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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives
<b>Title:</b>	John Calvin Ferguson Family Papers
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1850s-1988 (bulk 1900-1945)
<b>Identifier:</b>	FSA.A1999.33
<b>Creator:</b>	Ferguson, John Calvin, 1866-1945
<b>Extent:</b>	6.4 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The John Calvin Ferguson Family papers measure 6.4 linear feet, and date from circa 1850s to 1988, with the bulk dating from 1900 to 1945. The bulk of the papers consists of John Calvin Ferguson's personal, professional, and family correspondence, and correspondence between other members of the Ferguson family. The papers also include biographical materials; sermons, speeches, and writings by Ferguson and others; printed materials, both collected and given to Ferguson; and photographs, including five photograph albums.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The John Calvin Ferguson Family Papers were donated to the Archives by Ferguson's grandson, Peter Ferguson, in 1999.

### Processing Information

The collection was archivally processed and a finding aid prepared by Anna Rimel in 2017 with funding provided by the Smithsonian Institution's Collections Care and Preservation Fund. For this collection, minimal level processing was implemented, which included arrangement to the series, subseries and folder levels, adhering to the creator's original arrangement as much as possible. Generally, folder contents were simply verified with the original folder titles, but items within folders were not arranged further. All materials were rehoused in archival folders and boxes for long-term stability, but staples and other fasteners have not all been removed.

The collection was previously preliminarily processed by Rachael Woody and volunteer Barbara Schultz in 2011.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

John Calvin Ferguson (1866-1945) was an author, collector and scholar of Chinese art, Methodist minister, university president, and Chinese government advisor, born in Napanee, Ontario.

Ferguson attended Albert College in Ontario, received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1886 from Boston University, and was ordained in the Methodist Episcopal Church shortly thereafter. He received his PhD from Boston University in 1902. In 1887, he married Mary Elizabeth Wilson (1866-1938) and was sent to China as a Methodist missionary, where he spent his first year studying Chinese in Zhenjiang, Jiangsu, downriver from Nanjing on the Yangzi. In Nanjing, Ferguson helped found the Methodist school, Huiwen Shuyuan (later Nanjing University), and worked to establish a western curriculum with departments of liberal arts, medicine, and theology. He was the first president of the university, as well as treasurer and then superintendent of the Central China Mission until 1897, when he left the ministry.

In 1897, Qing official Sheng Xuanhuai (1847-1916) invited Ferguson to become first president of Nanyang College at Shanghai, where he worked for five years before leaving his position to assist Sheng with his governmental duties. Ferguson then became a member of the Treaty Commission and foreign secretary to the Chinese Ministry of Commerce in 1902, and chief secretary of the Imperial Chinese Railway Administration a year later until 1905. Concurrently, he was foreign advisor to the Viceroys of Nanjing and Wuchang. While in Shanghai, he was Honorary Secretary of the North China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society and editor of the Journal from 1902 to 1911, then becoming president for a year. During his last year in Shanghai, he was Chairman of the Famine Relief Commission until moving to Beijing in 1911 to become foreign secretary to the Ministry of Posts and Communications. He remained in Beijing after the fall of the Qing Dynasty, becoming active in the Red Cross and subsequently Vice President of the Red Cross Society.

In Shanghai, Ferguson developed a popular Chinese-language daily newspaper in 1899, *Sin Wan Pao*, which he owned until 1929. He began collecting Chinese art objects while in Nanjing, and studied Chinese art and literature in earnest while in Beijing. In 1912, Ferguson became a buyer of Chinese art objects for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, becoming a fellow in perpetuity and honorary fellow in recognition of his work. He was then wholly launched into the collecting field, becoming a dealer of Chinese art, working between collectors and vendors in Peking for American museums and individuals, as well as developing his own collection. After being appointed advisor to the new Chinese Republican government in 1915, he traveled between the United States and China until setting up permanent residence with his family in Beijing in 1919. During this time in Beijing he wrote and lectured extensively on Chinese art and archaeology. He ultimately donated the bulk of his personal collection, over one thousand Chinese art objects, to Nanjing University in 1934 for which he received an official thanks by public mandate from the Chinese government. Other gifts of his collection were made to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

He remained in his Beijing home until 1943 when he returned to the United States with his daughter, Mary, via the *M. S. Gripsholm*. He died in Clifton Springs, New York on August 3, 1945.

This biography draws heavily from Lara Jaishree Netting's book, *A Perpetual Fire: John C. Ferguson and His Quest for Chinese Art and Culture*, Hong Kong University Press, 2013; and R. H. Van Gulik's article, "Dr. John c. Ferguson's 75th Anniversary," *Monumenta Serica: Journal of Oriental Studies of the Catholic University of Peking*, Vol. VI, 1941.

## Genealogy Chart, Ferguson Family

- John Calvin Ferguson, m. Mary Elizabeth Wilson
  - Luther Mitchell, m. Edith Gray
  - Helen Matilda
    - 1) m. George E. Tucker
    - 2) m. John C. Beaumont
  - Alice Mary
  - Florence Wilson
    - 1) m. Jay C. Huston
    - 2) m. Raymond C. Mackay
  - Charles John, m. Isabel M. Marindin
  - Mary Esther
  - Robert Mason, m. Margaret Sparr
  - Duncan Pomeroy
  - Peter Blair, m. Elizabeth Hamlen

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## Scope and Contents

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Biographical materials includes various business cards and professional contacts; an ink sketch portrait of Ferguson by Li Yuling; various membership documents and cards; memorial service and obituary materials for Ferguson and members of the Ferguson family; repatriation documentation and materials from the *M. S. Gripsholm*; and assorted genealogical and family documents.

Correspondence comprises the bulk of the collection, and is both professional and personal in nature. Much of John Calvin Ferguson's correspondence documents his activities and movements while living in China, as well as the state of the political and social climate during the collapse of the Qing Dynasty in 1912 and as the Second Sino-Japan War begins in 1937. His journey back to the United States aboard the *M. S. Gripsholm*, as well as his failing health, are also much discussed topics. Extensive correspondence between other members of the Ferguson family are also found within the papers, including Ferguson's wife, Mary Elizabeth Wilson, and his children.

Sermons, speeches, and writings reflect Ferguson's many career interests, including his work as a minister, education administrator, and as an ambassador with the Chinese government. The collection also contains printed materials and photographs, including five photograph albums.

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## Arrangement

This collection is arranged as 6 series.

- Series 1: Biographical Material, 1915-1981 [Box 1, 1 OV Folder; 0.5 linear feet]
- Series 2: John Calvin Ferguson Correspondence, 1902-circa 1945 [Boxes 1-7; 2.2 linear feet]
- Series 3: Ferguson Family Correspondence, 1886-1982 [Boxes 7-12; 2.1 linear feet]
- Series 4: Sermons, Speeches, and Writings, 1896-1988 [Boxes 12-13; 0.3 linear feet]
- Series 5: Printed Material, 1896-1988 [Boxes 13-14; 0.4 linear feet]
- Series 6: Photographs, circa 1850s-1967 [Boxes 14-17; 0.9 linear feet]

## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Types of Materials:

- Letters (correspondence) -- 19th century
- Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century.
- Newspaper clippings
- Photograph albums
- Photographs
- Speeches

### Names:

- Ferguson, John Calvin, 1866-1945

### Occupations:

- Art collectors -- China
- Political consultants -- China

### Places:

- China
- Nanjing (Jiangsu Sheng, China)
- Shanghai (China)

## Container Listing

### Series 1: Biographical Material, 1915-1981

0.5 Linear feet (Box 1, 1 OV Folder)

Scope and Contents: Biographical materials include repatriation documentation and materials from Ferguson's time aboard the *M. S. Gripsholm*; various membership cards and business card contacts; documentation of Ferguson's collection gifts to Nanjing University; honorary degree documentation from Ontario University; one ink sketch portrait of John Calvin Ferguson by Li Yuling; memorial service materials and obituaries of various family members as well as Ferguson; and assorted genealogical and family documents gathered by other members of the Ferguson family.

Box 1, Folder 1	Agreement to John Calvin Ferguson's Siblings Regarding Division of Deceased Father's Property, 1916
Box 1, Folder 2	Business Cards and Contacts, circa 1940s
Box 1, Folder 3	Collected Currency, Yuan, 1940
Box 1, Folder 4	Family Documents, Florence Wilson Ferguson, State Industrial School for Girls, Documents, 1915-1916
Box 1, Folder 5	Family Documents, Florence Wilson Ferguson, State Industrial School for Girls, Student Assignments, circa 1916
Box 1, Folder 6	Family Documents, Mary Esther Ferguson, Swiss Consul General, Shanghai, Innoculation and Identification Certificates, 1942-1943
Box 1, Folder 7	Family Documents, Mary Esther Ferguson's Travel Diary (Photocopy), 1977
Box 1, Folder 8	Family Documents, Mary Elizabeth Wilson (Ferguson), Gifts Record Book and Lists, 1928-circa 1932
Box 1, Folder 9	Ferguson Family History, 1928-1981 Notes: Includes collected and transcribed family correspondence.
Box 1, Folder 10	Gift to Nanjing University by John Calvin Ferguson, List of Objects Given (Photocopy), 1934
Box 1, Folder 11	Gift to Nanjing University by John Calvin Ferguson, Miscellaneous Documents, 1935-1936, 1981
Box 1, Folder 12	Gift Plaque with Translation and Photograph, John Calvin Ferguson's 70th Birthday, circa 1936
Box 1, Folder 13	Honorary Degree Documentation, University of Toronto, 1943-1944

Oversize 1	Ink Portrait of John Calvin Ferguson by Li Yuling, 1936 Notes: John Calvin Ferguson is shown wearing the robes of a Chou dynasty scholar and facing left, underneath two Chinese inscriptions. The first two-column inscription was written by the artist, dated Christmas 1936, marking Dr. Ferguson's 70th birthday; the second inscription is dated New Year's Day 1937 and written by Fu Zengxiang (1872-1949). Fu Zengxiang served as the Minister of Education in China's Beiyang government from December 1917 to May 1919. Possibly made for the occasion of Ferguson's 70th birthday.
Box 1, Folder 15	Invoices, University Club Press, 1944
Box 1, Folder 16	Memberships, Century Association, Committee on Admissions, 1943-1945
Box 1, Folder 17	Memberships, Ends of the Earth Society, 1943-1944
Box 1, Folder 18	Memberships, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Fellow in Perpetuity, 1945
Box 1, Folder 19	Memberships, Red Cross, 1945 Notes: Includes membership card and pin.
Box 1, Folder 20	Memberships, University Club, Club House, 1944
Box 1, Folder 21	Memorial Service for John Calvin Ferguson, China, 1948
Box 1, Folder 22-23	Memorial Service and Obituaries for Mary Elizabeth Wilson (Ferguson), 1938-1939
Box 1, Folder 24	Memorial Service and Letters, Peter Blair Ferguson, 1932
Box 1, Folder 25	Ontario Legislative Assembly, Lieutenant Govenor Albert Matthews, 1944
Box 1, Folder 26	Receipts, 1936-1945
Box 1, Folder 27	Repatriation Documentation and Materials from the M. S. Gripsholm, Return to United States, 1943-1944

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## Series 2: John Calvin Ferguson Correspondence, 1902-circa 1945

### 2.2 Linear feet (Boxes 1-7)

**Arrangement:** This series is arranged as 3 subseries. Correspondence is arranged alphabetically by sender, unless otherwise noted. Married names of women are in parentheses following their maiden names, when identified. Relationship to John Calvin Ferguson is in parenthesis following name.

- 2.1: Professional Correspondence, 1924-1945
- 2.2: Personal Correspondence, 1902-1945
- 2.3: Family Correspondence, 1902-circa 1945

**Scope and Contents:** The bulk of correspondence files are letters received by John Calvin Ferguson between 1943 and 1945, though earlier correspondence to and from family is also included. Personal correspondence is primarily from friends and acquaintances inquiring about his general health and prospective visits, as well as his return to the United States from China aboard the *M. S. Gripsholm*. Professional correspondence is from organizations and universities in which Ferguson was involved and regards professional activities and consultation queries about a variety of topics. Researchers should note that there may be some relevant professional information discussed in personal letters, though the letters are primarily personal in nature. Correspondents of note include former First Lady Edith K. Roosevelt, Alfred Sao-ke Sze, and Shih Hsiang Wang, among others.

### Subseries 2.1: Professional Correspondence, 1924-1945

**Scope and Contents:** Professional correspondence, primarily comprised of letters received, includes letters from acquaintances, colleagues, societies, and others about Ferguson's professional activities. These activities may include professional memberships, conference inquiries, consultation inquiries regarding Chinese art objects, and Ferguson's Chinese newspaper *Sin Wan Pao*, among other topics.

Box 1, Folder 28	American Council of Learned Societies, 1945
Box 1, Folder 29	American Jewish Committee, 1944
Box 1, Folder 30	American Society of the French Legion of Honor, Inc., 1944
Box 2, Folder 1	American Society of International Law, 1944
Box 2, Folder 2	Branch, Charles F., 1944 Notes: Dean of Boston University School of Medicine
Box 2, Folder 3	Bricker, John, 1944 Notes: Governor of Ohio
Box 2, Folder 4	Bundles for America, 1945
Box 2, Folder 5	Burling, Judith Hart, 1943
Box 2, Folder 6	Carter, Horace A., 1944 Notes: Needham Rotary Club

Box 2, Folder 7	Cartwright, Frank T., 1944-1945
Box 2, Folder 8	Cater, Harold Dean, 1944 Notes: Request for information on Henry Adams and John Hay.
Box 2, Folder 9	Chang, S. K., 1944
Box 2, Folder 10	Chatley, Herbert, 1944-1945
Box 2, Folder 11	China Institute in America, 1945
Box 2, Folder 12	Christ Church, Methodist, New York, 1944-1945 Notes: Regarding membership. Includes letters from Ralph Beckman and Richard Lawrence.
Box 2, Folder 13	Clark, Charles Upson, 1944
Box 2, Folder 14	Connick, Charles J., 1944
Box 2, Folder 15	Constant, S. V., Colonel, 1944 Notes: Army Service Forces, Director of the Security and Intelligence Division
Box 2, Folder 16	Dinsmoor, William B., 1945 Notes: ACLS Committee on Protection of Cultural Monuments in War Areas
Box 2, Folder 17	Ferguson, G. Howard, 1944
Box 2, Folder 18	Fernald, Helen, 1945 Notes: Royal Ontario Museum of Archaeology
Box 2, Folder 19	Foreign Policy Association, 1944-1945
Box 2, Folder 20	Goodbar, Joseph and Octavia, 1944-1945 Notes: Regarding Christ Church forum and get-wells.
Box 2, Folder 21	Grew, Joseph C., 1943-1944 Notes: Ambassador to Japan and Department of State Director of the Office of Far Eastern Affairs
Box 2, Folder 22	Hager, Joseph, 1944-1945
Box 2, Folder 23	Heliotype Corporation of Massachusetts, 1944
Box 2, Folder 24	Herity, J. Owen, 1944 Notes: Regarding Belleville Chamber of Commerce talk.
Box 2, Folder 25	Hettrick, Elwood H., 1944

	Notes:	Dean of Boston University Law School
Box 2, Folder 26	Houston, Herbert, 1944 Notes:	Includes his "Progress Report On the Educational Motion Picture Plan for the U. N."
Box 2, Folder 27	Hsia, C. L., 1943-1944 Notes:	Director of Ministry of Information, Republic of China, New York Office. Regarding John Calvin Ferguson's offer of service to China, sent to Ferguson and Mary Esther Ferguson.
Box 2, Folder 28	Hume, Edward M., 1944	
Box 2, Folder 29	Iranian Institute Conference, undated Notes:	Regarding attendance to supper from Mr. or Mrs. Getty.
Box 2, Folder 30	Jones, A. Marshall, 1945 Notes:	Manager of the Mythology Company
Box 2, Folder 31	Lo, W. H., 1937	
Box 2, Folder 32	Koo, T. T., 1944-1945 Notes:	<i>Sin Wan Pao</i> newspaper associate.
Box 2, Folder 33	Kung, Hsiang-hsi, 1944 Notes:	See also letter from C. L. Hsia, dated Dec. 11, 1944.
Box 2, Folder 34	Lobenstina, Edwin, 1943-1945	
Box 2, Folder 35	Marsh, Daniel L., 1944-1945 Notes:	President of Boston University
Box 2, Folder 36	Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1924 Notes:	Note of thanks to Jay C. Huston and Dr. Ferguson for shipping collection materials.
Box 2, Folder 37	National Council of the Young Men's Christian Associations, 1943	
Box 2, Folder 38	National Cyclopedia of American Biography, 1945	
Box 2, Folder 39	New England Trust Company, 1944-1945 Notes:	Regarding annuity.
Box 2, Folder 40	New York Bible Society, 1944	
Box 2, Folder 41	Library of Congress, Division of Orientalia, 1944 Notes:	Regarding gifts made via Mrs. Barclay Parsons. Includes official Library of Congress gifts acknowledgement.

Box 2, Folder 42	Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company, 1945
Box 2, Folder 43	Schmid, Charles P., 1944
Box 2, Folder 44	Tanner, Mrs. W. M., circa 1944
Box 2, Folder 45	Theta Delta Chi, 1944
Box 2, Folder 46	Thomas Y. Crowell Company, 1943-1944 Notes: Also from Arthur W. Wang.
Box 2, Folder 47	Trinity Church, 1944
Box 2, Folder 48	Tuesday Club, 1944-1945
Box 2, Folder 49	Wang, J. C. (Ju Chuan), 1944-1945
Box 2, Folder 50	Warner, Gertrude Bass, 1944-1945 Notes: Director of Oregon Museum of Art
Box 2, Folder 51	Wells Objects of Art, 1944
Box 2, Folder 52	White, William C., 1944-1945 Notes: Bishop for University of Toronto School of Chinese Studies and Royal Ontario Museum of Archaeology. See also G. Howard Ferguson correspondence file.
Box 2, Folder 53	Woodhead, H. G. W., 1944
Box 2, Folder 54	Sent, U. S. Ambassador to President, 1937 Notes: Includes memorandum for President Theodore Roosevelt of recommended proposal for peace in China-Japan conflict.

### Subseries 2.2: Personal Correspondence, 1902-1945

Scope and Contents: Personal correspondence, primarily comprised of letters received, includes letters from friends, acquaintances, and colleagues. Topics are generally personal in nature, and concern Ferguson's health, friendly visits, his journey back to the United States via the *M. S. Gripsholm* in 1943, and shared feelings and ideas about the social and political unrest in China.

Box 2, Folder 55	Arents, George, 1945 Notes: Century Association
Box 2, Folder 56	Ashely, Madge, 1943-1945
Box 2, Folder 57	Bates, L. R., 1945
Box 2, Folder 58	Bigelow, Poultney, 1944

	Notes: Century Association and Ends of the Earth Society
Box 2, Folder 59	Bodde, Derk, 1944-1945
Box 2, Folder 60	Bodde, Theodore, 1943-1945
Box 2, Folder 61	Butrick, Richard P., 1943-1945
Box 3, Folder 1	Buttrick, Mrs. H. E., 1945
Box 3, Folder 2	Calhoun, Lucy, 1911, 1944
Box 3, Folder 3	Callery, A. L., 1943
Box 3, Folder 4	Carman, Gertrude, 1944-1945
Box 3, Folder 5	Cassidy, Bertha, 1945
Box 3, Folder 6	Chandler, George F., 1945 Notes: Century Association and Ends of the Earth Society
Box 3, Folder 7	Chao, Y. R., 1945
Box 3, Folder 8	Chen, Anita, 1943-1944
Box 3, Folder 9	Chen, Yu Gwen, 1944-1945 Notes: President of the University of Nanjing
Box 3, Folder 10	Chenery, William E., 1944
Box 3, Folder 11	Clark, Bayard, 1945 Notes: Century Association
Box 3, Folder 12	Clark, Edythe Diamond, 1944
Box 3, Folder 13	Conant, Harold, 1944
Box 3, Folder 14	Dearing, Henry Hinckley, 1945
Box 3, Folder 15	Dewey, John, 1944
Box 3, Folder 16	Dimond, Linton B., 1945
Box 3, Folder 17	Eastham, Barry, 1944
Box 3, Folder 18	Fairbank, John, 1944

Box 3, Folder 19	Freeman, Luther and Bertha, 1943-1945
Box 3, Folder 20	Gale, Esson M., 1944
Box 3, Folder 21	Gamewell, Frank D., 1944-1945
Box 3, Folder 22	George, Christopher, 1944
Box 3, Folder 23	Gary-Lee, Emma, 1944
Box 3, Folder 24	Gilbert, Rodney, 1944
Box 3, Folder 25	Hackett, Norman, 1944-1945 Notes: Theta Delta Chi
Box 3, Folder 26	Henry, James U., 1944
Box 3, Folder 27	Hinckley, Frank E., 1919
Box 3, Folder 28	Holgate, Thomas F., 1944-1945
Box 3, Folder 29	Hooker, Jessie, 1944
Box 3, Folder 30	Hopkins, Toney, 1943-1945
Box 3, Folder 31	Hornbeck, Stanley K., 1944
Box 3, Folder 32	Hosie, D., 1945
Box 3, Folder 33	Jones, Charles, 1944
Box 3, Folder 34	Kates, George N., 1944 Notes: American Publications Services, American Embassy
Box 3, Folder 35	Kent, H. W., 1944
Box 3, Folder 36	Lay, Wilfrid, 1944
Box 3, Folder 37	Loo, C. T., 1945 Notes: Invitation
Box 3, Folder 38	Marshall, Ida, 1945 Notes: Regarding war in China and experience as a POW.
Box 3, Folder 39	Morrison, Ida, 1944
Box 3, Folder 40	Morton, Sterling, 1944

Box 3, Folder 41	Myers, A. J. William, 1945 Notes: Reverend of Tabernacle Church. Includes postcards of Belleville, Ontario.
Box 3, Folder 42	Na Ranong, Lydia, 1944
Box 3, Folder 43	Newell, Isaac, 1945
Box 3, Folder 44	Nai-Ping, Ni, 1945
Box 3, Folder 45	Norrs, Kathleen, undated
Box 3, Folder 46	Peat, J. F., 1943
Box 3, Folder 47	Peffer, Nat, 1944 Notes: Columbia University
Box 3, Folder 48	Perry, Jane W., 1944
Box 3, Folder 49	Polevoy, Leonid S. and Tamara, 1943-1944
Box 3, Folder 50	Potter, John S., 1945
Box 3, Folder 51	Powell, John B., 1945
Box 3, Folder 52	Reeves, James H., 1911
Box 3, Folder 53	Remer, Ethel, 1945
Box 3, Folder 54	Roosevelt, Edith K., 1943-1945 Notes: Former First Lady
Box 3, Folder 55	Schwartz, Henry Butler, 1943
Box 3, Folder 56	Shields, R. T., 1943
Box 3, Folder 57	Smith, Charles Stephenson, 1944
Box 3, Folder 58	Southcott, Virginia, 1945
Box 3, Folder 59	Sze, Alfred Sao-ke, 1943-1944
Box 3, Folder 60	Tsu, Y. Y., 1943-1944 Notes: Bishop
Box 3, Folder 61	Van Dyk, Karel and Alexandra, 1944

Box 3, Folder 62	Wang, Shih Hsiang, 1944
Box 3, Folder 63	Wang, Wei, 1944 Notes: In Chinese, regarding trouble getting home to Shanghai due to Pearl Harbor bombing.
Box 3, Folder 64	Warren, William M., 1945
Box 3, Folder 65	Williams, James T., 1945
Box 3, Folder 66	Yu, Tsune-Chi, George Wu, and Tse-Ping Sun, 1943 Notes: Chinese Consulate General
Box 3, Folder 67	Yuan, T. L., 1944
Box 4, Folder 1	General Unidentified Personal Correspondence, circa 1943-circa 1945
Box 4, Folder 2	General Invitations and Envelopes, circa 1945
Box 4, Folder 3	Sent, Anniversary and Holiday Cards, 1937
Box 4, Folder 4	Sent, Clifton Springs Sanatorium, 1944-1945
Box 4, Folder 5	Sent, Headland, Mr., 1902

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### Subseries 2.3: Family Correspondence, 1902-circa 1945

Scope and Contents: Family correspondence is between various family members and John Calvin Ferguson, and includes letters sent and received. Topics often include social, political, and physical conditions in China; activities of various family members; and accounts of various social engagements.

Box 4, Folder 6	Aldzu, Frances (Niece), 1944
Box 4, Folder 7	Alexander, Helen Stella (Granddaughter), 1944
Box 4, Folder 8	Aspinwall, Lillian (Niece), 1945
Box 4, Folder 9	Boyle, Mary (Cousin), 1943-1945
Box 4, Folder 10	Clyne, Betty (Niece), 1944
Box 4, Folder 11	Ferguson, Charles John (Son), 1942-1943 Notes: Regarding return to U. S. via the <i>M. S. Gripsholm</i> .
Box 4, Folder 12	Ferguson, Charles John, 1944
Box 4, Folder 13	Ferguson, Charles John, 1945



Box 4, Folder 14	Ferguson, DeMila (Daughter-in-Law), 1943-1945
Box 4, Folder 15	Ferguson, Duncan Pomeroy (Son), 1943-1945
Box 4, Folder 16	Ferguson, Ella (Cousin), circa 1945
Box 4, Folder 17	Ferguson (Mackay), Florence Wilson (Daughter), 1915-1916
Box 4, Folder 18	Ferguson (Mackay), Florence Wilson, circa 1937-1943
Box 4, Folder 19	Ferguson (Mackay), Florence Wilson, 1944-1945
Box 4, Folder 19	Ferguson (Mackay), Florence Wilson, 1944-1945
Box 4, Folder 20-21	Ferguson, Frank LaDu and Margaret (Brother and Sister-in-Law), 1943-1944 Notes: Regarding Frank and Margaret's care. Also includes other correspondents.
Box 4, Folder 22	Ferguson (Beaumont), Helen Matilda (Daughter), 1943-1945
Box 4, Folder 23	Ferguson (Wilson), Joan (Granddaughter), 1945
Box 4, Folder 24	Ferguson (Wilson), John Maxwell "Max" (Nephew), 1943-1945
Box 4, Folder 25	Ferguson, Julia (Niece), 1945
Box 4, Folder 26	Ferguson, Mary Esther (Daughter), 1945
Box 4, Folder 27	Ferguson, Mildred (Niece-in-Law), 1944-1945
Box 4, Folder 28	Ferguson, Paul (Grandson), 1943-1945
Box 4, Folder 29	Ferguson, Peter (Grandson), 1943-1944
Box 4, Folder 30	Ferguson, Robert Mason (Son), 1921, 1942-1945
Box 4, Folder 31	Ferguson, Wilbur (Brother), 1945
Box 4, Folder 32	Fish, Frances (Niece), 1945
Box 5, Folder 1	Gray (Ferguson), Edith "Dolly" (Daughter-in-Law), 1943-1945
Box 5, Folder 2	Gray, Helen (Mother of Daughter-in-Law), 1944-1945
Box 5, Folder 3	Hamlen (Ferguson Burr), Elizabeth (Daughter-in-Law), 1943-1945
Box 5, Folder 4	Hamlen, Dorothy (Mother of Daughter-in-Law), 1943-1944

Box 5, Folder 5	Huntington, Frances C. (Niece), 1943-1945
Box 5, Folder 6	Huntington, Joanna C. (Grandniece), 1943
Box 5, Folder 7	Lott, Orra (Niece), 1943-1945
Box 5, Folder 8	Mackay, Raymond C. (Son-in-Law), 1941-1943
Box 5, Folder 9	Mirindin (Ferguson), Isabel (Daughter-in-Law), circa 1945
Box 5, Folder 10	Pearson, Ruth (Niece), 1944-1945
Box 5, Folder 11	Refo, John Francis (Grandson-in-Law), 1944
Box 5, Folder 12	Rohare, Helene (Niece), 1945
Box 5, Folder 13	Sherman, Allan (Grandnephew), 1944-1945
Box 5, Folder 14	Sparr (Ferguson), Margaret (Daughter-in-Law), 1945
Box 5, Folder 15	Wilson, Robert (Nephew), 1938
Box 5, Folder 16	Wilson, Sara E. (Cousin), 1939-1944
Box 5	Sent by John Calvin Ferguson
Box 5, Folder 17-20	Ferguson, Charles John, 1908-1927
Box 5, Folder 21	Ferguson, Charles John, 1929 Notes: Related to sale of <i>Sin Wan Pao</i> newspaper.
Box 5, Folder 22	Ferguson, Charles John, 1935-1936 Notes: Some letters refer to the purchase of Chinese art objects.
Box 5, Folder 23-24	Ferguson, Charles John, 1936-1937
Box 5, Folder 25	Ferguson, Charles John, 1937 Notes: Includes some references to conditions caused by Japanese invasion and comments on Shanghai evacuation.
Box 6	Sent by John Calvin Ferguson
Box 6, Folder 1-2	Ferguson, Charles John, 1938, 1941
Box 6, Folder 3	Ferguson, Duncan Pomeroy, 1920-1921
Box 6, Folder 4	Ferguson (Mackay), Florence Wilson, 1902-1904

Box 6, Folder 5-18	Ferguson (Mackay), Florence Wilson, 1911-1931
Box 6, Folder 19	Ferguson (Mackay), Florence Wilson, 1932-1933 Notes: Includes many references to relationship between Japan and China.
Box 6, Folder 20	Ferguson (Mackay), Florence Wilson, 1934-1935
Box 7	Sent by John Calvin Ferguson
Box 7, Folder 1-5	Ferguson (Mackay), Florence Wilson, 1936-1944 Notes: Aug. 8, 1937: Japanese enter Beijing.
Box 7, Folder 6	Ferguson (Mackay), Florence Wilson, undated
Box 7, Folder 7	Ferguson, Frank LaDu, 1943
Box 7, Folder 8	Ferguson (Wilson), Joan, 1936-1938
Box 7, Folder 9	Ferguson, Mary Esther, 1921, 1944 Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apr. 12, 1944: Reference to Sun Fo's letter in <i>Life</i> and H. H. Chang's book on Chiang.</li> <li>Nov. 9, 1944: John Calvin Ferguson enters Clifton Springs Sanatorium.</li> </ul>
Box 7, Folder 10	Ferguson, Peter, 1936
Box 7, Folder 11	Gray (Ferguson), Edith "Dolly", 1942
Box 7, Folder 12	Huston, Jay (Son-in-Law), 1920-circa 1922
Box 7, Folder 13	Lott, Orra, 1912
Box 7, Folder 14	Marindin (Ferguson), Isabel, 1935-1938
Box 7, Folder 15	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth (Wife), 1917
Box 7, Folder 16	Wilson, Mitchell (Uncle), 1921
Box 7, Folder 17	Wilson, Sarah, 1939
Box 7, Folder 18	Unidentified Ferguson Children, 1936

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## Series 3: Ferguson Family Correspondence, 1886-1982

### 2.1 Linear feet (Boxes 7-12)

Arrangement: This series is arranged as 5 subseries. Correspondence is arranged alphabetically by sender unless otherwise noted.

- 3.1: Charles John Ferguson Correspondence, 1903-1945
- 3.2: Florence Wilson Ferguson (Mackay) Correspondence, 1902-1943
- 3.3: Mary Esther Ferguson Correspondence, 1911-1982
- 3.4: Mary Elizabeth Wilson (Ferguson) Correspondence, 1886-1987
- 3.5: Other Family Correspondence, 1903-1981

Scope and Contents: Ferguson family correspondence includes letters sent and received by other members of John Calvin Ferguson's family, including his wife, Mary Elizabeth Wilson (Ferguson), and his children: Charles John Ferguson, Florence Wilson Ferguson (Mackay), and Mary Esther Ferguson, as well as other family. Topics include personal inquiries and accounts of daily events; political and physical conditions in China; and references to activities and experiences of John Calvin Ferguson. Many activities of note have been physically flagged by archives staff and noted within the files.

### Subseries 3.1: Charles John Ferguson Correspondence, 1903-1945

Box 7, Folder 19	Ferguson, Duncan Pomeroy, 1936-1937
Box 7, Folder 20	Ferguson (Mackay), Florence Wilson, circa 1930s
Box 7, Folder 21	Ferguson (Beaumont), Helen Matilda, 1903
Box 7, Folder 22	Ferguson, Luther Mitchell, 1910
Box 7, Folder 23	Ferguson, Mary Esther, circa 1920s-1938
Box 7, Folder 24	Gray (Ferguson), Edith "Dolly", 1919
Box 7, Folder 25	Hackett, Fran, 1936
Box 7, Folder 26	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizatbeth, 1914-1937
Box 7, Folder 27	Unidentified, 1937
Box 7, Folder 28	Sent, Ferguson (Beaumont), Helen Matilda, 1945
Box 7, Folder 29	Sent, Marindin (Ferguson), Isabel, 1934-1949 Notes: Mar. 21, 1949: Reference to Shanghai becoming militarized.

### Subseries 3.2: Florence Wilson Ferguson (Mackay) Correspondence, 1902-1943

Scope and Contents: Researchers may note that letters from Mary Elizabeth Wilson (Ferguson) often include accounts of military activities in China, as well as John Calvin Ferguson's activities, including with Chinese

government officials, conferences, various commissions and events. Some activities of note have been physically flagged by archives staff and noted within the files.

Box 7, Folder 30	American Legation, [Peking] Beijing, undated
Box 7, Folder 31	Carruthers, D. W., 1917
Box 7, Folder 32	Clarke, Eric, circa 1917
Box 7, Folder 33	Ferguson, Charles John, circa 1915
Box 7, Folder 34	Ferguson, Duncan Pomeroy, 1915
Box 7, Folder 35	Ferguson, "Grandmother", 1916-1923
Box 7, Folder 36	Ferguson (Beaumont), Helen Matilda, 1902-1906
Box 7, Folder 37	Ferguson (Beaumont), Helen Matilda, 1907-1912 Notes: Includes snapshots of Helen Matilda Ferguson and friends.
Box 8, Folder 1	Ferguson (Beaumont), Helen Matilda, 1913-1915
Box 8, Folder 2	Ferguson (Beaumont), Helen Matilda, 1920-1922
Box 8, Folder 3	Ferguson, Luther Mitchell, 1915
Box 8, Folder 4-5	Ferguson, Mary Esther, 1912-1915
Box 8, Folder 6	Ferguson, Mary Esther, 1918 Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oct. 3, 1918: References Spanish flu/influenza epidemic and notes public places are closed.</li> <li>• Nov. 17, 1918: References Armistice celebrations in Boston.</li> </ul>
Box 8, Folder 7-8	Ferguson, Mary Esther, 1919-circa 1922
Box 8, Folder 9	Ferguson, Mary Esther, 1923-1941 Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 28, 1927: Reference to the "Sino-Russian situation."</li> <li>• Nov. 16, 1930: John Calvin Ferguson working on Palace Museum repairs and Forbidden City exhibit.</li> <li>• Sept. 24, 1933: Reference to Fang Chen-Wu troops in demilitarized zone.</li> <li>• July 23, 1939: References anti-British agitation. Tokyo talks end.</li> <li>• Aug. 20, 1939: Exchange rate is \$17.50 to 1.</li> </ul>
Box 8, Folder 10	Ferguson, Peter Blair, 1915-1920
Box 8, Folder 11	Ferguson, Robert Mason, 1917-1921

Box 8, Folder 12	Ferguson Siblings, 1915
Box 8, Folder 13	Freeman, Luther, 1944
Box 8, Folder 14-15	Gray (Ferguson), Edith, 1915-1921
Box 9, Folder 1	Gray (Ferguson), Edith, undated
Box 9, Folder 2	Gray, Frances, undated
Box 9, Folder 3	Greene, Roger, 1917
Box 9, Folder 4	Heyniger, Lambert, 1917
Box 9, Folder 5	Hobart, Earle, circa 1911
Box 9, Folder 6	Kilborn, Leslie, 1943
Box 9, Folder 7	Little, Louis, 1917
Box 9, Folder 8	Lowery, Mary, 1917
Box 9, Folder 9	Pech, Alice B., 1911
Box 9, Folder 10	Perlsins, Mahlor, circa 1911
Box 9, Folder 11	Racient, Arthur, circa 1917
Box 9, Folder 12	Reeves, James H., 1911
Box 9, Folder 13	Reeves, M. S., circa 1911
Box 9, Folder 14	Rose, Rosemary and David, 1917
Box 9, Folder 15	Seymour, Lawrence, undated
Box 9, Folder 16	Sheng, Ida, 1911
Box 9, Folder 17-18	State Industrial School for Girls, 1915-1918
Box 9, Folder 19	Strong, Martin W., 1917
Box 9, Folder 20	Thomas, W., 1917
Box 9, Folder 21	Tucker, George E. "Ted", 1911-1915
Box 9, Folder 22-24	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, 1902-1914

Box 10, Folder 1-2	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, 1915 Notes: Oct. 29, 1915: References John Calvin Ferguson's appointment as Counselor of the Department of State at [Peking] Beijing.
Box 10, Folder 3	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, 1916 Notes: April 1 and April 10, 1916: References the sale of some of John Calvin Ferguson's collection for \$12,291.
Box 10, Folder 4	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, 1917 Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 14, 1917: Refers to Parliament dissolution and soldiers stationed.</li> <li>• June 20, 1917: Refers to the southern rebellion, John Calvin Ferguson "in the dark."</li> <li>• July 4, 1917: Monarchy restored, Chang Hsuh. John Calvin Ferguson "disgusted."</li> <li>• July 7, 1917: Trains to and from [Peking] Beijing have stopped. John Calvin Ferguson works with Red Cross; guns are heard in [Peking] Beijing; palace bombed from air.</li> <li>• July 15, 1917: Republican troops fighting, Chung Hsuh surrenders. John Calvin Ferguson searches for wounded and explores city; finds shops closed.</li> </ul>
Box 10, Folder 5	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, 1918 Notes: Oct. 3, 1918: References Spanish flu fears; lines cut from letter.
Box 10, Folder 6	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, 1919 Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aug. 7, 1919: References John Calvin Ferguson Senate hearing call.</li> <li>• Dec. 25, 1919: References visit from Mme. Hsu, President's wife.</li> </ul>
Box 10, Folder 7	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, 1920 Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 5, 1920: References John Calvin Ferguson's trip to Siberia as U. S. Commissioner, Republic of the Far East.</li> <li>• June 17, 1920: References murder of U. S. missionary in Changshu.</li> <li>• Aug. 27, 1920: John Calvin Ferguson recognized for Siberian Commission work with Wen Fu.</li> </ul>
Box 10, Folder 8	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, 1921 Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan. 1, 1921: John Calvin Ferguson is invited to the U. S. by the President; he attends President's Diplomatic Corps Review in "all his decorations."</li> <li>• June 2, 1921: Reference to John Calvin Ferguson's many speaking engagements: Mt. Ida, Boston University, Brown, Naval War College, some on behalf of Famine Relief Committee.</li> <li>• June 10, 1921: John Calvin Ferguson not appointed Minister to China.</li> </ul>

- Dec. 10, 1921: References Four-Power Treaty, Pacific Peace Conference in Washington, D. C.

Box 10, Folder 9	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, undated Notes: Includes handwritten recipes.
Box 11, Folder 1	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, 1922-1923 Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apr. 23, 1922: Railroad line cut below [Tientsin] Tianjin. Chang and Wu seem ready to fight, but cautious.</li> <li>• Apr. 23, 1922: Includes snapshots of John Calvin Ferguson and Mary Elizabeth Wilson (Ferguson).</li> </ul>
Box 11, Folder 2	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, 1924 Notes: Nov. 8, 1924: Wu Pei Fu flees fighting.
Box 11, Folder 3	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, 1925-1927 Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mar. 13, 1925: John Calvin Ferguson 60th birthday celebrations.</li> <li>• June 13, 1925: Reference to riots in Hankow.</li> <li>• Nov. 30, 1925: References to Ted Shawn and Ruth St. Dennis performances.</li> <li>• Dec. 14, 1925: No trains; fighting between [Peking] Beijing and [Tientsin] Tianjin.</li> <li>• Dec. 27, 1925: Mary working with wounded troops; Feng took [Tientsin] Tianjin.</li> </ul>
Box 11, Folder 4	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, 1926 Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mar. 17, 1926: References Wu Pei-Fu blockading Taku and Owen Lattimore's marriage.</li> <li>• Mar. 30, 1926: Knominchun retreats. Mail, telegraph service, and trains are cut off.</li> <li>• Apr. 4, 1926: [Peking] Beijing bombed by plane; John Calvin Ferguson takes 24 hours to travel from [Tientsin] Tianjin to [Peking] Beijing.</li> <li>• Apr. 20, 1926: John Calvin Ferguson helps organize a Citizen's Committee for Safety after Knominchun evacuates [Peking] Beijing.</li> <li>• Nov. 14, 1926: John Calvin Ferguson taken to hospital for Erysipelas on eye.</li> </ul>
Box 11, Folder 5	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, 1927 Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan. 8, 1927: British women and children leave for Shanghai. Nationalists have taken over the Custom House and municipal offices.</li> <li>• Apr. 6, 1927: John Calvin Ferguson is in Shanghai where there are strikes. Reference to "terrible affair at Nanking." Wilbur (brother) is robbed, stripped, and his house burned in Nanjing by "Southerners."</li> <li>• Apr. 30, 1927: References split in "Nationalist" party and raid on Russian embassy.</li> </ul>



Box 11, Folder 6	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, 1928-1929 Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 1, 1928: Chang Lao-Lin ready to go to Mukden. Japanese are in "Tsinsen."</li> <li>• July 22, 1928: References John Calvin Ferguson revising his book, <i>Outlines of Chinese Art</i>.</li> <li>• Oct. 14, 1928: References poverty and unemployment in [Peking] Beijing due to moving capital to Nanjing.</li> <li>• May 29, 1929: Reference to movement of Sun Yat-Sen's body from [Peking] Beijing to Nanjing for burial.</li> <li>• June 24, 1929: Nanjing University 40th Anniversary</li> <li>• June 25, 1929: Reference to dinner part with Alan Priest (Curator of Far Eastern Art at the Metropolitan) and Ms. Plimpton (Director of the Ash Museum in Minneapolis).</li> </ul>
Box 11, Folder 7	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, 1930-1931 Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oct. 3, 1930: References John Calvin Ferguson's work with Kuo on scholarly paper, and B. Lennox Simpson's paralysis after assassination attempt.</li> <li>• Feb. 4, 1931: References John Calvin Ferguson's art lectures at language school.</li> <li>• Mar. 31, 1931: References John Calvin Ferguson's college visits to Shanghai and Nanjing.</li> <li>• Oct. 3, 1931: References Japanese in Manchuria; Trans-Siberian Railroad is uncertain.</li> </ul>
Box 11, Folder 8	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, 1934 Notes: Feb. 6, 1932: References death of Peter Blair Ferguson, and Japanese attack on Shanghai.
Box 11, Folder 9	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, 1935-1938 Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feb. 10, 1935: References Nanyang College Alumnae Association 70th birthday fete for John Calvin Ferguson.</li> <li>• July 11, 1935: Reference to John Calvin Ferguson's "exhibition."</li> </ul>
Box 11, Folder 10	Wolff, Carl Julius, 1911
Box 11, Folder 11	Unidentified, 1902-1936
Box 11, Folder 12	Birthday Greetings, circa 1934
Box 12, Folder 1	Calling Cards, Dance Cards, and Place Cards, circa 1911
Box 12, Folder 2	Invitations, 1917
Box 12, Folder 3	Sent, Ferguson Brothers, 1912
Box 12, Folder 4	Sent, Ferguson, Duncan Pomeroy, 1937

**Subseries 3.3: Mary Esther Ferguson Correspondence, 1911-1982**

Box 12, Folder 5	Foreign Restitution Claim Against China, 1969-1981
Box 12, Folder 6	Ferguson, Ella, 1945
Box 12, Folder 7	Ferguson, Peter, 1944
Box 12, Folder 8	Freeman, Bertha, 1928-1929
Box 12, Folder 9	Gray (Ferguson), Edith, 1925
Box 12, Folder 10	Hamlen (Ferguson), Elizabeth, 1945
Box 12, Folder 11	Hayes, Newton L., 1945
Box 12, Folder 12	Herity, J. Owen, 1945
Box 12, Folder 13	Wang, Zoong-Wei, 1980-1982
Box 12, Folder 14	White, William C. and Peg, 1945
Box 12, Folder 15	Wilson (Ferguson), Mary Elizabeth, 1911-1921

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**Subseries 3.4: Mary Elizabeth Wilson (Ferguson) Correspondence, 1886-1987**

Box 12, Folder 16-17	Ferguson (Mackay), Florence Wilson, 1915-circa 1916
Box 12, Folder 18	Ferguson (Beaumont), Helen Matilda, 1916
Box 12, Folder 19	Ferguson (Beaumont), Helen Matilda, 1923
Box 12, Folder 20	Ferguson, Mary Esther, 1913
Box 12, Folder 21	Freeman, Bertha, 1929
Box 12, Folder 22	Huston, Jay, 1923-1925
Box 12, Folder 23	Mackay, Raymond, 1933
Box 12, Folder 24	Marindin (Ferguson), Isabel, 1948
Box 12	Sent by Mary Elizabeth Wilson (Ferguson)
Box 12, Folder 25	Blaker, Ethel, 1926

Box 12, Folder 26	Ferguson, Charles John and Isabel Marindin, 1987
Box 12, Folder 27	Ferguson, Duncan Pomeroy, 1917
Box 12, Folder 28	Ferguson (Beaumont), Helen Matilda, 1919-1938
Box 12, Folder 29	Ferguson (Wilson), Joan, circa 1936-circa 1938
Box 12, Folder 30	Wilson, Mitchell, 1905-1929
Box 12, Folder 31	Wilson, Sara, 1927-1929
Box 12, Folder 32	Various Recipients, 1886-1894, 1937, 1962 Notes: Collected and typed correspondence, gathered by Helen Matilda Ferguson (Beaumont).

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### Subseries 3.5: Other Family Correspondence, 1903-1981

Box 12, Folder 33	To: Ferguson Children, From: Ferguson, "Grandma and Grandpa", 1903
Box 12, Folder 34	To: Ferguson, Jean, From: Trevor-Roper, Hugh, 1978
Box 12, Folder 35	To: Ferguson, Peter, From: Conant, James B., 1944
Box 12, Folder 36	To: Ferguson, Peter, From: Wang, Zoong-Wei, 1981
Box 12, Folder 37	To: Ferguson, Robert Mason, From: Ferguson, Duncan Pomeroy, circa 1905
Box 12, Folder 38	To: Ferguson, Robert Mason, From: Hope, Louise (Ferguson), 1971
Box 12, Folder 39	To: Lott, Orra, From: Ferguson (Beaumont), Helen Matilda, 1948
Box 12, Folder 40	To: Unknown Recipient, From: Ferguson, Mary, Florence, and Bertha, undated

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## Series 4: Sermons, Speeches, and Writings, 1896-1988

### 0.3 Linear feet (Boxes 12-13)

Scope and Contents: This series includes articles, notes, poems, sermons, and speeches written by John Calvin Ferguson, as well as a few writings by others. Sermons are comprised of manuscripts sent to Ferguson's children and referred to as "Sunday Morning Talks." Speeches include notes, written outlines, and written and typed speeches given by Ferguson for a number of events upon his return from China in 1943.

Box 12, Folder 41	Article, "After Forty Years" by John Calvin Ferguson, 1927
Box 12, Folder 42	Notes, 1896-1944
Box 12, Folder 43	Poems, Typed, by John Calvin Ferguson and Li Po, circa 1928-circa 1945
Box 12, Folder 44	Sermons, "Sunday Morning Talks" by John Calvin Ferguson, Manuscripts, circa 1901-circa 1902 Notes: Includes original manuscripts sent to family by John Calvin Ferguson.
Box 13, Folder 1	Sermons, "Sunday Morning Talks" by John Calvin Ferguson, Manuscripts, circa 1901-circa 1902
Box 13, Folder 2	Sermons, "Sunday Morning Talks" by John Calvin Ferguson, Typescript, 1901-1902, 1982 Notes: Typed, collected, and annotated by John Calvin Ferguson's daughter, Helen Matilda Ferguson (Beaumont).
Box 13, Folder 3	Speech Schedule, Handwritten, 1944
Box 13, Folder 4	Speech, "China", 1944 Notes: Theta Delta Chi, Belleville Chamber of Commerce
Box 13, Folder 5	Speech, "China and the Outside World", 1944 Notes: Empire Club of Canada
Box 13, Folder 6	Speech, "China's Place", 1944 Notes: Rotary Club, Needham
Box 13, Folder 7	Speech, "China's Place in a Better World", 1944 Notes: Christ Church Forum, New York City
Box 13, Folder 8	Speech, "China's Place in a Better World", 1944 Notes: Rotary Club, Eugene
Box 13, Folder 9	Speech, "Early Days in China", 1944 Notes: China Society
Box 13, Folder 10	Speech, "Fortieth Anniversary" of Nanjing University, 1929

Box 13, Folder 11	Speech, "Nanking University Graduation Address", 1909
Box 13, Folder 12	Speech, "Present Conditions in China", 1944 Notes: Education Buyer's Association, First Parish Church, and Tuesday Club
Box 13, Folder 13	Speech, "Present Conditions in China", 1944 Notes: Rotary Club, Boston
Box 13, Folder 14	Speech, "Reflections of a Repatriate", circa 1943-1944 Notes: Boston University. Written on the <i>M. S. Gripsholm</i> .
Box 13, Folder 15	Unidentified Speech Fragment on George Washington, undated
Box 13, Folder 16	Writings by Others, Eulogy of Ferguson's Portrait by Fu Tseng-Hsiang (Translated), 1937
Box 13, Folder 17	Writings by Others, "History of Sin Wan Pao," Typescript by Zoong-Wei Wang, circa 1981

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## Series 5: Printed Material, 1896-1988

### 0.4 Linear feet (Boxes 13-14)

Scope and Contents: Printed materials include announcements, published articles, bulletins, clippings, periodicals, and two exhibition catalogs by Chin-San Long.

Box 13, Folder 18	Announcements, Conference at the Iranian Institute, School for Asiatic Studies, undated
Box 13, Folder 19	Announcements, Meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society, North China Branch, circa 1920
Box 13, Folder 20-21	Articles, 1922, 1944
Box 13, Folder --	Blank Postcards, circa 1940s
Box 13, Folder 23	Booklet, "Brother Lawrence", circa 1941
Box 13, Folder 24	Bulletin, Chinese Constitutionalist Party, circa 1930s
Box 13, Folder 25	Bulletin, New York Academy of Sciences, 1944
Box 13, Folder 26-27	Clippings, About John Calvin Ferguson, circa 1901-circa 1944
Box 13, Folder 28	Clippings, About John Calvin Ferguson's Art Collection and Exhibitions, 1915-1955
Box 13, Folder 29	Clippings, About Wilbur Wilson, 1927
Box 13, Folder 30	Clippings, Dedication of Chiao Tung University Soccer Field to John Calvin Ferguson, 1933, 1988
Box 13, Folder 31	Clippings, WWI, WWII, and John Calvin Ferguson, 1919, 1944
Box 13, Folder 32	Clippings, Second Sino-Japanese War, 1944
Box 13, Folder 33	Clippings, Miscellaneous, 1926-1962
Box 13, Folder 34	Collected Publications by Derk Bodde, 1942 Notes: Given to John Calvin Ferguson by Derk Bodde.
Box 14, Folder 1	Collected Publications by Hu Shih, 1945 Notes: Given to John Calvin Ferguson by Shih.
Box 14, Folder 2	FSA A1999.33 3.10.1: Exhibition Catalog, "Exhibition of Pictorial Photography" by Chin-San Long, 1939 1 Item (29 x 17.5 cm.) Creator: Lang Jingshan, Photographer, 1892-1995 Ferguson, John Calvin, 1866-1945

Notes: John Calvin Ferguson listed as patron.  
FSA A1999.33 3.10.1  
Catalog of 14 photographs of Lang Jingshan to commemorate the centenary of Daguerre, sponsored by l'Association Photographique de l'Université l'Aurore, Shanghai, 1939. Fourteen monochrome photographs and one color print; forward by Lang, dated October 10, 1939. Also includes brief notes of appreciation by John C. Ferguson; J. Hernault S.J.; Hsia Ching-Kwen (Xia Jingguan) and Chen Chuan-Lin (Chen Zhuanlin).  
郎靜山  
Lang Jingshan was a pioneering Chinese photographer active from the 1920s until his death in 1995. He is most noted for incorporating Chinese traditional painting styles and themes into his photographs. He also was noted for exploring modernist subjects and techniques such as 'composite photography' and nudes.  
Admission tickets and sales profits from this 1939 exhibition were donated to purchase medical photography equipment and for refugees of the Japanese invasion of China.  
Exhibition of Pictorial Photography, by Chin-san Long

Place: China  
Shanghai (China)  
China -- Shanghai -- Shanghai

Genre/Form: Photographs

Box 14, Folder 3	Exhibition Catalog, "Symphony in Black and White" by Chin-San Long, 1948 Notes: Inscription by author to John Calvin Ferguson.
Box 14, Folder 4	Magazine, Caravan, 1936 Notes: Article on John Calvin Ferguson page 42.
Box 14, Folder 5	Newsletter, Annals of Nanking, 1986 Notes: Entry on John Calvin Ferguson, translated.
Box 14, Folder 6	Newsletters, The Central China Sunbeam, 1896-1897 Notes: Ferguson children mentioned.
Box 14, Folder 7	Newsletter, University of Nanjing, 1944 Notes: Regarding 55th anniversary celebration.
Box 14, Folder 8	Sin Wan Pao 30th Anniversary Souvenir Edition, 1923

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## Series 6: Photographs, circa 1850s-1967

### 0.9 Linear feet (Boxes 14-17)

Scope and Contents: Photographs include albumin prints, cabinet cards, tintypes, and black and white prints depicting John Calvin Ferguson, his family, various Chinese officials, his Peking home, and outdoor views of Shanghai. Two photograph albums include travel snapshots in China and photographs commemorating Ferguson and his wife's 50th wedding anniversary. Three photograph albums are in traditional Chinese binding, and include photographs of Ferguson's collection of paintings and objects given to Nanjing University in 1934, and photographs of styles of landscape paintings.

Box 14, Folder 9-11 [John Calvin Ferguson Portrait Images, 1874-circa 1930s](#)

Box 15, Folder 1 John Calvin Ferguson and Members of Treaty Commission, 1903  
Notes: Oversized photograph depicts members of the Treaty Commission, taken on the steps of 121 Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, October 8, 1903.

Box 15, Folder 2 John Calvin Ferguson with Chinese Individuals at Peking Home, 1934  
Notes: Oversized photograph depicts John Calvin Ferguson with six Chinese individuals (Fu Tsêng-hsiang, Li Chia-chü, Prince Pu Ju, Grand Tutor Chen I-fan, Feng Kung-tu, Li Chü-lu), taken in his home in Beijing, April 28, 1934.

Box 15, Folder 3 John Calvin Ferguson with Chinese Officials at Peking Home, 1937  
Notes: Oversized photograph of John Calvin Ferguson with eight Chinese officials (Fu Chêng-hsiang, Chou Chao-hsiang, Chien Tung, Fêng Hsü, Chu Chi-chien, Prince Pu Ju, Kuo Pao-chiang, Chiên Han-ti) taken at his home in Beijing, April 28, 1937.

Box 14, Folder 12 John Calvin Ferguson and Mary Elizabeth Wilson (Ferguson), 1890-1938

Box 14, Folder 13 John Calvin Ferguson Outside of Peking House, circa 1920s

Box 14, Folder 14 Ferguson Family Photographs, 1890-circa 1920s

Box 14, Folder 15 Mary Elizabeth Wilson (Ferguson) Portrait Images, circa 1870s-1938

Box 14, Folder 16 Mary Elizabeth Wilson (Ferguson) Vintage Family Photographs, circa 1850s-circa 1880s

Box 14, Folder 17 Alice Mary Ferguson Portrait Image and Gravestone, 1895-1896

Box 14, Folder 18 Florence Wilson Ferguson (Mackay), Helen Matilda Ferguson (Beaumont), and Mary Esther Ferguson Portrait Images, circa 1905-1945

Box 14, Folder 19 Helen Matilda Ferguson (Beaumont) Snapshots, 1965-1967

Box 14, Folder 20 Mary Esther Ferguson Portrait Image, circa 1930s



Box 14, Folder 21	<a href="#">City and Outdoor Views of Shanghai, circa 1890</a> Notes: Photographs taken by John Calvin Ferguson.
Box 14, Folder 22	Exterior Views of Wên Hua Tien, circa 1936 Notes: Note on back of one photograph reads: "The Wên Hua Tien where my collection is exhibited."
Box 14, Folder 23	Interior Views of John Calvin Ferguson's Beijing House, circa 1920s
Box 14, Folder 24	Images of Sung Dynasty Tapestries, circa 1910 Notes: Photographs were taken by John Calvin Ferguson in Nanjing.
Box 15, Folder 4	Photograph Album, John Calvin Ferguson and Mary Elizabeth Wilson (Ferguson) 50th Anniversary, 1937 Notes: Includes 9 silver prints with annotations describing the photographs. Photographs were taken in Beijing, China.
Box 16	Photograph Album, Ferguson Family Snapshots, Travel Views, and Street Views in China, circa 1920s-circa 1930s
Box 17	Photograph Album, John Calvin Ferguson Collection of Paintings Presented to Nanjing University, circa 1934 Notes: Album is in traditional Chinese binding, and includes 37 silver prints with Ferguson's annotations describing the paintings.
Box 17	Photograph Album, John Calvin Ferguson Collection of Objects Presented to Nanjing University, circa 1934 Notes: Album is in traditional Chinese binding, and includes 80 silver prints with Ferguson's annotations describing the objects.
Box 17	Photograph Album, Images of Landscape Paintings by Various Painters, by T'ang Tai, circa 1930s Notes: Album in traditional Chinese binding, and includes 12 silver prints with annotations describing the paintings.

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