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CONSTANCE KILBORN AND LEWIS CALVIN WALMSLEY FONDS. – 1911-1998. – 90 cm of textual records. –21 photographs. –2 architectural plans. –4 maps.

Lewis Calvin Walmsley (1897-1998) was a West China missionary and educator, head of the East Asian Studies Department at the University of Toronto, and author. He was born in Milford, Ontario and studied at Victoria College and the College of Education in Toronto where he graduated in 1919. In 1920 he was engaged to Constance Kilborn, but they parted for a year and he went on to teach mathematics at Regina College in Saskatchewan. They married in 1921 and later that year they decided to become missionaries and later sailed to the West China Mission. He was appointed principal of the Canadian School for missionaries' children in 1923 and served there until 1947. During one furlough he completed his doctoral studies at the University of Toronto (D.Paed.). In 1929 he taught pedagogy as well as social and experimental psychology at the West China Union University. He accepted an appointment as head of the East Asian Studies Department at the University of Toronto in 1949, and retired in 1963. He wrote several books about China.

Constance Ellen Kilborn Walmsley (1898-1961) was a West China missionary. She was born in Chengdu, West China to a missionary family including her parents Retta Gifford and Omar Kilborn, and siblings Cora, Leslie and Roland. From 1911 to 1914 she attended the Ontario Ladies College in Whitby. In 1919 she graduated from Victoria College with an English Language and Literature degree. She was engaged to Lewis Walmsley in 1920, but they parted for a year and she went on to teach at Alma College in St. Thomas. In 1921 they were married and subsequently went to West China for missionary work. While there she taught at the Canadian School. She took an active part in Brownies and Guides and overall cultural and social life of the West China missionary community. During her time in China she had four children: Omar, Glenn, Enid and Marion. The family returned permanently to Canada in 1949. On furloughs and after her final return to Canada she often spoke about her missionary work at local churches.

Fonds contains three series: 1) Personal Correspondence and Ephemera, 1911-1998, 2) Educational Work, [194-]-1985, 3) Publications and Other Works, 1917-1977.

See F3605 for records of Constance Kilborn Walmsley's parents Omar Kilborn and Retta Gifford Kilborn. See F3303 for records of Constance Kilborn Walmsley's brother Leslie Kilborn and his wife Jean.

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SERIES 1\ PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE AND EPHEMERA. –1911-1998. –ca. 60 cm of textual material. –7 photographs.

Series contains correspondence, journals, scrapbooks, notes and biographical information of Constance Kilborn and Lewis Walmsley re their missionary work and personal lives 1911-1998.

See 2000.119P/3-7 for photos of Lewis Walmsley, family and colleagues.

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| | | Constance Kilborn Walmsley | |
| 2014.004C | 1-1 | Correspondence sent to her Mother from China | 1935-1940 |
| | 1-2 | Correspondence received from Dr. Marion B. Hall | 1948-1956 |
| | 1-3 | Correspondence received from her Mother | 1934-1935 |
| | 1-4 | Correspondence received (also for Lewis) | 1960-1961 |
| | 1-5 | Trip Schedules | 1955, 1959 |
| | 1-6 | Correspondence Journal | 1959-1961 |
| | 2-1 | Scrapbook from years attending Ontario Ladies College | 1911-1914 |

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| 2000.119C | 6-11 | Biographical Information and Poetry, inc. Kilborn family Lewis Calvin Walmsley | 1961 |
| 2000.119C | 3-5 | Journal | 1919 |
| | 4-1 | --- | 1920 |
| | 4-2 | --- | 1921-1922 |
| | 4-4 | --- | 1923-1925 |
| | 3-1 | --- | 1926-1930 |
| | 3-2 | --- | 1931-1933 |
| | 3-3 | --- | 1934 |
| | 3-4 | --- | 1935-1936 |
| | 4-5 | --- | 1937-1942 |
| | 4-3 | --- | 1943-1945 |
| | 4-6 | --- | 1945-1946 |
| | 5-1 | --- | 1947-1948 |
| | 5-4 | --- | Summer-Winter 1949 |
| | 5-3 | --- | 1949-1950 |
| | 2-14 | Correspondence with Glenn Tester | 1918-1924, 1946 |
| | 2-7 | ---to UCC Branch re India (UCCM) | 1921-1976 |
| | 6-6 | ---to family, inc. circular from India | 1923-1937 |
| | 6-13 | --- | 1923, 1933, 1984 |
| | 2-5 | ---received from Students and Friends (West China) | 1925-1978 |
| | 5-8 | ---re Conditions in China, inc. letters with Charles Brush and D. Dick | 1938-1940 |
| | 2-4 | ---received from Students (China and India) | 1938-1946 |
| | 5-7 | ---re China Conditions | 1941-1943 |
| | 5-6 | ---, inc. Circular Letter | 1942 |
| | 5-9 | ---re Beginning of [?] Bonds | 1944 |
| | 6-9 | ---received | 1944 |
| | 5-10 | --- | 1945 |
| | 6-1 | --- | 1946 |
| | 5-5 | --- | 1946 |
| | 2-16 | ---, Special Letters | 1947-1970 |
| | 2-13 | ---re Peking | 1957-1959 |
| | 2-19 | ---with Glad and Peggy | 1974-1975 |
| | 1-7 | ---re China (Correspondents L-M) | 1979-1980 |
| | 1-8 | --- --(Correspondents G) | 1980-1985 |
| | 1-11 | ---received from Chinese Friends | 1984-1985 |
| | 2-3 | My chronology | 1968 |
| | 6-5 | Personal Genealogy | 1951 |
| | 6-12 | --- | [195-?] |
| | 1-6 | Biographical Information | 1980-1984 |
| | 1-9 | --- | 1981 |
| | 2-10 | Interview re autobiography | 1982 |
| | 2-17 | Misc. Correspondence and Articles, inc. Correspondence re China Records Project | 1926-1978 |
| | 6-2 | Misc. Documents, inc. Obituary, Correspondence re WCUU book, Family Information etc. | 1927-1998 |
| | 6-10 | Notes on China, inc. clippings | 1947-1950 |
| | 1-10 | Interviews re China | [195-?] |
| | 6-7 | Clippings and Documents re Missionary Work and China | [195-]-[197-] |

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| | 1-5 | Chinese East York Library Exhibit: Correspondence and Program <i>See 2000.119P/1-2 for photographs</i> | 1973 |
| 2000.119C | 2-1 | ROM China Exhibit | 1978 |
| | 2-15 | Mon Sheong Foundation Membership | 1970-1979 |
| | 1-12 | China Tour 1983 | 1982-1985 |
| | 2-12 | China Official Letters re Tour | 1983 |
| | 1-1 | Personal Views on Religion | 1980-1982 |
| | 2-2 | My religious adventure | 1982 |
| | 6-8 | Fragments of Religious Thought | n.d. |

SERIES 2\ EDUCATIONAL WORK. –[194-]-1985. –ca. 20 cm of textual material. –14 photographs. – 2 architectural plans. –4 maps.

Series contains files pertaining to Lewis Walmsley's educational work in West China at West China Union University and the Canadian School [194-]-1985.

See 2000.119P/17-21 for photos of the Canadian School.

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| 1986.176C | 1-1 | Map and two architectural plan for WCUU | n.d. |
| | 1-2 | Notes on the West China Christian Educational Union 1908; raison d'être of a Christian University in West China; origins of the WCUU; research in the WCUU; notes on the contribution of the WCUU to Chinese Life; a "summing up" of the work of the WCUU | n.d. |
| | 1-3 | Contribution of Christian Colleges to China; various testimonies as to the effective work of educational missionaries in China; Dr. Hu Shih commends Christian Colleges Influence of Christian education in China; "China Christian Educational Association – educational Regulations of the National Government (1928)"; Present Trends in Education – Christian and Government Schools"; China's {resent Educational System (char-1923); description of education situation in China; some sketches of early day in Szechwan (1937); lecture of S.C. Liang on Christian education-Hong Kong – 1958; lecture on University of Hong Kong c. 1962; evaluation of Christian universities in China. | n.d. |
| | 1-4 | List of western staff of the WCUU; list of gifts in money to WCUU; medical missionaries in China; historical sketch of WCUU; agreements re property – indenture etc.; various notes on the endorsement of WCUU by various Chinese political officials; notes on architecture of WCUU | n.d. |
| | 1-5 | Information on anti-Christian activities | n.d. |
| | 1-6 | China maps (three) | n.d. |
| | 1-7 | Notes on religion in WCUU | n.d. |
| | 1-8 | Notes on WCUU – Library | n.d. |
| | 1-9 | Notes on WCUU – Museum | n.d. |
| | 1-10 | Notes on Union Normal School and Women's Normal School | n.d. |
| | 1-11 | Letters to Walmsley | n.d. |
| 2014.004C | 2-3 | Lesson Plans | [194-] |

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| 2000.119C | 6-4 | WCUU, United Board for Christina Higher Education in Asia See 2000.119P/8-16 for photos | 1939-1980 |
| | 2-6 | C.S. Boys and Girls | 1943-1947 |
| | 2-8 | Letters re U of T East Asia Appointment | 1952 |
| 2000.119C | 2-9 | Education | [Between 1950 and 1970] |
| | 6-3 | Chinese Studies in Toronto | [Between 1960 and 1980] |
| | 5-2 | CC. Shih See 2000.119P/7 for photo | 1964, 1985 |

SERIES 3\ PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER WORKS. -1917-1977.—ca. 20 of textual material.

Series contains the publications, speeches and other works of Lewis and Constance Walmsley 1917-1977.

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| | | Lewis Calvin Walmsley | |
| 1986.176C | 1-12 | Manuscript for Book of WCUU – various chapters “Chinese System of Education” | n.d. |
| | 1-13 | “Christian Church Enters Szechwan” | n.d. |
| | 1-14 | “Thinking Towards a University” | n.d. |
| | 1-15 | “The University Opens” | n.d. |
| | 1-16 | “Home Boards and the University” | n.d. |
| | 1-17 | “University Buildings – Plant etc.” | n.d. |
| | 1-18 | “Relationship of WCUU to Chinese Government” | n.d. |
| | 1-19 | “Growing into Maturity” | n.d. |
| | 1-20 | “Women’s College – Women’s Education in the WCCU” | n.d. |
| | 1-21 | “Ms. Of History of the West China Union University” Pamphlets Science teaching is helping develop Chine’s Leaders” Christianity and Chinese Culture” Copland, Bruce “The Chinese Church in the Communist State <u>Theology Today</u> , vol. 7, October 1950 | n.d. n.d. |
| 2000.119C | 2-18 | Address for TEMC Foreside Services | 1955 |
| | 1-2 | <u>Bishop in Honan: Mission and Museum in the Life of William C. White</u> : Manuscript | [197-?] |
| | 1-13 | ---:--- | [197-?] |
| | 2-11 | ---: book agreement | 1965-1977 |
| | 1-3 | Chinese History and Civilization No. 1 | n.d. |
| | 1-4 | ---No. 2 | n.d. |
| 2014.004C | 1-7 | Articles in Journal: The A.M.C. Reville | Dec. 1917, Feb.-Apr. 1918 |
| | 1-9 | “Freedom and Responsibility, Lack of Freedom” chapter notes | n.d. |
| | 1-10 | “East and West” chapter notes | n.d. |
| | 2-2 | Christianity and Chinese Education book chapter notes | n,d, |
| | | Constance Kilborn Walmsley | |
| 2014.004C | 1-8 | Notes on the History of Canada | n.d. |
| | 1-11 | Speeches, Devotionals, Book Reviews, Diary Extracts, Lists, Correspondence, Papers etc. [part 1] | 1936-1961 |
| | 1-12 | ---[part 2] | --- |

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