

## Presbyterian Historical Society China Mission Research Bibliography

### Foreign Mission Board Reports

Annual reports of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (PCUSA), the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (PCUS), and the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church of North America (UPCNA) provide a broad picture of the work done by Presbyterian missionaries throughout China. They are useful for tracking dates of appointment, transfers, furloughs, and retirements of missionaries, as a supplement to information that can be found in Foreign Missionary Vertical Files (RG 360, RG 424), personal papers of missionaries, and records of mission boards. The society's holdings include:

- Board of Foreign Missions (PCUSA). *Annual reports*, 1833-1957 (call number NE6 P92fa).
- Executive Committee of Foreign Missions (PCUS). *Reports*, 1862-1950 (call number NE6 P918ea).
- United Presbyterian Church of North America Board of Foreign Missions (UPCNA). *Annual reports*, 1865-1951 (call number NE6 Un36a).

Minutes of the China Council, the PCUSA's coordinating body for the China Mission after 1910, document the policies of the mission, personnel and funding decisions, and cooperation of PCUSA missionaries with other denominations' efforts in China. The society's holdings include:

- China Council. *Minutes*, 1910-1950 (call number MR7 PA CM v. 1-8).

### Women's Missionary Society Reports

Women's missionary societies played an important role in the financial support of missionaries and mission institutions, and were particularly important in their support of women missionaries. National and regional women's missionary society reports include:

- Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). *Annual reports*, 1871-1923 (call number NE6 P927ma).
- Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). *Annual reports*, 1872-1923 (call number NE6 P928).
- Women's Occidental Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the Pacific Coast. *Reports*, 1876-1920 (call number NE6 P928oa).
- Women's North Pacific Presbyterian Board of Missions. *Annual reports*, 1887-1920 (call number: NE6 W84na).

- Women's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest. *Annual reports*, 1872-1920 (call number NE6 W84pbn).
- Women's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest. *Reports*, 1883-1920 (call number NE6 W84pbs).
- Women's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, Northern New York. *Reports*, 1872-1908 (call number NE6 W84pna).

## Mission Periodicals

Missionary societies and boards published magazines to inform supporters at home about the work being conducted in the field, and to raise funds for its continuation. These magazines included stories written by and about the missionaries. Missionary periodicals in the society's holdings include:

- *The Missionary*. Columbia, SC: Publisher not identified, 1868-1911 (call number FMLIB BV 2570 .A1 M57, PHS lacks volume 1-2 (1868-1869), volume 15 (1882), volume 17 (1884)).
- *Missionary Survey*. Richmond, VA: Presbyterian Church in the U.S., 1911-1923 (call number BV 2570 .A1 M41). This periodical is also available on microfilm (call number MF POS. 1191, r. 1-12).
- *Presbyterian Survey*. [Atlanta, Ga., etc.: Presbyterian Pub. House, etc.], 1924-1995 (call number BV 2570 .A1 P64). This is an official publication of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.
- *Foreign Missionary*. New York: Mission House, 1850-1886 (call number BV 2570 .A1 F7).
- *Missionary Chronicle*. New York: Mission House, 1842-1949 (call number BV 2570 .A1 M67). This periodical is also available on microfilm (call number MFPOS. 852 r.1-3).
- *Woman's Work for Woman*. Philadelphia, Chicago: Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church; Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, 1871-1885 (call number: BV 2570 .A1 W9). (This periodical is also available on microfilm (call number MFPOS 392 r.1-3)).
- *Woman's Work for Woman and Our Mission Field*. New York: Women's Foreign Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian Church, 1886-1890 (call number BV 2750 .A1 W9).
- *Woman's Work*. New York: Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian Church, 1905-1924 (call number BV 2750 .A1 W9).

- *Women and Missions*. New York: Woman's Committees of the Boards of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., 1924–1946 (call number BV 2570 .A1 W85).
- *Outreach*. New York: Woman's Committees of the Boards of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., 1947–1958 (call number BV 2570 .A1 O93).

## China Mission Minutes and Reports

This list is limited to annual reports and minutes of the main mission regions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The society holds many other publications and archival records that document these mission regions, and the individual stations in their boundaries. Please note: For minutes of the Southern Presbyterian Mission's North Kiangsu and Mid-China missions, researchers should consult the [Presbyterian Church in the U.S. China Mission Records](#) (RG 431).

Researchers are encouraged to use our [online catalogs and research tools](#) to locate additional materials of interest.

### Canton/South China Mission (PCUSA)

- Canton Mission. *Annual reports*, 1902-1905 (call number MR7 PA ZCA).
- South China Mission. *Annual reports*, 1919-1914, 1922-1924, 1937 (call number MR7 PA ZSA).
- South China Mission. *Minutes*, 1912-1941 (call number MR7 PA ZSCM v. 1-4).

### Shantung Mission (PCUSA)

- Shantung Mission. *Minutes of annual meeting*, 1911-1941 (call number MR7 PA ZSHM v. 1-6).
- West Shantung Mission. *Annual reports*, 1906-1907 (call number MR7 PA ZWSA).

### North China Mission (PCUSA)

- North China Mission. *Annual station reports*, 1906 (call number MR7 PA ZNAS).
- North China Mission. *Minutes*, 1911-1941 (call number MR7 PA ZNM).

### Hainan Mission (PCUSA)

- Hainan Mission. *Minutes*, 1915-1940, 1948 (call number MR7 PA ZHAM).

### Hunan Mission (PCUSA)

- Hunan Mission. *Minutes*, 1907-1948 (call number MR7 PA ZHUM).
- Hunan Mission. *Annual reports*, 1939-1942 (call number MR7 PA ZHUA).

### Central China/East China Mission (PCUSA)

- Central China Mission. *Annual reports*, 1923-1932 (call number MR7 PA ZCAA).
- Central China Mission. *Annual station report*, 1888-1889 (call number MR7 PA ZCAS).
- Central China Mission. *Station reports*, 1892-1929 (call number MR7 PA ZCAS).
- Central China Mission. *Minutes*, 1891-1940 (call number MR7 PA ZCM).
- East China Mission. *Minutes*, 1938-1949 (call number MR7 PA ZEM).

### Kiangnan Mission (PCUSA)

- Kiangnan Mission. [*Reports*] 1915-1917, 1922 (call number MR7 PA ZKS).
- Kiangnan Mission. *Station reports*, 1905-1906 (call number MR7 PA ZKS).

### Yunnan (PCUSA)

- Yunnan Mission. *Minutes*, 1924-1934 (call number MR7 PA ZYM).

### Additional Publications about China Missions

The following is a select list of publications that supplement the information on Presbyterian missions in China found in archival records and published reports of missions and mission boards.

Mission atlases and handbooks providing summary information on mission work by American, British, Canadian, and European mission societies in China:

- *World atlas of Christian missions*. New York: Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, 1911 (call number Large Folio BV 2100 .S7 1911).
- Stauffer, Milton T., ed. *Christian occupation of China*. Shanghai: China Continuation Committee, 1922 (call number F MR5 St2.5).
- *World missionary atlas*. New York: Institute of Social and Religious Research, 1925 (call number Large Folio G 1046 .E424 I5).
- *Handbook of the Christian movement in China under Protestant auspices*. Charles Luther Boynton and Charles Dozier Boynton, editors. Shanghai: Kwang Hsueh Publishing House, 1936 (call number MR7 N21).
- *China mission handbook*. Shanghai: American Presbyterian Mission Press, 1896 (call number MR4.5 Am35c).

The following serials include information on the work of foreign missionaries working in China.

- *Chinese recorder*. Foochow, Shanghai: American Presbyterian Mission Press, 1870-1941 (56 volumes, call number NB C4412).
- Lodwich, Kathleen, compiler. *The Chinese recorder index: a guide to Christian missions in Asia, 1867-1941*. Wilmington, Del.: Scholarly Resources Inc., c1986 (call number REF BV 3410 .C6 Suppl).
- *Chinese repository*. Canton: Printed for the proprietors [editors E.C. Bridgman and S.W. Williams], 1833-1834; 1835-1840; 1846-1847; 1851 (call number NB C4414, v. 2, 4-8, 15-16, 20)
- *China mission yearbook*. Shanghai: Christian Literature Society for China, 1910-1939 (21 volumes, call number MR4.5 .M175). (Note that after 1925, this publication was called *China Christian yearbook*).
- American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. *Reports*. Boston: Armstrong et al, 1810-1844 (call number NE5 Am3r).

These directories list foreign missionaries working in China (and other fields in Asia), with entries arranged by location and by missionary society:

- *Directory of Protestant missionaries in China, Japan, and Korea*. Hongkong: Hongkong Daily Press Office, 1902-1917 (call number MR4.5 .P946h).
- *Directory of Protestant missionaries in China*. Shanghai: Christian Literature Society, North-China Daily News & Herald, etc., 1916-1940 (call number MR4.5 P946n).

Additional information about the society's holdings of China mission records and manuscripts can be found in the following volumes:

- Heuser, Frederick J. *A guide to foreign missionary manuscripts in the Presbyterian Historical Society*. New York: Greenwood Press, 1988 (call number BV 2570 .P73 1988).
- Crouch, Archie R., editor. *Christianity in China: a scholars' guide to resources in the libraries and archives of the United States*. Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, 1989 (call number Ref BR 1285 .C46 1989).

The following is a select list of publications on the history of Christianity in China, and the China mission work of Presbyterians and other Protestant denominations. Researchers are encouraged to use our [online catalogs and research tools](#) to locate additional materials of interest.

Bear, James Edwin, Jr. "The Mission Work of the Presbyterian Church of the United States in China: 1867-1952," unpublished manuscript, William Smith Morton Library, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA. 5 volumes (PHS does not hold a copy of this manuscript).

Brown, Arthur Judson. *One hundred years: a history of the foreign missionary work of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.* New York: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1936 (call number BV 2570 .B7).

Also available at PHS: "A comprehensive index to Arthur Judson Brown's book of One hundred years" / compiled by Robert C. Miller. 59 page typescript (photocopy), 1946

(call number REF BV 2570 .B7 Index)

Brown, G. Thompson. *Earthen vessels and transcendent power: American Presbyterians in China, 1837-1952*. Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1997 (call number BV 3415.2 .B76 1997).

“China Missions in History, Special Issue.” *Journal of Presbyterian History*. Vol. 49, No. 4, Winter 1971 (available in the PHS reading room and on JStor).

Issue includes:

Fairbank, John K. “China Missions in History: Some Introductory Remarks.”

Barnett, Suzanne W. “Silent Evangelism: Presbyterians and the Mission Press in China, 1807—1860.”

Hyatt, Irwin T., Jr. “The Missionary as Entrepreneur: Calvin Mateer in Shantung.”

Trani, Eugene P. “Woodrow Wilson, China, and the Missionaries, 1913—1921.”

Goodpasture, H. McKennie. “China in an American Frank Wilson Price: A Bibliographical Essay.”

Coleman, Michael C. “Presbyterian Missionary Attitudes toward China and the Chinese, 1837-1900.” *Journal of Presbyterian History*. Vol. 56, No. 3, Fall 1978 (available in the PHS reading room and on JStor).

Crane, Sophia Montgomery. *A legacy remembered: a century of medical missions*. Franklin, Tenn.: Providence House Publishers, c1998 (call number POETHIG R 722 .C72 1998).

Crouch, Archie R. *Rising through the dust: the story of the Christian church in China*. New York: Friendship Press, 1948 (call number FRIENDPRS 1948-9).

Hollinger David A. *Protestants Abroad: How Missionaries Tried to Change the World but Changed America*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2018. (PHS does not hold a copy of this book).

*Jubilee papers of the Central China Presbyterian Mission, 1844-1894: comprising historical sketches of the mission stations at Ningpo, Shanghai, Hangchow, Soochow and Nanking: with a sketch of the Presbyterian Mission Press*. Shanghai: Printed at the American Presbyterian Mission Press, 1895 (call number BV 3415 .J83 1895).

Moffett, Samuel Hugh. *A history of Christianity in Asia, volume II, 1500-1900*. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis, 2007 (PHS does not hold a copy of this book).

Noyes, Harriet Newell. *History of the South China mission of the American Presbyterian church, 1845-1920*. Shanghai: Printed at the Presbyterian mission press, 1927 (call number BV 3415 .N6 1927).

Price, P. Frank. *Our China investment: 60 years of the Southern Presbyterian Church in China*. Nashville: Educational Department, Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, 1927 (call number BV 3487.A1 O97 1927).

Tiedemann, R. G. *Reference guide to Christian missionary societies in China: from the sixteenth to the twentieth century*. Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, 2009 (call number FOLIO BV 2010 .T54 2009).

Woodbridge, Samuel Isett. *Fifty years in China: being some account of the history and conditions in China and of the missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States there from 1867 to the present day*. Richmond: Presbyterian Committee of Publication, c. 1918 (call number JKPRESS 1918-3).

Administrative history in collection guide: Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Board of Foreign Missions. Secretaries' files: China Mission, 1891-1955, Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, PA (call number RG 82).

Administrative history in collection guide: Presbyterian Church in the U.S. China Mission records, 1868-1969, RG 431, Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, PA (call number RG 431).