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Abstract

Clarence H. Holleman was a medical missionary in Amoy, China (1919-1941, 1946-1949). His papers reflect the experiences of an American family in China during the Communist takeover in the late 1920s and in Taiwan at the Mackay Memorial Hospital in Taipei (1957-1960).

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Biography

Clarence H. Holleman was born in 1890 in Springfield, Missouri. A medical doctor, he and his wife, Ruth Eleanor Vanden Berg Holleman, were commissioned by the Reformed Church in America as missionaries to the Amoy Mission in China in 1919. They were pioneers in medical work and Mrs. Holleman opened a school for women. When the Communists closed mainland China to Christian missionaries in 1929, the couple remained until being driven out by the Japanese military in 1941. After the war, they returned in 1946, and remained until being driven out by the Chinese government in 1949. At that time, they returned to the United States, where Dr. Holleman spent several years in private practice. In 1957, they were invited to Taiwan and were associated with the Mackay Memorial Hospital in Taipei until their retirement in 1960.

Clarence Holleman died in Claremont, California, in 1973. Mrs. Holleman died in Pomona, California, in 1966.

Scope and Content

The Holleman Papers reflect the experiences of an American missionary family and others during both the Communist takeover in China in the late 1920s and the Japanese invasion of the mid-1930s.

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