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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Fulton, Robert Brank
Creator:	China International Famine Relief Commission
Title:	Robert Brank Fulton papers
ID:	11918075
Date [inclusive]:	1921 -- 1936
Physical Description:	0.5 linear feet 0.5 linear feet; 1 box
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Robert Brank Fulton graduated as part of the UTS class of 1938, was ordained in the Presbyterian Church, and was actively involved in teaching and relief work with the Yale Christian Association and through teaching positions throughout China. The collection contains reports on famine prevention and relief efforts by the China International Famine Relief Commission, as well as a publication entitled "The C.I.F.R.C. Fifteenth Anniversary Booklet."

Preferred Citation

Item description, UTS1: Robert Brank Fulton Papers, 1921-1936, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

Robert Brank Fulton was born in Clinton, Illinois on July 6, 1911. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from Yale in 1932, later pursuing and earning a doctorate from 1941 to 1943. From 1935 to 1938, Fulton earned his Bachelor of Divinity (the equivalent of a Master of Divinity today) from Union Theological Seminary in New York, and was subsequently ordained in the Presbyterian Church in 1938. In his early career, Fulton fostered his relationship to Yale and

the Presbyterian Church through his teaching and administrative work in New England and China. From 1932 to 1933, he worked as secretary for the Yale Christian Association in New Haven. Some of Fulton's early ecumenical and teaching work took place in China, initially at the Yali Middle School in Changsa, Hunan from 1933 to 1935. He later worked as a lecturer in philosophy and ethics at Yenching University from 1939 to 1941, and later as assistant professor of applied Christianity and Economic Thought at Huachung University, Wuchang, China, from 1947 to 1950. Complimentary to his teaching, Fulton served as a representative of the American Trustees of Yale-in-China from 1943 to 1947.

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Biographical / Historical

In the states, Fulton taught as a student assistant on Madison Avenue in New York from 1935 to 1936, at the YMCA's Friendly Religious Community from 1937 to 1938, and then as an assistant administrator at Dewitt Memorial before taking a head residency at Rainsford House, New York City from 1938 to 1939. Following his return from Wuchang, Fulton served as chaplain and assistant professor of religion at Union College in Schenectady, New York, from 1951 to 1953. He held another chaplaincy-professorship at Lake Forest College (Illinois, 1953-1956) before traveling to Puerto Rico to be a professor and head of the Religion and Philosophy department at Inter-American University in San German, a position he took in 1956. He continued to be involved in Christian higher education abroad throughout his life.

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Onsite storage.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The exact provenance of this collection is unknown.

Processing Information

The soft-bound C.I.F.R.C. volume was conservation treated at Columbia University Libraries in February, 2014. During processing, materials were placed in a new, flat acid-free box.

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- Food relief -- China -- History -- Sources
- Clergy
- Fulton, Robert Brank -- : Archives
- China International Famine Relief Commission

Burke Library record group:

Union Theological Seminary Archives: UTS 1, papers of faculty and students

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Title/Description	Instances	
C.I.F.R.C. Engineering Accomplishments, 1921 -- 1925	box 1	folder 1
C.I.F.R.C. Engineering Accomplishments, 1932 -- 1933	box 1	folder 2
C.I.F.R.C. 15th Anniversary Booklet, 1936	box 1	folder 3

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