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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Ling, Hongxun, 1894-1981
Title:	Hung-Hsun Ling papers
ID:	4079033
ID:	MS#0786
Date [inclusive]:	1916-1974
Physical Description:	0.4 Linear Feet 1 manuscript box
Language of the Material:	Chinese , English .
Abstract:	The Hung-Hsun Ling papers document Ling's life as a railway engineer and his contribution to the development of rail infrastructure in China during the Republican period. The papers include two manuscripts of his autobiographies and 14 photographs depicting him as an engineer taken during and after the construction of various railway projects in China and other locations dating from 1916 to 1965, as well as a portrait of him at age 80. The papers also include five books related to the history and the development of railways in China written in Chinese by Ling from 1954 to 1977.

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Hung-Hsun Ling papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

Ling, Hung-Hsun (pinyin: Ling, Hongxun; Wade Giles: Ling, Hung-Hsun, Ling, H. H.; Traditional Chinese: 凌鴻勛; Simplified Chinese: 凌鸿勋; courtesy name: Chuming, Zhuming, 竹銘) was born in Panyu, Guangdong province, 1894. He graduated from Jiaotong Bu Nanyang University (交通部南洋大學, later became the Shanghai Jiaotong University, 上海交通大學)

in 1915. From 1916 to 1917, Ling interned in the New York office of the American Bridge Division under the United States Steel Corporation and studied at the Columbia University School of Engineering. After returning to China in 1918, he started his railway career in Tangshan, where the first railway in China was built. He spent thirty years working with the Chinese Government Railway and spent fifteen years constructing the Canton-Hankow railway (also known as the Guangzhou–Hankou railway, 粵漢鐵路) as the Chief Engineer. The railway later served as an effort to resist the Japanese invasion as it was completed in 1936, one year before the Sino-Japanese War in Northern China. At the same time, he also served as the President at his alma mater from 1924 to 1927. He also served as the Deputy Minister of Communications for the Nationalist government from 1945 to 1949. He also work on building railways such as the Lunghai (隴海鐵路) and the Hunan-Guangxi (湘桂鐵路) railway in the far northwest and south west of China. After the fall of the Nationalist government in mainland China, Ling moved to Taiwan. He served as the Chairman of the state-owned Chinese Petroleum Corporation (中國石油股份有限公司; 中油公司) for 20 years from 1950 to 1970. In 1981 at age 88, Ling passed away in Taiwan. The Chu-Ming Memorial Room (竹銘紀念室) at the National Chiao Tung University (國立交通大學) was opened in honor of Ling's contribution as a great railway engineer.

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Summary

The Hung-Hsun Ling papers include one handwritten volume of his memoir completed in 1964, one volume of "Chronological Autobiography of Myself" printed in 1973, five printed books by him, 15 photographs depicting his career as a civil engineer in the U.S., China, and Taiwan dating from 1916 to 1965, as well as a portrait of him at age 80 taken in 1974. The papers highlight his career as a railway engineer and his involvement in the development of rail infrastructure in China during the Republican era.

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Arrangement

Arranged by material type: manuscripts, photographs, and printed materials.

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Revision Description

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Restrictions on Access

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Restrictions on Access

This collection has no restrictions.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Ling Hung-hsün. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1974. Accession number--M-74.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Hung-Hsun Ling, 1974.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

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- Communication policy -- China
- China -- Pictorial works
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- Engineers
- black-and-white photographs
- Portraits
- Photographs
- Memoirs
- Books
- Zhan, Tianyou, 1861-1919
- Canton-Hankow Railway
- Chinese Eastern Railway

Collection Inventory

Manuscripts, 1964, 1973

Title/Description	Instances	
My memoir at age 70, 七十自述:對日抗戰八年交通大事記原稿, 1964	box 1	folder 2
Scope and Contents		
One volume of original handwritten manuscript		
Chronological Autobiography of Myself, 凌鴻勳自訂年譜, 1973	box 1	folder 3

Scope and Contents

One volume of autobiography

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Title/Description	Instances	
1. H. H. Ling, Designing Office, American Bridge Co., Pencord, PA. USA., 1916	box 1	folder 4
2. H. H. Ling, Bridge Engineer, Peking-Hankow Ry. inspecting the Yellow River Bridge (2100M), 1922	box 1	folder 4
3-4. H. H. Ling. Bridge Engineer, Peking-Hankow Ry., leading a team inspecting many bridges along the line, 1929	box 1	folder 4
5. H. H. Ling, Inspecting an ancient stone bridge near Paoting, 1929	box 1	folder 4
6. H. H. Ling, Chief Engineer, Lunghai Ry. Western Section, locating the line near the gate of Tungkwan, 1929	box 1	folder 4
7. H. H. Ling, Chief Engineer, Lunghai Ry, finding a bridge site across a river, 1932	box 1	folder 4
8. H. H. Ling, Chief Engineer, Canton-Hankow Ry. (center holding hat) inspecting a bridge and a tunnel under construction, 1933	box 1	folder 4
9. H. H. Ling, (right), Chief Engineer, Canton-Hankow Ry. inspecting a bridge under construction, 1934	box 1	folder 4
10. H. H. Ling, Chief Engineer, Canton-Hankow Ry. driving the last spike to complete the N-S Trunk Line (1096 Km), 1936	box 1	folder 4
11. H. H. Ling, Chief Engineer, Canton-Hankow Ry. Driving the last spike to complete the N-S Trunk Line, 1936	box 1	folder 4
12. H. H. Ling, (center, front row, holding a hat) Chief Engineer, Canton -Hankow Ry. during the inaugurations of first passenger through train from Canton to Hankow (1096 Km), 1936	box 1	folder 4
13. H. H. Ling, Chief Engineer, Canton-Hankow Ry. Inspecting the whole line after completion, 1936	box 1	folder 4
14. H. H. Ling, China's chief delegate to the 14th International Congress. Lucern, Switzerland, when presiding a fourth Section, 1947	box 1	folder 4
15. H. H. Ling, one of the commissioners, Shihmen Dam Project, Taiwan, inspecting the dam near completion, 1965	box 1	folder 4
Portrait at age 80, 1974	box 1	folder 5

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Title/Description	Instances	
Zhongguo tie lu zhi / Ling Hongxun zhu. 中國鐵路志 / 凌鴻勛 著., 1954	box 1	folder 1
Qi shi nian lai Dong Qing, Zhong dong, Zhong Chang tie lu bian qian zhi jing guo / Ling Hongxun bian zhu. 七十年來東清·中東·中長鐵路變遷之經過 / 凌鴻勛 編著., 1965	box 1	folder 1
Shi liu nian zhu lu sheng ya / Ling Hongxun zhu. 十六年築路生涯 / 凌鴻勛 著. , 1968	box 1	folder 1
Zhan Tianyou yu Zhongguo tie lu / Ling Hongxun, Gao Zonglu he bian. 詹天佑與中國鐵路 / 凌鴻勛, 高宗魯 合編., 1977	box 1	folder 1
Jing zhang tie lu gong cheng zhao pian ji. 京張鐵路工程照片集., 1974	box 1	folder 1

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