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## Register of the Charles Luther Boynton papers

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**Abstract:** Correspondence, diaries, writings, pamphlets, and photographs, relating to missionary work in Shanghai, the Shanghai American School, and social conditions in China.

**Creator:** Boynton, Charles Luther, 1881-1967

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1881, June

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Born, Townshend, Vermont

1901

Graduated, Pomona College

1901-1903

Assistant Secretary, State Committee YMCAs of Kansas

1903-1906

Business Secretary, Student Department, International Committee YMCA, New York

1906-1914

Business Secretary, National Committee YMCAs of China

1907

Attended Centenary Conference, New York

1908, June

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Married Leila Dozier

1909-1920

Member, original Board of Managers of the Shanghai American School, which he founded

1914-1915

Editor, *The Missions Code*

Foreign Missions Conference of North America

1915-1920

Business and Statistical Secretary of China Continuation Committee

1915-1923

Served with U.S. Army, Shanghai Volunteer Corps

1920-1922

Business Manager, Shanghai American School; Executive Secretary, 1922-1923; Acting Principal, 1923-1924;

Principal, 1924-1926

1927-1947

Compiled the handbook *The Christian Movement in China*

Business Secretary of National Christian Council of China; Acting General Secretary, 1941; Honorary Secretary,

1947-1950

1943-1945

Interned at Chapei Civil Assembly Center during the Japanese occupation of Shanghai

1946

Returned to the United States

**Related Materials**

Charles and Edmund Boynton papers. Special Collections, Honnold/Mudd Library, Claremont University Consortium.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

China -- Social conditions

Missions -- China

China -- Description and travel

Shanghai (China)

Missionaries

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**BIOGRAPHICAL FILE 1905-1967****Scope and Contents note**

Announcements, correspondence, invitations, memorabilia, receipts, arranged alphabetically by subject

box 1

**Miscellaneous****Biographical data****Clippings****Correspondence with the University of Oregon, Eugene****National Christian Council of China - Resolution on the Services of Charles Luther Boynton (CLB)****Notes and indexes of Boynton papers****Receipts****CORRESPONDENCE FILE 1901-1967****Scope and Contents note**

Arranged in three groups: general correspondence, arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent; open letters sent annually to his friends entitled *Dear Friends*, arranged chronologically; and personal correspondence with his family, arranged chronologically. See also SUBJECT FILE, Post World War II; CHAPEI CIVIL ASSEMBLY CENTER; SHANGHAI AMERICAN SCHOOL

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**General correspondence**

box 1

**Miscellaneous and unidentified****Boynton, Edmund C.****Scope and Contents**

See also SUBJECT FILE, Post World War II

**Boynton, Leila Dozier****Scope and Contents**

See also CHAPEI CIVIL ASSEMBLY CENTER

**Bramble, Joan and Ronald****Davis, Lowry and Mary B.****Fahs, Charles H.****Farrior, Stacy and Kitty****Fickett, Nellie****Field, Gertrude****First Federal Savings Alhambra, A.G. Kruse****Fisher, A.J. and Dorothy****Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. George A.****Fosdick, Harry Emerson****Fox, George A.****Fridell, Elmer A.****Fulcher, Helen McCracken****Hening, S.E.****Ho, T.K. (Deputy Mayor of Shanghai)****Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace, Philip T. McLean****Kerr, Willis****Magill, Orrin R., Jr.****Marriage License Bureau, Los Angeles, Ella Moody****Patch, George E. and Julia****Rawbinson, John L.****Renwick, William G.****Turner, Eugene A.**

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**U.S. State Department  
Westbrook, Louise and Hart**

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**"Dear friends" open letters**

**1909**

**1929-1957**

**Original copies**

**Printed copies**

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**Personal and family correspondence**

**Kansas**

box 2

**Transcribed letters to his mother 1901 August - 1903 January**

**Original letters to his mother, father, and brother 1902 July - 1903 June**

**New York**

**1903 July - 1904 July**

**1904 June - 1905 July**

**1905 August - 1906 October**

**Early years in China 1906-1909**

**Transcripts of postcards 1903-1953**

**SPEECHES AND WRITINGS 1901-1963**

**Scope and Contents note**

Addresses, autobiographical writings, drafts, notes, personal meditations, reports, sermons, arranged alphabetically by title

box 3

**"American Missions in China" undated**

**Scope and Contents**

Contains two carbon copies of an essay on the nineteenth century movement.

**"Appeal to the Community Church of Shanghai" 1940 June 16**

**Scope and Contents**

Typescript of an address requesting aid for the Hopei and Shantung Provinces.

**"Attempting the Impossible," speech 1936 August 9**

**Autobiographical writings**

**Scope and Contents**

See also Shanghai American School, "The Growth of an Idea"

**General**

**Scope and Contents**

Contains carbon typescript of notes and portions of an autobiographical article.

**"How War Came to Shanghai" 1937 August**

**Scope and Contents**

Contains transcribed letter to E.C. Lobenstine.

**Kansas travel diary, transcript 1901-1903**

**"Notes on Life in the Chapei Civil Assembly Center" 1943-1945**

**"Peace, Peace, When There Is No Peace" 1963 May 29**

**Scope and Contents**

Typescript concerning Shanghai after 1941.

**"Shanghai American School History" undated**

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**"Since Pearl Harbor" undated**

**Scope and Contents**

Contains typescript and carbon copy of a description of life and work at Chapei.

**"Thirty-Nine Years (1906-1946)" undated**

**Scope and Contents**

Contains a typescript of a description of life and work in China

**"This, I Believe" 1906 May 7**

**Scope and Contents**

CLB's statement of faith upon ordination, prefaced with an autobiographical sketch. See also "Statement of Faith" for original text.

**Broadcast of the American Red Cross 1938 May**

**Scope and Contents**

Typescript of a speech written for Norman Davis, President of the American Red Cross.

**"Chapei Civil Assembly Speeches" 1944 October 19 - 1945 April 15**

**Scope and Contents**

Contains handwritten church services and sermons.

**"Is the Church in China Declining?" 1932 December**

**Scope and Contents**

Printed copy of an article published in *The Chinese Recorder*.

**"Lea, General Homer" circa 1951**

**Scope and Contents**

Typescript of CLB's memorandum of his contacts with Lea.

**"The Life Eternal" 1938 March 13**

**Scope and Contents**

Printed copy of a sermon delivered at the Community Church of Shanghai.

**"Memorial Day Address at Bubbling Well Cemetery" 1924**

**Scope and Contents**

Typescript of an address to the Shanghai American Community, the Shanghai American School, and the American Company of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

**"Nominating Speech for H.F. Kay" 1945 Spring**

**Scope and Contents**

Typescript of a speech recommending Kay as American representative of the Chapei Civil Assembly Center.

**Notes for addresses, sermons, etc 1906-1941**

**"Our Christianity and our Staff" circa 1930**

**Scope and Contents**

Typescript carbon copy of an essay considering the role the National Christian Council.

**"Protest of Ransomed Americans" 1923 May**

**Scope and Contents**

Typescript carbon copy transcribed from the *China Press*, of a speech written for Anne Alter Fearn at the Shanghai Town Hall.

**"The Purpose of Life" 1934 August 24**

**"The Rise and Development of Protestant Missions in China" 1939 October 4**

**Roosevelt, Franklin Delano 1945 April 15**

**Scope and Contents**

See also "Chapei Civil Assembly Speeches"

**Sermons**

**Shanghai American School**

**Scope and Contents**

See also Autobiographical writings, "Shanghai American School History."

**"A Brief Chronology" 1936 June**

**Commencement address, Shanghai American School 1925**

**"The Growth of an Idea" undated**

**Notes for the History and Reunion Proposal undated**

**"Statement of Faith" 1906 May 7**

**Scope and Contents**

Original typescript and carbon copy of the address given under examination for ordination. See also Autobiographical writings, "This I Believe" for explanatory notes.

**"Trained, Tried, True" 1924 June 23**

**Scope and Contents**

Original typescript and two carbon copies of a commencement address delivered at South China College.

**"Union Church Sermons" 1918, 1922, and 1939**

**"The Use of Subsidies" 1933 February 17**

**"We Are the Pilgrims of Hope" 1945 November 22**

**Scope and Contents**

Original typescript and carbon copy of a Thanksgiving Day address delivered at the Community Church of Shanghai.

**"What Is the Present Status of the Protestant Enterprise in China?" circa 1937**

**"What Is Truth?" circa 1930**

**YMCA Annual Reports 1908-1910**

**SUBJECT FILE 1901-1966**

**Scope and Contents note**

Charts, graphs, correspondence, notes, periodicals, arranged alphabetically by subject

box 4

**Miscellaneous**

**American Association of China, Shanghai**

**Boynton, Leila Dozier - Correspondence**

**Cemetery lists**

**Beijing**

**Shanghai**

**Tientsin**

**Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations, Shanghai**

**Community Church of Shanghai**

**General**

**Announcements**

**Annual reports and financial statements**

**Governing Board**

**Membership 1938**

**Minutes**

**Parish bulletin**

**Parish scope**

**Women's Auxiliary**  
**Consuls in China 1845-1935**  
**Cross, Laura - Poetry**  
**Education**  
**Evacuation of China 1948**  
**Floods**  
**Hallock, Henry Galloway C.**  
**Hensley, Reverend and Mrs. C. Marvin**  
**Koreans in Shanghai**  
**Maps**

box 4

**Scope and Contents**  
Includes correspondence regarding the collecting of, Mattox, Dr. E.L.

map\_case case  
box 4

**Maps (continued)**  
**Miao, Chester S.**  
**Scope and Contents**  
See also Post World War II, Correspondence, American Consulate.

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**Minute Man 1922**  
**Missionaries in China circa 1910**  
**Charts, diagrams**  
**Correspondence**  
**"The Future of Christian Missions in China"**  
**Scope and Contents**  
Memorandum of informal discussions by a group of missionaries.

**Lists**  
**Scope and Contents**  
See also NOTEBOOKS.

**Miscellaneous**  
**General**  
**Americans in Shanghai 1945 December 19**  
**Chapei Civil Assembly Center**  
**Gibbon's Catalogue's Monthly Supplement 1905-1903**  
**Revisions**  
**Moslems in China, N.E.Z. Pickens**  
**National Christian Council of China, Shanghai**  
**North China American 1935**  
**Post World War II**  
**Correspondence**  
**Miscellaneous and fragments**  
**American Consulate**  
**Boynton, Edmund**  
**Cross, Rowland M.**  
**Decker, Dr. J.W.**  
**Fairfield, Wynn G.**  
**McKenna, James (re: repatriation)**  
**Sakamoto, James G. (re: repatriation)**  
**Wegener, R. (re: repatriation)**  
**Shanghai - Celebrations, invitations**  
**U.S. Forces, Shanghai, - Telephone directory 1946**

box 6

**Religious pamphlets**  
**Robertson, Clarence H. "Robbie"**  
**Shanghai Municipal Orchestra**  
**Thanksgiving Services, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai**

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**United Board of Christian Colleges, New York**

**General**

**Annual reports**

***New Horizons***

**United Church Board for World Missions newsletter**

***Wheaton Alumni Quarterly* 1964 Summer**

**Women's Groups, Shanghai**

**YMCA**

**Scope and Contents**

See also SPEECHES AND WRITINGS, YMCA Annual Reports.

**CHAPEI CIVIL ASSEMBLY CENTER 1943-1945**

**Scope and Contents note**

Correspondence, minutes, periodicals, service prayers, arranged alphabetically by subject.

See also SPEECHES AND WRITINGS, Chapei speeches, and nominating speech for H.F. Kay;

SUBJECT FILE, Missionaries, Chapei, and Miao, Chester S.; NOTEBOOKS

box 6

***Assembly Times* 1943-1945**

**Bulletin, American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society**

**Correspondence**

**Miscellaneous**

**Boynton, Edmund C.**

**Damsgaard, Alexis and Dorothy**

**Dozier, Mary Boynton (Mrs. Barton)**

**Morgan, Edith**

**Wechsler, Rudolf**

**Woodward, Peggy Anddibark**

**Examinations held by the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate**

**1944-1945**

**Minute book of Protestant Church (transcribed)**

**Notes**

**Service prayers during internment**

**Transcripts of small notebooks**

**Scope and Contents**

See NOTEBOOKS for original copies.

**SHANGHAI AMERICAN SCHOOL 1912-1963**

**Scope and Contents note**

Correspondence, minutes, notes, periodicals, prospecti, arranged alphabetically by subject.

See also SPEECHES AND WRITINGS, Shanghai American School; NOTEBOOKS, student

enrollment lists and school newspaper

box 7

**Alumni**

**Construction**

**Correspondence**

**Curriculum**

**Enrollment lists**

**Scope and Contents**

See also CORRESPONDENCE, Westbrook, Louise and Hart; NOTEBOOKS.

**General**

**Prior to CLB's administration**

**1912-1941**

**Financial records**

**History - Correspondence**

**General**



**Anderson, Colena  
Bartlett, Willard W.  
Merwin, Wallace**

**Minutes**

**Notes**

**Origins and dedication**

**Post war reopening**

**Prospecti and other printed matter**

**Reunion, Class of 1936**

***Shanghai American 1935-1937***

**Status reports**

**NOTEBOOKS AND MISCELLANEOUS 1910-1945**

**Scope and Contents note**

Contains address books, Chapei camp notes, guest books, lists of missionaries and students, and personal notes

box 8

**Notebooks compiled by Boynton**

box 9

**Notebooks (continued) and lists**

box 12

**Notebooks (continued)**

box 13

**Guestbook**

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

envelope A

**30 prints depicting Charles Luther Boynton and his wife, mostly in Shanghai, China, with friends and colleagues of the National Christian Council of China, the China Continuation Committee, the Chinese YMCA, the Shanghai American School, the China Amsterdam Youth Conference Delegation, the American Women's Club, the Phi Beta Kappa Officers' Association, the H.S.S. Galveston sailors, and the U.S. Army. Includes one print of Chiang Kai-shek and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, as well as many other Chinese acquaintances 1916-1941**

envelope B

**13 prints depicting Peking, 1920; Shanghai, 1939-1940; Kuling, 1909; and 3 negatives of a refugee camp after a typhoon, 6 July 1939**

**INCREMENTAL MATERIALS**

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**Materials not yet described**

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**Materials not yet described**

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**Materials not yet described**