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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Newell, George Merriam, 1875-1956
Title:	George Merriam Newell papers
ID:	4492593
Date [inclusive]:	1905 -- 1960
Physical Description:	2.5 linear feet 2.5 linear feet; 1 box, 1 oversize (OS) box
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	George Merriam Newell had a 37-year career as a school teacher and missionary in Fuzhou 福州, Fujian 福 建 province, China. The collection contains correspondence, reports, maps, and publications.

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL6: George Merriam Newell Papers, 1905-1960, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

George Merriam Newell was born on September 18, 1875 in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, the son of Stillman Clark Newell and Ellen Lucretia Carpenter. He received a B.S. from Wesleyan University in 1904 where he was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. After graduation he travelled to China as a missionary under the auspices of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. He worked as a teacher at the Foochow Union High School in Fuzhou 福 州 , Fujian 福建 province, from 1904 to 1941.

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Biographical / Historical

On June 4, 1906 in Beijing he married Mary E. Reynolds , an English teacher who had intended to join the North China Mission before marrying Newell. They had four children together over the next twelve years. In January 1912 the family returned to the United States on furlough, and the next year Newell received his A.M. degree from Columbia University, after which the family returned to Fuzhou, and remained there until 1919. George Merriam Newell died on August 27, 1956 in Florida.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence and reports written by Newell during his tenure in Fuzhou and relating to his mission work in Fujian province. The maps and short publications were likely collected by Newell during his time in China, and focus on Fuzhou and the work of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

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Arrangement

Folders in this collection are arranged in alphabetical order; items in the oversize box are unarranged.

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Revision Description

XML Instance Created by Sarah Davis. EAD was imported spring 2019 as part of the ArchivesSpace Phase II migration. EAD spot checked and corrected and description updated by Leah Edelman. May 27, 2014 2019-05-20 2020-05-27

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Onsite storage.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Formerly part of the independent Missionary Research Library (MRL), these records were donated in 1960 by Mary Reynolds Newell, widow of George Merriam Newell, and accessioned by the Burke Library at the time of the MRL's closure in 1976.

Processing Information

Notes, book, report letters, and miscellaneous documents were cataloged by Lynn A. Grove on 1988-07-20. Metal clips and staples were removed from materials, folded items were flattened, and large items were moved to rolled storage. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Items were separated from one another by interleaving with acid-free paper as needed. The finding aid was created by Gregory Adam Scott in 2010, reviewed and updated by Sarah Davis in 2014 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2020.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

MRL 12: American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions records, 1878-1958, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Congregational churches -- Missions
- Missions -- China -- Fuzhou Shi (Fujian Sheng)
- Schools -- China -- Fu-chou shi (Fukien Province)
- Fujian Sheng (China) -- Description and travel
- Fuzhou Shi (Fujian Sheng, China) -- Religious life and customs
- China -- Religious life and customs
- Missionaries
- American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Foochow Mission

Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL6, China

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence, reports, clippings, 1905 -- 1911 Physical Description: 1 folder	box 1	folder 1

Scope and Contents

The book in this folder contains an inscription regarding its donation to the MRL by George and Mary Newell in 1960.

Fukien: a study of a province in China, 1925 Physical Description: 1 folder	box 1	folder 2
Provenance letter, 1960-04-20 Physical Description: 1 folder	box 1	folder 3
Publications , circa 1934 -- 1947 Physical Description: 1 folder	box 1	folder 4
Map of Fujian Province, 1937 Physical Description: 1 maps	box 2OS	
"Guide to Fuchow", 1948	box 2OS	
"Greetings from Tungchow", circa 1937 -- 1948	box 2OS	