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Abstract: Correspondence, writings, legal and financial records, printed matter, motion picture film, and audiovisual material relating to operations of the Oriental Corporation in Tianjin, China, and subsequently in Hong Kong.
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Creator: Song, Feiqing, 1898-1955.
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Biographical Note
Born in 1898 to a Christian family in Shandong Province, the Chinese businessman Song Feiqing is best known for his role in modern China’s industrialization and for promoting the spirit of entrepreneurship in China. In the early 1920s, Song went to Chicago to study business management at Northwestern University. In 1925, he returned to China and spent the next several years working in his father’s business in Tianjin. Seeing that China’s industry was lacking entrepreneurship, especially in the textile market where foreign countries were profiting at China’s expense, in 1932 Song established the Oriental Corporation (Dongya) in Tianjin. That corporation became China’s first textile company to use Chinese wool to produce its yarn and to sell its products both domestically and internationally. By the 1940s, the corporation had become the largest yarn production company in China, having garnered more than 80 percent of the domestic Chinese market.

Song’s entrepreneurship transformed the business environment in modern China. In addition, Song brought his religious beliefs into his management style and enterprise culture, as well as forming a social communication network that relied on the Christian spirit to serve his entrepreneurial purposes. After the Chinese Communists won the civil war and established the People’s Republic in 1949, Song struggled to keep his enterprises intact but was unable to do so. In 1950, he moved his company to Hong Kong and later immigrated to Argentina. He died in Buenos Aires in 1955.

Scope and Content of Collection
The papers of Song Feiqing include correspondence, writings, legal and financial records, printed matter, motion picture film, and audiovisual material relating to the operations of the Oriental Corporation in Tianjin, China, and then in Hong Kong, including what part Christian beliefs played in Song’s management practices. The papers also provide a rare glimpse into the formation of industrialization and entrepreneurship in China’s recent past.

An increment received in 2017 contains documents related to Song Feiqing’s life and legacy collected by his children, including personal correspondence, writings, clippings, photographs, and Oriental Corporation records.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Oriental Corporation.
Business enterprises--China--Hong Kong.
Business enterprises--China.

Boxes 1-2
Biographical and Historical File on Song Feiqing and The Oriental Corporation
宋棐卿生平和东亚毛纺织公司历史资料 1965-2009
Box/Folder 1 : 1-2 Articles and reports on the Oriental Corporation and Song Feiqing in newspapers, magazines and the internet 近期在报纸、杂志和网络上有关东亚公司和宋棐卿的文章和新闻报道, after 1990
Box/Folder 1 : 3-5 Newspaper clippings 代较为久远的剪报, before 1990
Box/Folder 1 : 6 Biographical article on Song Feiqing by Wang Weigang, "Dong Ya Fang Zhi Da Wang Song Feiqing," originally published in the book Biographies of Chinese Capitalists in Taiwan 收录于《中国大资本家》一书中由王维刚撰写的"东亚纺织大王宋棐卿", 最早在美国出版, undated
Box/Folder 1 : 7 Biography of Song Feiqing authored by his daughter Song Yunzhang 由宋棐卿之女宋允璋撰写的《我国著名的民族纺织工业家—宋棐卿先生传记, 2001
Box/Folder 1 : 8 Biographical article on Song Feiqing and the Oriental Corporation in the book Chinese Business Giants in the Century, with English translation 《中国百年商业巨子(下)》一书中“宋棐卿和东亚毛纺织股份有限公司”一文及其英文翻译, 1997
Box/Folder 2 : 1 Academic papers on the Oriental Corporation written by professors in the United States 美国教授撰写的关于东亚纺织公司的学术文章, 2009
Boxes 2-3 Publications that include articles on the Oriental Corporation and Song Feiqing 收录东亚纺织公司和宋棐卿相关文章的出版物, 1965-2005
Boxes 3-4 The Oriental Corporation Records 东亚公司的相关资料 1932-2000
Box/Folder 3 : 1 Company ordinances 东亚企业的企业条例, 1932-1980
Box/Folder 3 : 2 Employee handbook 东亚公司职工手册, 1935
Box/Folder 3 : 3 Song Feiqing’s participation in the Tianjin Guo Min Da Hui and his proposal to the government 宋棐卿参加国民大会并提交提案, 1935-1936
Box/Folder 3 : 4 "The Spirit of the Oriental" 东亚公司出版物《东亚精神》, 1945
Box/Folder 3 : 5 Employees’ leisure activities and welfare in the Oriental Corporation 东亚公司职工娱乐活动和福利手册, 1948
Box/Folder 3 : 6 Research materials on Brazil and Australia’s wool industry 对巴西和澳大利亚羊毛工业的研究资料, 1948-1957
Box/Folder 3 : 7 Sewing machine history and a book list 纺织机历史及书单, 1951
Box/Folder 3 : 8 Business and trade with Japan and Germany 东亚公司的日本和德国合作伙伴, 1952
Box/Folder 4 : 1 Rules on training execution 训练实施办法, 1953
Box/Folder 4 : 2 Argentina business name list 阿根廷生意伙伴名单, undated
Box/Folder 4 : 3 A collection of the corporation’s songs 东亚歌集, undated
Box/Folder 4 : 4 The establishment of Tianjin Oriental Corporation in 1978 天津东亚毛纺针织联合公司成立的文件, 1978
Box/Folder 4 : 5 Brochures on the history and products of Tianjin Oriental Worsted Mill Group 天津东亚毛纺织集团有限公司产品与历史宣传资料, 2000
Box 4 Documents for Pretrial and Trial on Factory Ownership in Hong Kong 有关香港工廠所有權問題的開庭相關文件, 1952-1963
Box/Folder 4 : 6 Copies of pretrial documents 庭审前预备会议的文件复印件, 1952-1958
Box/Folder 4 : 7 English translation of the tape recording for pretrial 庭审前预备会议录音的英文翻译, 1952-1958
Box/Folder 4 : 8 Miscellaneous documents, including letters and recordings, regarding legal actions 其他文件（信件、谈话记录和诉讼记录）, 1955
Box/Folder 4 : 9 Letters exchanged with lawyer Alfredo Barry 和 Alfredo Barry 律师的信件交流, 1955-1956
Box/Folder 4 : 10 Documents relating to preparation for trial 开庭的准备材料, 1957
Box/Folder 4 : 11 Pretrial with lawyers 1957
Box/Folder 4 : 12 Correspondence between Harvey Sung and Attorney Currie 宋宇涵和律师 Currie 之间的通信往来, 1957-1958
Box/Folder 4 : 13 Pretrial account of what happened with Hong Kong office 庭审前预备会议关于香港公司发生情况的叙述, 1958
Box/Folder 4 : 14 Letters between Hong Kong and California 年审前预备会议之后的香港和加州两地的通信摘要, 1961-1962
Box/Folder 4 : 15 Correspondence with lawyer, friends, and Song Yuhan before and after the trial 打官司前后与律师、朋友以及宋宇涵来往信件, 1962-1963
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Material related to the death of Li Jingfang's (宋李景芳) 1979-1985

Scope and Contents note
Includes correspondence, inheritance documents, and material relating to the death of Song Feiqing in 1955.

Journals 1952
Shi Shao Dong Desk Diary pages 1950-1962
"Transcribed Copy of Ba’s Diary"
"Mother’s (Song Li Jingfang) Original Writings on Song Feiqing’s Life” 1970
"Mom’s Effort in Trying to Get a Book Written About Ba” 1969
"Shi Shao Dong & Mother’s Recollection on Song Feiqing” undated
"Remembrances by Different People” 1969-1974

Scope and Contents note
Correspondence 1950-2009
Contains the correspondence of Song Feiqing, Albert Sung, and Li Jingfang. Included are letters to Cardinal Tien, 李靜山, family members, and others.

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Box 11
Correspondence (continued)
"Passports, Letters, Etc.” 1951-1962
The Oriental Corporation: A Review 1947
The Oriental Corporation pamphlets 1948
"F. C. Sung (Harry Sung) and Tianjin Oriental Corporation” undated
Tianjin 1980-1999

Box 12
"The Oriental Corporation Shares 1984”
United Overseas Company Limited Directors’ Meeting Minutes 1957 December 1
The Oriental Corporation deed 1962 October 26
"Various receipts - Argentina” 1951-1955
Reports, Hong Kong branch 1957, undated

Scope and Contents note
Includes an outline of Song Feiqing’s life.

Clippings 2003-2009
I Have a Warm Family 《我有一个温暖的家》 2009
My Dream 我的梦, television script by Jiang Zilong 蒋子龙 undated
"Sung Interviews: R1, R2, Albert, Allen” 2011

Scope and Contents note
Contains a DVD of interviews with several of Song Feiqing’s children.

Orange yarn from Tianjin Oriental Corporation undated

Box 13
Miscellaneous photographs 1955, 2000-2010

Scope and Contents note
Includes images of Hong Kong, Argentina, Uruguay, China and various family photographs.

Box 14
Photograph album 1947
Photograph album 1950-1959

Box 15
Holy Bible: Papal Edition 1952