

Guide to the Collection of Correspondences between Chen Yande and Li Yaying in00033974647

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Summary Information

Repository:	C. V. Starr East Asian Library
Creator:	Chen, Yande, 1950-
Creator:	Li, Yaying
Title:	Collection of Correspondences between Chen Yande and Li Yaying
ID:	in00033974647
Date [inclusive]:	1970-1974
Physical Description:	0.5 linear feet 1 manuscript box
Language of the Material:	Chinese
Abstract:	The collection consists of personal letters between Chen Yande and Li Yaying during the height of the Cultural Revolution in China.
Abstract:	该档案包含陈衍德与李亚英在文革时期往来的私人信件。

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Chen Yande (b. 1950 August 20, Xiamen/Amoy, Fujian, China) is a professor and historian at the Xiamen University. Chen was admitted into the Department of History at Xiamen University in 1978, received his bachelor's and master's degrees in 1982 and 1985, respectively. Chen's research projects range from the history of socioeconomics in China, the Chinese diaspora in Southeast Asia, etc. During his youth, Chen was sent down to the countryside in western Fujian and worked in a coal mine.

Li Yaying was admitted to the Nanjing Railway Medical College in 1972 and later became a doctor.

Chen Yande and Li Yaying were close friends out of the No.1 Xiamen Middle School.

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Biographical / Historical

陈衍德（1950年8月20日 生于福建厦门）为厦门大学历史系教授。1978年，他考入厦门大学历史系，并分别于1982年和1985年获得学士与硕士学位。陈衍德的研究领域涵盖中国社会经济史、东南亚华侨史等。青年时期，他曾被下放到闽西农村，在煤矿工作。

李亚英于1972年考入南京铁道医学院，后来成为一名医生。

陈衍德与李亚英是厦门第一中学时期的挚友。

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains approximately 282 letters, written during 1970 and 1974 by Chen Yande and Li Yaying, two educated youths sent down for labor education to the Gutian Township, Shanghang County, Longyan, Fujian. Chen worked in a coal mine while Li worked in a rural commune. They exchanged correspondences frequently and shared stories and details of their respective life during the height of the Cultural Revolution. In 1972, Li Yaying was admitted to the Nanjing Railway Medical College and they continued to write to each other. The letters are chronologically arranged.

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Scope and Contents

该馆藏包含陈衍德与李亚英于1970年至1974年间往来的约282封书信。陈与李在文革期间被下放到福建省龙岩市上杭县古田镇新胜村参加劳动教育。陈衍德当时在煤矿工作，李亚英则在农村人民公社劳动。两人经常通信，分享各自生活的点滴与经历，他们的通信内容反映了文化大革命高

峰时期知青生活的种种面貌。1972年，李亚英考入南京铁道医学院，二人仍持续通信往来。这批书信按时间顺序排列整理。

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Arrangement

The letters are arranged in 1 series chronologically and by author/sender.

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Conditions Governing Access

The collection (box 1) is located off-site and has no restriction.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Chen Yande, 2025.

Processing Information

Processed by Evian Yiyun Pan, October 2025.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Letters (correspondence)
- Correspondence
- China -- History -- Cultural Revolution, 1966-1976
- China--History--Cultural Revolution, 1966-1976--Personal narratives

Collection Inventory

Series I: 陈衍德与李亚英通信 Letters between Chen Yande and Li Yaying

Title/Description	Instances	
陈李通信目录 Directory of the Letters between Chen and Li	box 1	folder 1
陈衍德致李亚英信 Letters from Chen Yande to Li Yaying		
1970 October 17-1972 February 21 <u>Physical Description:</u> 约45封	box 1	folder 2
1972 March 7-December 3 <u>Physical Description:</u> 约21封	box 1	folder 3
Scope and Contents 李亚英于南昌铁道医学院求学时期		
1973 January 8-July 19 <u>Physical Description:</u> 约19封	box 1	folder 4
1973 August 20-1974 January 29 <u>Physical Description:</u> 约21封	box 1	folder 5
1974 February 8-August 15 <u>Physical Description:</u> 约36封	box 1	folder 6
李亚英致陈衍德信 Letters from Li Yaying to Chen Yande		
1970 October 23-1972 April 15 <u>Physical Description:</u> 约47封	box 1	folder 7
1972 April 22-1973 April 17 <u>Physical Description:</u> 约27封	box 1	folder 8
1973 May 1-1974 May 4 <u>Physical Description:</u> 约42封	box 1	folder 9
1974 May 12-August 9	box 1	folder 10

Physical Description: 约16封

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