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Reference Code (2.1): 1030 Faculty Papers

Name and Location of Repository (2.2): Special Collections, Lane Library, Georgia Southern University-Armstrong Campus, Savannah, GA, 31419

Title (2.3): K.C. Wu Collection

Date(s) (2.4): 1950-1984

Extent (2.5): Manuscripts: 4 linear feet. 3 record boxes and 2 MS boxes. 20 linear ft of books.

Name of Creator(s) (2.6): Wu, Kuo-Cheng, 1903-1984

Scope and Content (3.1): Manuscripts of Wu's book *The Chinese Heritage* (Crown, 1982); 2 manuscript essays by Wu and some correspondence of Wu. Looseleaf notebooks of lecture notes (9) and news clippings (7) handwritten notes in Chinese on legal tablets. Documents about Wu's lawsuit against the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1972. Biographical information, reviews, and a few photos. Wu's collection of books (495 titles) about Chinese history in the Chinese language. And a framed painting of K.C. Wu.

Conditions Governing Access (4.1): Open

Language and Scripts of Material (4.5): English, Chinese.

Administrative/Biographical History (2.7): In 1966 K.C. Wu joined the Armstrong College faculty of history and political science; his courses were popular with students until his retirement in 1973. Wu served as an East Asia expert for local and national news, lectured widely, and critiqued teaching /knowledge of Chinese History in the U.S. He continued to live in Savannah until his death in 1984, survived by his wife Edith. Edith Wu donated his papers and Wu's book collection about Chinese history to Armstrong after his death. Both the book collection and manuscripts are housed in Lane Library's special collections. Wu's books are not cataloged but an appraisal of the book collection done for the library in 1990 includes a title list in English (in Box 5 of this collection.)

K.C. Wu was Born Wu Kuo-cheng in Hubei province in central China, he was raised and educated in Peking. He received a bachelor's degree from Grinnell College in Iowa in 1923 and a doctorate in political theory from Princeton University in 1926. When he returned to China, he joined the Kuomintang and served in many official positions, including as Mayor of Hankou, and, during World War II, as Mayor of Chongqing. After Mr. Chiang's forces fled the mainland, Dr. Wu was appointed the governor of Taiwan, and served as a minister without portfolio in the Nationalist

government. Wu emigrated to the U.S. in 1954. Afterward he accused the government of Taiwan of abandoning democracy in a much-publicized letter. Wu was expelled from the Kuomintang and did not return to China or Taiwan. [From New York Times obituary June 7, 1984]

Access Points:

Wu, Kuo-Cheng, 1903-1984
Armstrong State College Savannah, Georgia
China-History-Study and teaching
Historiography -- United States
Taiwan--History

Organization and Arrangement:

Series one: Biographical, reviews, and documents about lawsuit: Wu vs. National Endowment for the Humanities, 1972. (Box 5)
Letter to Wu from Donald G. Gillan, 7/10/1975 and two copies of book English title: *K.C. Wu His Father and Brother*. Appraiser's list of the Wu book collection

Series two: Manuscripts of K.C. Wu and correspondence related to them. (Box 2)
Includes "The Frightening Truth Behind Red China's Culture Revolution" by Wu 28 pages
"Local Government in Pre-Republican China" by Wu, 49 pages. Letter from Wu's daughter suggesting changes for MS of Chinese Heritage. Several manuscripts and final MS of *Chinese Heritage*.

Series three: Lecture notes, clippings, and handwritten notes in Chinese (Box 1, 3 and 4)
"Lineal Descent of the House of Jou Prior to Wern Warig and hand drawn maps. MS handwritten notes in ink on yellow 10X14 pads most text in Chinese: "Mythology, Description of Ancient Times, Agnosticism, Spirits of the Dead, Ancestors, Astrology, Prayers, Deities, Ceremonies, Spirits of Forefathers, Chinese Idea of Health, Marriage, Chinese Surnames, Alphabets" (Box 4) Loose leaf binders: some with lecture notes and others with newspaper clippings (1968-1976). (Box 1 and 3)

Box List

Box 1 Lecture notes 9 notebooks
Box 2 Manuscripts 20 files
Box 3 News clippings 7 notebooks
Box 4 Handwritten notes in Chinese MS box
Box 5 Biographical and lawsuit MS box

Book collection, some art prints and framed painting are unboxed