
Finding aid for the K.S. Oh family papers 3313

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Title: K.S. Oh family papers

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Abstract: The K.S. Oh family papers is a small collection comprised of biographical and genealogical materials of the Oh family, primarily relating to professor of dermatology and medical missionary Kung Sung, as well as his grandson and creator of the materials Tai K., and Tai's parents and niece, among other relatives. The materials consist of correspondence, clippings, articles, printed materials, and a few photos and negatives.

Arrangement

Items are arranged alphabetically.

Scope and Contents

The K.S. Oh family papers, 1908-1999, consist of twenty-six folders relating to Korean dermatologist and professor Kung Sun Oh and his family, created and collected by his grandson Tai K. Oh and gifted to USC by Tai's wife Gretchen Oh. This small collection comprises biographical and genealogical information of the Oh family in the form of birth records, immigration documents, academic records, articles from the Archives of Dermatology, newspaper clippings, and correspondence.

The majority of the materials within the collection relates to K.S. Oh and Tai's own research into his grandfather's history and general family lineage, but there are also items relating to Tai himself, as well as his parents Chin Young and Eui Kyeong Oh, his niece Kyung Lah (a current CNN correspondent) and other relatives. The remainder of the collection includes a few photos, negatives, two calendars, a booklet, and a brochure.

Biographical

K.S. (Kung Sun) Oh was born on October 4, 1878. He was a professor of dermatology in Korea as well as one of the first Korean men to become a Christian, joining the Baptist faith in 1900. He went to the United States for his education and upon his return began work as a medical missionary. In 1912, he joined the faculty of Severance Union Medical College and later became the dean. His clinic at Severance Hospital was one of the busiest. In 1919, he established the Kyung-Sung Orphanage. K.S. received honorary degrees from Centre College and the University of Louisville in 1934. He also received awards from the Bureau of the Minister of Welfare. He passed away on May 18, 1963.

K.S.'s grandson, Tai K. Oh, was born in Seoul in 1934 to Chin Young and Eui Kyeong Oh. He went to school in Japan and the United States. He was a business professor, consultant, and author of the book "The Asian Brain Drain". He was the owner of Oh Imports, along with his wife Gretchen. He passed away in 2010.

Kyung Lah is Tai's niece and a journalist and correspondent for CNN. Born in Seoul, she grew up in Streamwood, Illinois and earned her B.A. in broadcast journalism from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1993, where she also wrote a column for the Daily Illini. She has worked for the Los Angeles CNN bureau since 2012.

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Gift of Gretchen Oh.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Baptists -- Korea -- Archival resources

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Birth records
Clippings
Correspondence
School records
Oh, K.S. (Kung Sun), 1878-1963 -- Archives
Oh, Tai K. -- Archives
Centre College (Danville, Ky. : 1918-) -- Archives
Lah, Kyung, 1971- -- Archives
Mikva, Abner J. -- Archives
Oh, Gretchen -- Archives
Sebūransū Yōnhap Ūihak Chōnmun Hakkyo -- Archives
Sebūransū Pyōngwŏn (Korea) -- Archives
University of Louisville -- Archives

Box 1, Folder 1	An-Yang [notes] undated
Box 1, Folder 2	Centre College of KY 1938, 1996
Box 1, Folder 3	Cho, Chung-Ja and husband - immigration 1964-1973
Box 1, Folder 4	[Clippings, calender, and inventories] 1977-1999
Box 1, Folder 5	Dong-Eun Medical Museum at Yonsei University College of Medicine [booklet] undated
Box 1, Folder 6	Hae Gwan Kindergarten [brochure] undated
Box 1, Folder 7	Immigration - Eui K. Oh 1974-1975
Box 1, Folder 8	Immigration - Min Ja Oh 1964
Box 1, Folder 9	Immigration - Tai Keun Oh 1960-1979
Box 1, Folder 10	[K.S. Oh academic records] 1908-1937, 1997
Box 1, Folder 11	K.S. Oh [clippings, correspondence, and letters] 1960-1994
Box 1, Folder 12	K.S. Oh [Korean newspaper articles] undated
Box 1, Folder 13	K.S. Oh - old photos, negatives, prints undated
Box 1, Folder 14	K.S. Oh - Archives of Dermatology [articles] 1963-1968
Box 1, Folder 15	[Korean clippings] 1998
Box 1, Folder 16	Lah, Kyung 1994
Box 1, Folder 17	Lee, Chang Bum 1982-05
Box 1, Folder 18	Mandale, Walter - correspondence 1974
Box 1, Folder 19	Mikva, Abner, Rep. [correspondence] 1970-1972
Box 1, Folder 20	Oh, Chin Young and Eui Kyeung 1974-1993
Box 1, Folder 21	Oh family - birth records 1970
Box 1, Folder 22	Oh family [clippings and addresses] 1981-1997
Box 1, Folder 23	Oh imports [family business] 1974
Box 1, Folder 24	[photos] undated
Box 1, Folder 25	Sales of exchanges of property [Tai K. and Gretchen Oh] 1979
Box 1, Folder 26	Tai Oh [negatives] undated