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## Guide to the collection on J. Heng Liu 13527771

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Columbia University. Chinese Oral History Project
<b>Title:</b>	Collection on J. Heng Liu
<b>ID:</b>	13527771
<b>ID:</b>	MS#1953
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1922-1946
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.2 Linear Feet 1 manuscript box
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Reels Microfilm
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Collection on Dr. J. Heng Liu consists of primary and secondary source materials on his medical education abroad and his career at the PUMC as well as other materials relating to medical education in China before and during the Sino-Japanese War, mostly dating from 1922 to 1946. Materials include the oral history interview transcript conducted by the Chinese oral history project, incoming and outgoing correspondence of Dr. Liu, reports on the political situation in China, as well as other articles and publications about the PUMC, western medicine, and medical education in China.

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Collection on J. Heng Liu; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical/Historical

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Dr. J. Heng Liu (pinyin: Liu, Ruiheng; Wade-Giles: Liu, Jui Heng, Liu J. Heng; traditional Chinese: 劉瑞恆; simplified Chinese: 刘瑞恒; courtesy name: Yueru, 月如) was born in Tianjin,

1890. He obtained his B.S. from Harvard University in 1909 and M.D. in 1915. He also interned at the Boston City Hospital as well as other schools from 1913 to 1915. He became a surgeon at the Red Cross Hospital and the Harvard Medical School of China in Shanghai from 1915 to 1918, and subsequently a surgeon at the Peking Union Medical College (PUMC, 北京協和醫科大學), from 1922 to 1926. He was the Acting Medical Superintendent of PUMC from 1924 to 1926, the Medical Superintendent from 1926 to 1934. During this time, he was the President of the National Medical Association of China (1926-1928). While Dr. Liu was serving as the Director of PUMC from 1929 to 1938, he was also the Chairman of the National Opium Suppression Commission (1930-1935), Chairman of the Military Medical Supervisory Commission of Military Council, (1932-?), the Vice Minister of Health (1928-1929), the Acting Minister of Health (1929-1930), and the Director of the National Health Administration (1930-1938). In 1944, he became the Member of Supply Mission to Washington D.C. In 1946, he was the Medical Director of the American Bureau for Medical Aid to China. Dr. Liu died on August 26, 1961, at St. Luke's Hospital, New York.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection on J. Heng Liu contains primary and secondary resources compiled by the Chinese oral history project staff in preparation for the interviews with Liu J. Heng. The materials provide information on Liu J. Heng's role at PUMC as well as other matters relating to PUMC before and during the Sino-Japanese War. The collection consists of the oral history interview transcripts from 1960 about his medical education abroad, two microfilm reels and photocopies of the one reel which contains documents relating to the PUMC and Dr. Liu's correspondence, as well as reports written by Roger S. Greene, Margery K. Eggleston, Henry S. Houghton, etc. describing the changes in the political situation in China dating from 1922 to 1945. The second microfilm reel contains primary and secondary source materials such as articles and reports about the League of Nation health organization, PUMC, public health, and medical education in China, dating from 1923 to 1946.

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### **Revision Description**

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### **Conditions Governing Access**

This collection is located on site. This collection has no restrictions.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Materials compiled by the Chinese oral history project staff in preparation for oral history interviews with J. Heng Liu, 1961. Materials microfilmed by the East Asian Institute in July 1961. Transferred from East Asian Institute, 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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## Related Materials

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### 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 Liu J. Heng's interviews.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Correspondence
- Letters (correspondence)
- Reports
- Microfilms
- Missions, Medical -- China
- Medical education -- China
- Education -- China -- History -- 1912-1949
- Education -- China -- History -- 20th century
- Oral history
- Liu, Ruiheng, 1890-1961
- Greene, Roger Sherman, 1881-1947
- Eggleston, Margery K.
- Houghton, Henry S.
- Zhongguo xie he yi ke da xue
- China Medical Board (U.S.)

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## Collection Inventory

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### Collection on J. Heng Liu, 1922-1946

Title/Description	Instances	
Oral history interview transcript, 1960 December 6, 8	box 1	folder 3

**Scope and Contents**

Two interviews on his family and education background, 1890-1909.

Biographical, Dr. J. Heng Liu and PUMC correspondence, 1926-1945	box 1	folder 1
Reports of PUMC and the political situation in China, 1922-1942	box 1	folder 2
Microfilm Reel 1, 1922-1945	box COHP	Liu #1
<p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>Microfilm version of Box 1 Folder 1-2</p>		
Microfilm Reel 2, 1923-1946	box COHP	Liu #2
<p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>Western Medicine and Medical Education in China (1923-1946), various articles and reports about: League of Nations health organization, PUMC, and public health. Files consist of primary source materials compiled by the Chinese oral history project staff, materials include the official list of universities and medical schools in China, published by the Ministry of Education, report on Sun Yat Sen Memorial College in Canton, Dr. C. S. Burwell's notes on important public health and preventive medicine, report of Shanghai Light and Power (April 1946), official list of medical schools (from the Commission on Medical Education), budgets of PUMC (1930-1942), changes in exchange rate, Western Medicine and Medical Education in China (1923-1946), various articles and reports about: League of Nations health organization, PUMC, and public health, dating from 1923-1946</p>		

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