Dorothy Graham Edson Oral History Interviews, 1993
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Collection Overview

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Title: Dorothy Graham Edson Oral History Interviews
Identifier: Record Unit 9571
Date: 1993
Extent: 22 audiotapes (Originals). 8 audiotapes (Reference copies).
Creator: Edson, Dorothy Graham, interviewee
Language: English

Administrative Information

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Descriptive Entry

In 1993, William W. Moss, director, and Pamela M. Henson, historian, at Smithsonian Institution Archives conducted four interviews of Dorothy Graham Edson, who was writing a biography of her father using resources in Smithsonian Institution Archives. These interviews of Dorothy Graham Edson and reminiscences of family members and friends cover their family; youth; education in China; careers; David Crockett Graham's collecting interests; reminiscences of their parents, and the challenges of a missionary life abroad. The collection includes four interviews of Edson, three reminiscence sessions with the five Graham sisters, two reminiscence sessions with the sisters and friends I. McConnell, G. and W. McIntyre, and Betty Jean and Dick Barker, reminiscences of Cesare Santucci, the Margaret Graham Memorial service and the music recording. The collection contains 19.5 hours of audio recordings and 243 pages of transcript.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
Anthropology
Collectors and collecting
Interviews
Miao (Chinese people)
Missionaries
Museum of Art, Archeology, and Ethnology (Yibin Shi, China)
Music
Natural history
Oral history
Religion -- China

Types of Materials:
Audiotapes
Transcripts

Names:
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society
Edson, Dorothy Graham
Graham, Alicia Morey
Graham, David Crockett
Henson, Pamela M., interviewer
Moss, William W., 1935- , interviewer
National Museum of Natural History (U.S.)
University of Chicago
West China Border Research Society

Geographic Names:
Chengdu (China)
China -- Description and travel
China -- Social life and customs
Yibin Shi (China)
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Interviews

Session 5: 1982-1984

Interviews

Consists of a recording of Ch’uan Miao Music and Clock Tower Chimes recorded by Margaret Graham in 1982 and 1984.

Interviews

Transcript, none, of audiotape recording, 0.5 hours.

Interviews

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Interviews

Interview 6: October 20-22, 1985

Interviews

Consists of reminiscences of the five Graham sisters, Margaret, Ruth, Harriet-Jane, Dorothy, and Jean, about their family and life in China.

Interviews

Transcript, none, of audiotape recording, 4.5 hours.

Interviews

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Interviews

Interview 7: October 26, 1985

Interviews

Consists of reminiscences of the five Graham sisters, Margaret, Ruth, Harriet-Jane, Dorothy, and Jean, about their family and life in China.

Interviews

Transcript, none, of audiotape recording, 3.0 hours.

Interviews

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Interviews

Session 8: July 18, 1987

Interviews

Consists of a recording of the Margaret Graham Memorial Service.

Interviews

Transcript, none, of audiotape recording, 1.0 hour.
Interviews

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Interviews

Interview 9: September 1987

Interviews

Consists of reminiscences of Cesare Santucci.

Interviews

Transcript, none, of audiotape recording, 1.5 hours.

Interviews

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Interviews

Interview 10: September 1, 10, 13, and 14, 1987

Interviews

Consists of reminiscences of four Graham sisters, Ruth, Harriet-Jane, Dorothy, and Jean, with friends I. McConnell, G. and W. McIntyre, and Betty Jean and Dick Barker.

Interviews

Transcript, none, of audiotape recording, 1.5 hours.

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Interviews

Interview 11: September 13-14, 1987

Interviews

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Interviews

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