Finding aid for the Saidee Pettus Hoose papers 3310

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Date (inclusive): 1923-2009
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Abstract: Saidee Pettus Hoose was an American missionary who, along with her husband, worked and lived in China beginning in 1916. This small collection consists of correspondence, clippings, biographical materials and a few pieces of ephemera relating to the personal and professional life of Hoose, as well as to her husband Earl and son Harned.
Arrangement
Materials have been arranged chronologically.
Scope and Contents
The Saidee Pettus Hoose papers, 1923-2009 (bulk 1930-1939), consist of fourteen folders relating to Hoose, her husband Earl, and their family. Amongst these materials is correspondence with various family members and friends during the time of Saidee and Earl's missionary fieldwork in China as well as Earl's appointment with the American Bible Society, including correspondence with Minnie Evans Keyes of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. There is also correspondence to USC from Hoose's family members, providing biographical information of her family tree and history. The rest of the collection comprises newspaper clippings, mainly from "The Peiping Chronicle", a few postcards and invitations, a copy of Harned Hoose's top-secret memo and outline of Chinese history for Richard Nixon in preparation of his historic China trip in 1972, and two pieces of ephemera in the form of chopsticks and Yuen.
Biographical Note
Saidee Alice Pettus Hoose was an American missionary born in Mobile, Alabama in 1887. In 1915, she married Earl Albion Hoose. In 1916 they went to China, where Earl was attached to the Methodist Mission in City of Kiukiang, and together performed missionary work. Earl became sick in 1922 and by 1925 he began working with the American Bible Society in Peiping (now Beijing) as their sub-agency secretary, due to his inability to perform fieldwork any longer. Saidee and Earl had four children, all of whom were raised in Peiping until age 18, when they each left to attend college in the United States.
Their son, Harned Hoose, went to the U.S. in 1938 where he enrolled in law school at USC. Harned carried on the mission of his parents, uniting U.S. and Chinese relations through his work as an attorney and eventually as advisor and consultant to the National Security Council under the Nixon Administration. He helped arrange Nixon's trip to China in 1972 and was among the first group of American businessmen to open up trade relations between the U.S. and China.

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