

Irene Branum papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Ouachita Baptist University Library
Title	Irene Branum papers
Date	1940-1982
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Language	English
Language of Materials	English, Korean, Chinese

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Biographical/Historical Note

Irene Branum was a missionary nurse who served from 1951 to 1986 in Korea (primarily) and South China. She was a member of the Baptist Nursing Fellowship and received citations from Korean officials for her devotion to the people of Korea. Branum was born August 18, 1917, and died on September 30, 2009, in Hazen, Arkansas.

Scope and Contents

Irene Branum's diaries depicting her life as a missionary comprise a major portion of this collection. Correspondence, hymnals in Chinese and Korean, and books explaining the traditions of the Far East also contained in the collection. Artifacts and memorabilia include Chinese paper dolls, ancient funeral and wedding scrolls, parchment water colors, Korean children's shoes, and a kimono.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Ouachita Baptist University Library

Conditions Governing Access

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Irene Branum, 1984.

Collection Inventory

Diaries 1940-1982

Container List Box 1

Folder 1. Diary: 1947-1949

Folder 2. Diary: 8/29/1949-1950; 11/27/1940-10/29/1941

Folder 3. Diary: 1951

Folder 4. Diary: 1952-1/10/1953

Folder 5. Diary: 1/10/1953-3/15/1957

Folder 6. Diary: 3/15/1957-12/31/1957

Folder 7. Diary: 1958

Folder 8. Diary: 1959

Container List Box 2

Folder 9. Diary: 1960 B 1/2/1962

Folder 10. Diary: 1962

Folder 11. Diary: 1/1963 B 1/13/1963

Folder 12. Diary: 9/30/1963 B 12/25/1964

Folder 13. Diary: 12/26/1964 B 1/9/1966

Folder 14. Diary: 12/31/1966 B 1/4/1967

Folder 15. Diary: 1/5/1967 B 12/31/1967

Container List Box 3

Diaries

- Folder 16. Diary: 1968
- Folder 17. Diary: 1969
- Folder 18. Diary: 1970
- Folder 19. Diary: 1971
- Folder 20. Diary: 1972
- Folder 21. Diary: 1973

Container List Box 4

- Folder 22. Diary: 1974
- Folder 23. Diary: 1975
- Folder 24. Diary: 1976
- Folder 25. Diary: 1977
- Folder 26. Diary: 1978

Container List Box 5

- Folder 27. Diary: 1979
- Folder 28. Diary: 1980
- Folder 29. Diary: 1981
- Folder 30. Diary: 1982

Box

1.1 1947-1949

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1.2 1949-1950 and 1940-1941

Diaries

1.3 1951

1.4 1952-1953

1.5 1953-1957

1.6 1957-1957

1.7 1958

1.8 1959

Box

2.9 1960-1962

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2.10 1962

2.11 1963

2.12 1963-1964

2.13 1964-1965

2.14 1966-1967

2.15 1967-1967

Box

Diaries

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3.16 1968

3.17 1969

3.18 1970

3.19 1971

3.20 1972

3.21 1973

Box

4

4.22 1974

4.23 1975

4.24 1976

4.25 1977

4.26 1978

Box

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5.27 1979

5.28 1980

Correspondence

5.29 1981

5.30 1982

Correspondence**Container List Box 6**

Folder 31. Correspondence: 1966

Folder 32. Correspondence: 1967

Folder 33. Correspondence: 1968

Folder 34. Correspondence: 1969

Folder 35. Research Notes B Business (Wallace Memorial Hospital, Busan, Korea)

Folder 36. Research Notes B Doctors (Wallace Memorial Hospital, Busan, Korea)

Folder 37. Research Notes B Miscellaneous (Wallace Memorial Hospital, Busan, Korea)

Folder 38. Research Notes B Miscellaneous (Wallace Memorial Hospital, Busan, Korea)

Box

Irene Branum to Mrs. P.R. Richardson

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6.31 1947 July 23

6.32 1947 July 30

6.33 1947 August 8

Correspondence

6.34 1947 September 13

6.35 1947 October

6.36 1947 November 30

6.37 1948 February

6.38 1948 February 22

6.39 1948 April 2

6.40 1948 April 6

6.41 1948 April 18

6.42 1948 August

6.43 1948 September 30

6.44 1948 December 1

6.45 1949 June 26

6.46 1950 January

6.47 1950 May

Correspondence

6.48 1950 September 23

6.49 1951 February 15

6.50 1952 August 15

6.51 1952 November

6.52 1953 February 23

6.53 1953 April

6.54 1953 August 20

6.55 1954 January 2

6.56 1954 February 28

6.57 1954 May 21

6.58 1954 June 25

6.59 1954 July 11

6.60 1954 August 10

6.61 1954 November

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6.62 1954 December 26

6.63 1955 January 31

6.64 1955 March 24

6.65 1955 June 28

6.66 1955 October 11

6.67 1955 November 30

6.68 Undated

General

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7.69 1966

7.70 1967

7.71 1968

7.72 1969

7.73 Bank deposit slips, 1950

Research notes, Wallace Memorial Hospital, Busan, Korea

Research notes, Wallace Memorial Hospital, Busan, Korea

7.74 Business

7.75 Doctors

7.76 Miscellaneous

7.77 Miscellaneous

Artifacts and memorabilia

Container List Box 9 and Box 10

Artifacts/Memorabilia

Box

Black lacquer tray

8

Carved wooden rickshaw with runner and passenger, four inches long

9

Chinese ceramic soup spoon, white with blue flowers and bird detail

Wall hanging, Korean mask, 18 April 1976

Handmade child's slippers, purple with blue fringe and embroidered stars

Artifacts and memorabilia

Handmade baby's slippers, gray with red trim and hand embroidered flowers

Blue ceramic plate with pink flowers and copper-toned edging

Black metal pot and lid, six inches in diameter

Grey jade urn and lid, four inches high

Certification of Honorary Citizenship, City of Busan, Korea, gold-tined embedded in plastic with bright blue box

Commemorative coins, Royal Thai Mint, in orange silk box with winged dragon on the cover

Gold-toned key to the City of Busan, Korea, with braided teal tassel and blue box

Gold-toned certificate written in Korean to Miss Irene Branum, 1982, embedded in clear plastic with black stand and blue double lidded box

Box

Scroll depicting ancient Chinese funeral

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Scroll depicting ancient Chinese wedding

Sixteen Chinese figures about six inches long, made of fabric and cardboard

Brass picture stand with wood-like detail

Scissors in embroidered pink satin holder

Artifacts and memorabilia

Inter-locking fabric tubes on a string, containing hair

Painted four inch squares

Brass bell shaped like a woman in native dress

Medallion on a striped ribbon in a black box

Cloth dragon, red on one side and black on the other, two inches

Brass hinged photograph frame showing a wood carrier, inside are photographs of two women, and a child

Box

Currency, China

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Church bulletins, Seoul Baptist Church

Presidential Citation, Republic of Korea

Maps of Peiping and Its Environs in full colors

Four water color paintings on paper

Story on rice paper with Chinese characters and colored paintings

Travel pass, certificate with photograph

Books

Orange silk with Chinese characters, candles and cross

Box

Silk Chinese jacket, teal with black seams and facings, and hand embroidered flower motifs

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Books

Container List Box 7

Chinese Bible B 1940

Chinese Hymnal B ca. 1940

Korean Bible B 1982

Korean Hymnal B 1955

Container List Box 8

Brown, George Thompson. Mission to Korea. 1962.

Clark, Allen D. History of the Korean Church.

Goforth, Rosalind. Goforth of China.

Joe, Wanne J. Traditional Korea, A Cultural History. 1972.

Latourette, Kenneth Scott. A Short History of the Far East. 1946.

Nourse, Mary A. A Short History of the Chinese.

Shearer, Roy E. Wildfire: Church Growth in Korea. 1966.

Box

Chinese Bible, 1940

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Books

Chinese Hymnal, circa 1940

Korean Bible, 1982

Korean hymnal, 1955

Box

Brown, George Thompson. "Mission to Korea." 1962.

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