folder 4  
Ibaraki Christian College Campus Life 1963-1966
Physical Description: (31 photographs)

box 1, folder 5  
Ibaraki Christian College Students, Festivals, and Activities 1963-1966
Physical Description: (101 photographs)

box 1, folder 6  
Ibaraki Christian College Teachers and Staff 1963-1966
Physical Description: (50 photographs)

box 1, folder 7  
Ibaraki Christian College Dormitory Fire 1965
Physical Description: (16 photographs)

box 1, folder 8  
Japan, other 1963-1966
Physical Description: (1 photograph)

box 1, folder 9  
Local Scenery around Ibaraki Christian College 1963-1966
Physical Description: (41 photographs and 3 postcards)

box 1, folder 10, box 2, folder 10  
Missionaries in Japan 1963-1966
Physical Description: (114 photographs)

box 2, folder 1  
Pepperdine Choraliers at Ibaraki Christian College 1963-1966
Physical Description: (17 photographs)

box 2, folder 2  
Physical Description: (61 photographs)

box 2, folder 3  
Visitors to Ibaraki Christian College 1963-1966
Physical Description: (15 photographs)

box 2  
Series 2: Correspondence 1962-1966

box 2, folder 5  
Church of Christ Elders to Huff Family 1965 April 16
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