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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Dodd, Samuel, 1832-1894
Creator:	Dodd, Samuel T.
Title:	Samuel Dodd and Samuel Thompson Carter Dodd papers
ID:	4492579
Date [inclusive]:	circa 1925 -- 2014
Physical Description:	0.5 linear feet 0.5 linear feet; 1 box
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Samuel Dodd was an American United Presbyterian missionary in Ningbo, China and Hangzhou, China; Samuel Thompson Carter Dodd was his eldest son, born in Ningbo, China. The collection contains a copy of Samuel Dodd's 1861-1877 journal typed and with notes by his son, as well as correspondence and photographs.

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL6: Samuel Dodd and Samuel Thompson Carter Dodd papers, circa 1925-2014, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

Samuel Dodd was an American United Presbyterian missionary in Ningbo, China and Hangzhou, China. Born on January 21, 1832 in County Down, Ireland, he emigrated to America in 1850, and after about a year joined the Second Reformed Presbyterian Church of New York City. In 1854 he heard the Scottish missionary Alexander Duff speak and was inspired to dedicate himself to mission work. He attended New York University and Princeton Theological Seminary before heading to China in 1861 under the auspices of the Board of Foreign Missions. He first lived in Ningbo 寧波, Zhejiang 浙江 and worked at various churches

and mission schools in the area. In 1865 he married Sarah Green, 1836 - 1907. In 1867 they moved to Hangzhou 杭州 where he supervised a mission school. In December 1877 they left Hangzhou to return to the United States, after which he served at a number of Presbyterian churches, including that of Stephentown, NY, where he was pastor from 1884 until his death in 1894.

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Biographical / Historical

Samuel Thompson Carter Dodd was the eldest son of Samuel Dodd and Sarah Green Dodd, and was born in Ningbo, China in 1866. He attended Princeton University in the 1880s, and later worked for the General Electric Company. During a business trip in 1922 he stopped in Hangzhou, revisiting many locations mentioned in his father's diary, and taking the photographs collected in folder 16. Dodd died circa 1956.

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Scope and Contents

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection contains some restricted material. Restrictions related to specific material are listed in the detailed contents list.

Onsite storage.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated to the independent Missionary Research Library (MRL) in 1958 by John Nevius Dodd, son of Samuel Dodd. This collection was accessioned by the Burke Library at the time of the MRL's closure in 1976.

Processing Information

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Acidic items were separated from one another by interleaving with acid-free paper as needed. Any items in an advanced state of deterioration were placed in Mylar envelopes. A contents list was created by Paul A. Byrnes in 1997 and revised by Ruth Tonkiss Cameron in 2008. The finding aid was created by Gregory Adam Scott in 2009, revised by Brigitte C. Kamsler in 2009 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2021.

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Related Materials

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The Samuel Dodd Manuscript Collection, SCM 136. Princeton Theological Seminary. Library. Special Collections.

Related Materials

China Records Project Miscellaneous Personal Papers Collection (RG 8), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Missions -- China
- Missionaries -- China -- Diaries
- China -- Religious life and customs
- Diaries
- Missionaries
- Dodd, Samuel, 1832-1894 -- : Diaries
- Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. -- : Missions

Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL6, China

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Title/Description	Instances	
"The Journal of Rev. Samuel Dodd Covering his Trip to and Life in China 1861 to 1877; Copied and with comments by his son Samuel T. Dodd," pp. 1 - 306, circa 1925	box 1	folder 1-10
Index to "Journal," pp. 307 – 315, circa 1925	box 1	folder 11
Appendix: "Rambles in North China; Being an account of a trip during summer of 1873, by Rev. Samuel Dodd, through Shantung Province to Tien-tsin and Peking up into Mongolia and return" and "Trial by Water", circa 1925	box 1	folder 12
Typed copies: "Rambles in North China" and "Trial by Water", circa 1925	box 1	folder 13
Continuation of preface to diary by John Nevius Dodd and Samuel Thompson Dodd, June 1958	box 1	folder 14
Correspondence: regarding Samuel and Sarah Green Dodd, February 1945	box 1	folder 15
Photograph album by Samuel Thompson Dodd, 1922	box 1	folder 16

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This item is restricted due to physical condition; use folder 18 for access.

Correspondence: collection acquisition, June -- October 1958	box 1	folder 17
Photographs from Journal (folders 1-10) and Album (folder 16) on CD; index to images, circa 2008 -- 2014	box 1	folder 18

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