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Missionary Research Library Archives: Section 6

Finding Aid for

Edward Hicks Hume Papers, 1914 - 1957



Image Credit: Edward H. Hume, *Songs along the Way*, 1957.

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Summary Information

Creator: Edward Hicks Hume, 1876 - 1957
Title: Edward Hicks Hume Papers
Inclusive dates: 1914 - 1957
Bulk dates: 1942 - 1943
Abstract: Pamphlet and correspondence regarding Edward Hicks Hume, founder of the Yale-China Hospital, and his son Theodore Carswell Hume, who died while travelling to work on war relief in Stockholm. Contains typescript papers, published monograph, and Chinese paper money.
Size: 1 box, 0.25 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
Union Theological Seminary
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New York, NY 10027
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Administrative Information

- Provenance:** These records were part of the independent Missionary Research Library prior to its closure in 1976, when the records were accessioned to the Burke Library. The current collection represents only a small part of what was originally documented as six boxes of archival papers.
- Access:** Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to burkearchives@libraries.cul.columbia.edu, or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible. [Burke Library staff](#) is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.
- Access Restrictions:** The collection is unrestricted to readers. Certain materials, however, are in a fragile condition, and this may necessitate restriction in handling and copying. The most fragile materials are marked with **RESTRICTED**.
- Preferred Citation:** Item description, MRL 6: Edward Hicks Hume Papers, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

Biography

Edward Hicks Hume was born on May 13 1876 in Ahmednagar, India. Son of a school principal, Hume was educated in the classics but was finally persuaded by his father to study medicine. After graduating from Yale and Johns Hopkins, in 1903 he married Helen Charlotta Carswell, 1876 - 1976.¹ Hume practiced medicine in Bombay from 1903 until 1905, when he joined the Yale mission in China. The following year he founded the Yale hospital in Changsha 長沙, Hunan 湖南. In 1914 he founded the Yale-Hunan (Xiangya 湘亞) Medical College, and three years later he helped found the Yale-China hospital. He also served as President of the Colleges of Yale-in-China from 1923 until 1926, when he resigned due to a dispute over policy and returned to the United States. From 1934 to 1937 he returned to East Asia, promoting greater Chinese involvement in missionary medical work. He died on February 9 1957 in Wallingford, NH.

Hume published a number of books during his lifetime, including *The Chinese Way in Medicine* (1940) and *Doctors East Doctors West* (1946). Hume's cousin Robert Earnest Hume, 1877 - 1948, was a faculty member of Union Theological Seminary in New York City from 1914 to 1943.

Collection Scope and Content Note

This collection was reconstructed from previously unprocessed material in the MRL archives. The bulk of the collection consists of typewritten correspondence and a pamphlet describing Hume's son Theodore Carswell Hume, 1904 - 1943. T.C. Hume was appointed to head a relief program anticipating the end of the war, but died before he could begin his work when the plane transporting him to Stockholm was shot down off the coast of Sweden.

¹ Carswell was known as Lotta Carswell Hume after their marriage.

There are also a number of Chinese paper coins, designed to be burnt as offerings during funerary rites.



Front and back of Chinese Paper Coins, 1914. MRL 6: Edward Hicks Hume Papers, box 1, and folder 5, The Burke Library Archives, Columbia University Libraries, at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

The present collection is only a part of that originally accessioned to the MRL. The location of the remainder of the papers is unknown.

Processing

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Acidic items were separated from one another by interleaving with acid-free paper as needed.

In 2014, the collection and finding aid were updated as part of the Henry Luce Foundation grant.

Further Sources

The main collection of papers for Hume is housed at Yale University Library, Manuscripts and Archives.

Edward H. and Lotta C. Hume Papers, 1897 - 1990.

<http://drs.library.yale.edu:8083/saxon/SaxonServlet?style=http://drs.library.yale.edu:8083/saxon/EAD/yul.ead2002.xhtml.xsl&source=http://drs.library.yale.edu:8083/fedora/get/mssa:ms.0787/EAD&query=Hume,%20edward&filter=&hitPageStart=1>

The Columbia University Rare Book and Manuscript Library also has two further boxes of Edward Hume papers.

http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/archival/collections/ldpd_4078940/index.html

Contents list

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Songs along the Way, by E.H. Hume, 1957
1	2	Memorial Pamphlet for Theodore Carswell Hume, 1943 Newer Concepts of Peace, by T.C. Hume, 1942
1	3	Copies for Consultation, Notes and Correspondence regarding T. C. Hume's Appointment to the World Council of Churches Post in Stockholm, 1943
1	4	Copies for Consultation, Book List, [195?]
1	5	Chinese Paper Temple Money, 1914
1	6	[RESTRICTED] Originals, Notes and Correspondence regarding T. C. Hume's Appointment to the World Council of Churches Post in Stockholm, 1943
1	7	[RESTRICTED] Originals, Book List, [195?]