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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Chen, Lifu, 1900-2001
Title:	Chen Lifu Papers
ID:	13527744
ID:	MS#1949
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Date [bulk]:	1926-1951
Physical Description:	1.25 Linear Feet 3 manuscript boxes
Language of the Material:	Chinese .
Abstract:	The Chen Lifu papers (陳立夫檔案) mainly document his involvement in Chinese politics during the Republican era, dating from 1926 to 1989, with the bulk dates from 1926 to 1951. The papers consist of correspondence, portrait, meeting documents, reports, plans, speeches, writings, memoir, and printed materials. The papers focus on Chen Lifu's political career as the Head of the Central Bureau of Investigation and Statistics and the Minister of Education, as well as his general involvement in politics dating from 1926 to 1949.

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Chen Lifu papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical/Historical

Chen Lifu (pinyin: Chen, Lifu; Wade-Giles: Ch'en, Li-Fu; traditional Chinese: 陳立夫; simplified Chinese: 陈立夫; original name: Zuyan 祖燕; courtesy name: Lifu 立夫; other names: Li Rongqing, 李融清, Gu Junming, 辜君明) was born in Zhejiang province, 1900. He received his master degree in mining engineering from the University of Pittsburg in 1925. After returning

to China in the same year, he and his older brother, Chen Guofu (陳果夫) held important positions in the KMT under Chiang Kai-shek, who was the sworn blood brother of Chen Lifu's uncle, Chen Qimei (陳其美). In 1926, Chen was Chiang Kai-shek's confidential secretary (機要秘書). In 1928, he was promoted to be the Head of the Central Bureau of Investigation and Statistics (中央執行委員會調查統計局, also known as Zhongtongju, 中統局). From 1938 to 1944, he was the Minister of Education (教育部長) during the Sino-Japanese War and was responsible for the relocation of the major universities in war-torn regions of China as well as advocating for funds and supports in higher education. In addition, Chen Lifu and his older brother were also the figures of the Central Club Clique (also known as the CC Clique; Chinese: CC派 or 中央俱樂部組織), a powerful political faction within the KMT, which was known to represent traditionalist, anti-communist, and anti-Japanese. In 1949, Chen left China for Taiwan and later moved to the U. S. in 1951. In 1966, he returned to Taiwan and lived there until his death in 2001, at the age of 101.

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Scope and Contents

The Chen Lifu papers (陳立夫檔案) consist of incoming correspondence and portrait, meeting records and policy plans as well as documents of the KMT Central Committee, People's Political Council, and National Assembly relating to his role as the Minister of Education during the Sino-Japanese War, as well as speeches and writings, and printed materials, dating from 1926 to 1989 with the bulk dating from 1926 to 1951. There are also investigative reports about activities during the Northern Expedition, reports about the assassination of Wang Jingwei (汪精衛), and the crime of Ding Mocun (丁默邨) and Li Shiqun (李士群) during the time when he was the Head of the Central Bureau of Investigation and Statistics.

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Arrangement

Collection is arranged in 4 series.

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Administrative Information

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is located on-site.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Given to the Chinese oral history project in 1968 during interviews with Chen Lifu. Transfer from the East Asian Institute in 1980.

Processing Information

Separated from the Chinese oral history project collection due to the papers' historical and research value and to allow better discovery and access. Processed in September 2018 by Yingwen Huang.

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection has no restrictions.

Accruals

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Related Materials

Related Material

Chinese oral history project collection, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University. [Finding Aid](#). This collection contains administrative information related to the project, including the interviewee files relating to Chen Lifu's interviews.

Related Material

[Reminiscences of Li-fu Ch'en, 陳立夫口述回憶錄](#). Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University.

Related Material

Chen Lifu typescript: The storm clouds clear over China: the memoir of Chen Li-fu, 1900-1993. Hoover Institution Archives. [Finding aid](#).

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Controlled Access Headings

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- Resolutions (administrative records)
- Portraits
- Proposals

- Reports
- Speeches (documents)
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- China -- History -- 20th century
- China -- History -- Northern Expedition, 1926-1928
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- China -- Politics and government -- 20th century
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- Education -- China -- History -- 1912-1949
- Sino-Japanese War, 1937-1945
- Chen, Guofu, 1892-1951
- Zhou, Enlai, 1898-1976
- Wang, Jingwei, 1883-1944
- Ji, Yuanpu, 1906-1979
- Chiang, Kai-shek, 1887-1975
- Zhongguo guo min dang
- Zhongguo guo min dang. Zhong yang wei yuan hui
- Zhongguo guo min dang. Zhong yang zhi xing wei yuan hui. Diao cha tong ji ju

Collection Inventory

Series I: Incoming Correspondence and Portrait, 來信和相片, 1932-1935

Title/Description	Instances	
Letter from Zhou Enlai, photocopied, September 1, 1935	box 1	folder 1
Letter from Ji Yuanpu, original and photocopied, February 12	box 1	folder 1
Letters from K.S. Woo, original and photocopied, undated	box 1	folder 1
Portrait, Chen Lifu as the Head of the Organization Department, 1932	box 1	folder 2

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9th Meeting, 第9次會議, 1935	box 1	folder 3

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3rd People's Political Council, 1st meeting, Ministry of Education, 民國參政會第3屆第1次大會決議案教育部辦理情形報告表, circa 1941-1942	box 1	folder 8
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4th People's Political Council, 1st meeting, Ministry of Education, work report, 民國參政會第4屆第1次大會教育部工作報告, Aug. 1944–May 1945	box 1	folder 10
National Assembly (Republic of China), Ministry of Education, 國民大會政績報告教育章目次, 1946	box 1	folder 11
3rd National Conference on Education, speeches and proposals, 第3次全國教育會議, March 1, 1939	box 1	folder 12
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6 Years of Education (during the Sino-Japanese War), 六年來之教育 (抗戰時期), 1942	box 2	folder 6
Republic of China Yearbook, Chapter 15, Education, 四十年度中華民國年鑑, 第十五篇, 教育, 1951	box 2	folder 7
Reflection of Education Policy during the Sino-Japanese War, 抗戰時期中國教育行政之檢討, photocopied, undated	box 2	folder 8-9

Physical Description: 2 folders

10th Kuomintang Central Committee Conference, speech, 第10屆臨時中央全會講述, 1969	box 2	folder 10
Article written by Chen Lifu, A memoir of a Mining Engineer, 一個用非所學的採礦工程師自述, 1975	box 2	folder 10
Scope and Contents		
傳記文學 第二十六卷 第六期		
Reports during the Northern Expedition, writings and reports written by Chen Lifu's subordinates about anti-communist activities in Shanghai, Guangdong, Jiangxi, Fujian, Henan, Zhejiang, and Anhui during the Northern Expedition (1926-1928), 北伐期間有關報告, circa 1926-1928	box 2	folder 11
Investigative reports on the assassination attempt against Wang Jingwei. 汪精衛被刺案概述; 王思誠: 汪精衛被刺案偵破始末記; 對日抗戰期間汪精衛之出走與遇刺, 1935	box 2	folder 12
The Crimes of Ding Mocun and Li Shiqun, 丁默邨與李士群附敵後之罪行, circa 1938	box 2	folder 13
History of KMT, oversea party organization by Yu Chun-Hsien, 余俊?: 中國國民黨史—海外部分, photocopied, undated	box 3	folder 1
Memoir, 陳立夫回憶錄, v.1, handwritten, photocopied, undated	box 3	folder 3
Memoir, 陳立夫回憶錄, v.2, handwritten, photocopied, undated	box 3	folder 4
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Series IV: Printed materials, 書類, 1937-1989

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Gong ji chen guo fu xian sheng ji nian ce/Chen gu wei yuan guo fu zhi sang wei yuan hui, Mingguo 40 [1951]. 公祭陳果夫先生紀念冊 / 陳故委員果夫治喪委員會編., 1951	box 3	folder 2
Ma ri chan gong hui yi lu/Zhong yang wen wu gong ying she , min 45 [1956]. 馬日瀏共回憶錄 / 許克祥著., 1956	box 3	folder 2

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