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Summary Information

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Abstract:	The Leslie H. Dingyan Chen's Collection of Historiographic Materials for a Biography of Chen Chiung-Ming is a typescript publication published in 1988 documenting the life of Chen Jiongming as a revolutionary figure in the Guangdong province before and during the Republican period in China.

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Biographical / Historical

Leslie H. Dingyan Chen (pinyin: Chen, Dingyan; traditional Chinese: 陳定炎; simplified Chinese: 陈定炎) was born in Hong Kong, 1923. He was a Chinese-American engineer and historian. He was also the younger son of Chen, Jiongming, whom he researched and wrote extensively about in his late life. He died in Hong Kong, 2006.

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Biographical / Historical

Chen, Jiongming (Wade Giles: Chen, Chiung-ming; pinyin: Chen, Jiongming; traditional Chinese: 陳炯明; simplified Chinese: 陈炯明; courtesy name: Jingcun, 競存) was born in Haifeng, Guangdong province, 1878. Chen was a Chinese general and the governor of Guangdong. Chen was also the Chief-of-Staff and Minister of War for southern military affairs under President Sun Yat-sen. When Sun ordered the Northern Expedition to unify China by force, Chen refused and advocated for a democratic and federalist government in China. In 1922, Chen initiated a coup d'etat against Sun's southern regime in Guangzhou, which later known as the June Sixteenth Incident (六一六事变). After Chen's troops were defeated by the Nationalist army, he retreated to Hong Kong and lived there until he died in 1933.

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Summary

The collection is consist of a typescript copy of A Collection of Historiographic Materials for a Biography of Chen Chiung-Ming (1878-1933) published in 1988 by Leslie H. Dingyan Chen. Materials included in the typescripts are the transcriptions of correspondence, memoirs, diplomatic documents, monographs, and newspapers articles from English language sources and English translations from Chinese sources.

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Arrangement

Arranged by chapters. Box 1: Preliminary matter and Chapters 1-8. Box 2: Chapters 9-13. Box 3: Chapters 14-18.

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Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Leslie H. Chen, 1988.

Processing Information

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Biography of Chen Chiung-Ming in 2018 to accurately reflect the content of the collection by Yingwen Huang.

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Related Materials

Leslie H. Dingyan Chen papers, 1955-2006. Hoover Institution Archives. [Finding Aid](#)

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- China -- History -- 20th century
- China -- Economic conditions -- 20th century
- China -- History -- Republic, 1912-1949
- China -- History -- Revolution, 1911-1912
- China -- History -- Revolution, 1913
- China -- History -- Revolution, 1915-1916
- China -- History -- Warlord period, 1916-1928
- China -- Politics and government -- 1912-1949
- Guangzhou (China)
- China -- History, Military
- Articles
- indexes (reference sources)
- Memoirs
- Monographs

- Reports
- Transcripts
- Generals -- China
- Marshals -- China
- Statesmen -- China
- Hong Kong Telegraph
- Chen, Jiongming, 1878-1933
- Sun, Yat-sen, 1866-1925

Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Preliminary matter	box 1
1 Early Years, 1878-1911	box 1
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Haifeng and its people; Formative years (1878 - 1900); Kwangtung Provincial Assembly; Anti-gambling movement and Ko Po.</p>	
2 The Revolution of 1911, 1911	box 1
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>New Army Revolt at Canton: "March 29" Uprising; Assassination Corps; Battle of Waichow.</p>	
3 First Republican Administration in Canton, 1911-1913	box 1
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Canton: between declaration of independence and Chen's entry; Maintenance of peace and order; Support of the new Republic; First return (to Canton) of Sun Yat-sen; Acting Governor-General of Kwangtung; The Pacification Bureau and the Army Protector; Governor-General prior to declaration of independence (against Yuan Shih-kai).</p>	
4 The Second Revolution, 1913-1916	box 1
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>First anti-Yuan campaign: Exile in Singapore; Second anti-Yuan campaign; The Northern sojourn.</p>	
5 Constitution Protection Movement, 1917-1918	box 1

Scope and Contents

Political Situation prior to Chen's return; Return to Canton; Canton Military Government (July 1917 -Dec 1918); The Fukien Campaign (Dec. 1917 – Dec. 1918); The Southern Cause.

6 "Little Model China" in Fukien, 1918-1920

box 1

Scope and Contents

Political situation (Jan. 1919 – Aug. 1920); Conditions in East Kwangtung (Jan. 1919 – Aug. 1920) , Conditions in Fukien (Jan. 1919 – Aug. 1920); Administration in Changchow (Aug. 1918 – Aug. 1920); New Culture Movement in Southern Fukien (1918 - 1920); Chen's personal activities during the Changchow period The Soviet contact; Special reports from USDS on Bolshevik propaganda and political activities.

7 The Return to Kwangtung, 1920

box 1

Scope and Contents

Political situation in Canton and Peking; Return of Kwangtung Army to Kwangtung; Aeroplanes and American aviators; Excesses of Kwangsi troops; Conditions in Fukien; Condition in East Kwangtung; Second Return (to Canton) of Sun Yat-sen.

8 Experiments in Democracy, Nov 1920 - June 1922

box 1

Scope and Contents

Re-establishment of the Military Government; Disbandment of troops; Anti-gambling and anti-opium; Inauguration of municipal governments; Modernization of education; Modernization of army; Finance , Industry and miscellaneous and election of magistrates; Labor activities; District relations self-government and communist

9 The Kwangsi Campaign, June-Sept 1921

box 2

Scope and Contents

Events leading to Kwangsi Campaign; The Kwangsi Campaign; Reform of Kwangsi; Victorious Return to Canton (Nov 7, 1921).

10 Federalist Movement, Early to 1922

box 2

Scope and Contents

Aspirations in the early Republic (1911-1913); Federalist activities (1916 -1920); Chen's political views (1920 - 1922); Federalist activities (1920-1922); Kwangtung Provincial Constitution (Nov 1920 - 1922);

Kwangtung, China and Foreign Powers (Nov 1920 - 1922)

11 The Split with Sun Yat-sen -- The June 16 Incident, 1922 box 2

Scope and Contents

His relation with Sun, Sun's activities and political views prior to Sun's extraordinary presidency (Nov 1920 - May 1921); Sun's extraordinary presidency; His relation with Sun, Sun's activities and political views after Sun's extraordinary presidency and two months before the June incident (May 1921 - April 1922); Sun's assassination tactics; The June 16 Incident; Contemporary comments on the Incident; Posterior comments on the Incident

12 Federalist Movement - Another Chance, Aug 1922 - Jan 1923 box 2

Scope and Contents

The Civil Governorship and Canton Municipality; Finance and Loans: His political views and activities; Sun's Proposed Triple Alliance Exposed; Sun's Proposed Japanese agreement.

13 Retirement in Hong Kong, Jan - May 1923 box 2

Scope and Contents

Canton prior to invasion from Kwangsi (Aug 1922 - Jan 1923); Invasion from Kwangsi; His followers in Eastern Kwangtung and the Fukien War (Aug 1922 - May 1923); Comments and reports relating to his retirement.

14 The Struggle Resumes, May 1923 - Dec 1924 box 3

Scope and Contents

Sun's administration in Canton (Jan 1923 - Nov 1924); Chen, his followers, Southwest and the North (Feb 1923 - Dec 1924); Reconciliation efforts (between Sun and Chen) - (Nov 1922 - Dec 1924); the military contest (May 1923 - Nov 1924); The Merchants Volunteer Corps Incident- Sun's departure and death.

15 The End of Military Struggle, Nov 1924 - Dec 1925 box 3

Scope and Contents

Political and military situations after Sun's departure: First East River battles (Jan-March, 1925); Activities between the battles (March-Oct , 1925); Second East

River battles – Fall of Waichow (Sept- Nov 1925); The Soviet Conspiracy (1922 -1929)

16 Final Quest for Unification by Political Means, 1926-1933 box 3

Scope and Contents

A new political party; other activities; Excerpts from "a Proposal for the Unification of China; Miscellaneous.

17 His Writings and Speeches box 3

Scope and Contents

Essays; Poems; Vernacular Poems; Index for speeches and circular telegrams.

18 Writings in Memory of Him box 3

Scope and Contents

Excerpts from "the Memorial Record of Mr. Chen Chiung-ming" –Eulogistic essays, poems, etc.

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