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).


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:


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.


• *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).


### 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)


#### 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)


#### Hainan Mission (PCUSA)

Hunan Mission (PCUSA)


Central China/East China Mission (PCUSA)


Kiangan Mission (PCUSA)

- Kiangan Mission. [*Reports*] 1915-1917, 1922 (call number MR7 PA ZKS).

Yunnan (PCUSA)


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:


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).
- **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*).

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


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


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.


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

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Issue includes:
Fairbank, John K. “China Missions in History: Some Introductory Remarks.”
Trani, Eugene P. “Woodrow Wilson, China, and the Missionaries, 1913—1921.”


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).
