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Scope and Content

Harry Willis Miller (Jul 2, 1879 to Jan 1, 1977), the well-known "China Doctor," was a world-famous missionary doctor and surgeon, and founder of more than 15 Seventh-day Adventist hospitals around the world.

Miller began his medical missionary career together with his wife Maude when they sailed for China in Oct 1903. Two years later, Maude died of an unknown disease. Miller remained until 1911. During this first stay in China, he cured a Manchurian leader, Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang of the opium habit.

While in the Washington, D.C., area (1912-1925), Miller was the medical superintendent and surgeon of the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, which he developed into a Mecca for congressional leaders of the day. He became a consulting physician to three U. S. presidents. He pioneered new techniques of thyroid goiter surgery, which lowered fatalities from 50% to about 1%. He eventually performed over 6,000 goiter surgeries around the world.

In 1925 Miller returned to Shanghai to develop a network of Adventist health care facilities. After the occupation of Shanghai by the Japanese, Miller left for America in April 1939. By then he had served as a physician to the future Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China, Chou En-lai, as well as Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, the wife of the Chinese President, and once treated the Republic of China's first leader, Sun Yat-Sen.

From 1953 to 1973, Miller was again active, from time to time, in East Asia establishing Adventist sanitariums, hospitals and a soy milk plant in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Korea, and practiced surgery until the age of 93.

Compared to Miller's contributions to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and society in general, this collection only reflects a tiny portion of Miller's life of active service. It contains some correspondences of Miller with the main subject being Miller's younger brother, Clarence's, estate; Miller's certificates for medical practice, and awards from several entities. Also included are a number of photographs including those Miller took while serving in old China.

Arrangement

The arrangement was done by the Andrews University Center for Adventist Research.

Provenance

Ron Golick donated this collection to the Andrews University Center for Adventist Research in September 2005.

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I. Personal Documents

- ___ Bx 1 Fld 1 Patent of invention for an improved process of making vegetable milk from the soya bean, Apr 26, 1937; attached with a Patent Specification.
- Bx 1 Fld 2 Temporary Residence Permit from the United Kingdom of Libya, Jul 20, 1958.
- ___ Bx 1 Fld 3 Obituary of Clarence Miller. Clarence is Harry Miller's younger brother. 2 copies.
- ___ Bx 1 Fld 4 Obituary of Esta Miller. Esta is the youngest brother of Harry Miller. 2 copies.
- Bx 1 Fld 5 Desk Name Plaque of Harry Miller, M.D.
- Bx 4 Fld 8 Birthday Congratulations, Chinese brush writings.

II. Correspondence

- Bx 1 Fld 6 Note from Alumni Association to Harry Miller, Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Oct 23, 1968.
Letter to an applicant to the Medical Department, Feb 15, 1949.
Note from the General Medical Council Office, London, no date.
- Bx 1 Fld 7 Letters concerning Clarence Miller's Estate, 1956 to 1960.

III. Writings

Articles

Articles (about Harry Miller)

- Bx 1 Fld 8 "This Month's Cover," *Outlook*, Far Eastern Division, Jan 1970.
See cover and p. 3. 2 copies.
"China Doctor' Active on Research," *Outlook*, Far Eastern Division, Oct 1975. See cover and p. 5.

Other Articles

- Bx 1 Fld 9 "Recognition and Management of Allergic Symptoms in Infants" by Norman W. Clein, M.D., Seattle, Washington, 1954.

Books

Books (by Harry Miller)

- Bx 1 Fld 10 *The Story of Milk from the Soya Bean*, published by the International Nutrition Laboratory, Mount Vernon, Ohio, 1944.

Manuscripts

Manuscripts (by Harry Miller)

- Bx 1 Fld 11 "Planning for Retirement?" 2 copies.
Bx 1 Fld 12 "Detailed Reports of 50 Surgical Cases Operated by Doctor Harry Miller for Submission to the American College of Surgeons," Jan 1951 to Jun 1952.

Other Manuscripts (by others)

- Bx 1 Fld 13 "The Chain of the Three Angels' Message" by M. Charlotte Holmes, M.D., Riverside, CA. No date.

IV. Certificates

Educational

- Bx 4 Fld 1 Certificate of Bachelor of Art from Mount Vernon College, May 14, 1913.

Professional

- Bx 4 Fld 2 Certificate of Permanent License from the State Board of Medical Examination of Tennessee, Jun 6, 1902.
Certificate of Study from Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose Throat College, Sep 26, 1902.
Physician's Certificate from the State of Illinois, Nov 29, 1902.
License to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Illinois, Dec 9, 1907.
Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate of Registration from the State of Maryland, Montgomery County, Dec 17, 1907.
License to practice medicine and surgery from the Government of the Philippine Islands, Department of Interior, Board of Medical Examiners, Sep 11, 1928
Red Cross Membership Certificate from the Chinese Red Cross, Jun 15, 1937.
License to Practice Medicine from Japan, no date.

- Bx 4 Fld 6 Certificate of Medical Registration from the State of Michigan, Dec 31, 1902. [Framed]
- Bx 3 Fld 1 License to practice medicine and surgery in the District of Columbia, Mar 30, 1916. [Framed]
- Bx 4 Fld 4 Membership certificate of College of Physicians and Surgeons, Nov 22, 1948. [Framed]

V. Awards

- Bx 4 Fld 3 Certification of the honorary degree of Master of Art from Washington Missionary College, May 24, 1926.
Alumnus of the Year Award for 1968, Alumni Association School of Medicine, Loma Linda University, Apr 3, 1968.
Dr. Harry Willis Miller Day, proclamation honoring Dr. Harry Willis Miller by the Councils of the Villages of Wet Milton, Ludlow Falls, and Laura, Ohio, M.D., Jul 3, 1970.
Certificate of the Honor of Colone, Aide-de-Camp from the governor of New Mexico, Jul 19, 1972.
Certificate of Merit, in recognition of his service to mankind as a medical missionary from Office of the Governor of the State of Arizona, Apr 8, 1974.
In Memory of Dr. Harry Willis Miller from Ohio House of Representatives, Feb 1, 1977.
- Bx 1 Fld 14 Honorary Life Membership in recognition of outstanding service and devotion far beyond the call of duty over a period of many years to the Soybean Industry and in particular to the American Soybean Association by the Board of Directors of American Soybean Association, Aug 19, 1958. [Framed]
- Bx 1 Fld 15 Certificate of Appreciation for 66 years of devoted medical service to the Orient, presented by the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists, Far Eastern Division, Nov 15, 1969. [Framed]
- Bx 1 Fld 16 Certificate of honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Andrews University, Jun 6, 1970. [Framed]
- Bx 3 Fld 2 Certificate of Commendation from the State of Ohio, Executive Department, Office of the Governor Columbus, Jun 24, 1969. [Framed]
- Bx 4 Fld 5 Proclamation on Harry Miller's 97th birthday by the mayor of the City of Riverside, May 23, 1976. [Framed]
- Bx 4 Roll 1 Medallion Certificate from Taiwan, Mar 26, 1956. (A roll)
- Bx 2 Fld 8 Official Red Carpet of the State of New Mexico. No date.

VI. Paintings

- ___ Bx 4 Roll 2 “China Say [sic] Thank You: Dr. Miller Come to China” from *Adventist Youth in Taiwan*, no date.
 Bx 4 Fld 7 Framed painting of ascension of Jesus on a piece of cloth.

VII. Posters

- ___ Bx 4 Roll 3 Medical Events in North America, no date. (A roll)

VIII. Photographs

- ___ Bx 1 Fld 17 Envelop 1: Miller, His wife, and his grave. 12 pieces.
 Bx 3 Fld 3 Miller with students. 9 pieces, including
 Miller with the 1934 Class of Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital
 Miller with the 1937 Class of Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital
 Envelop 2: 5 pieces.
 Matted photographs: 4 pieces.
 Bx 2 Fld 1 Envelop 3 : Miller with others, 26 pieces.
 Bx 2 Fld 2 Envelop 4: Miller’s soya production, 32 pieces.
 ___ Bx 2 Fld 3 Envelop 5: Taken in the Philippines, 4 pieces.
 ___ Bx 4 Fld 9 Envelop 6: Taken in Japan. 3 pieces, including
 Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital Family, 1958.
 Bx 2 Fld 4 Envelop 7: Miller’s patients and operations. 5 pieces.
 ___ Bx 3 Fld 4 Old China, 21 pieces.
 6 pieces matted photographs, including
 Participants of an evangelistic meeting held in Hankow, Apr to
 Jun, 1932.
 Participants of a Bible study series held by Mrs. Miller in Bangpu,
 Anhui province, Mar 19, 1936.
 Envelop 8: 16 pieces, including one of the old Adventist publishing
 house in China.
 ___ Bx 2 Fld 5 Envelop 9 : Hong Kong Adventist Hospital construction site, 4 pieces.
 ___ Bx 3 Fld 5 Unsorted Pictures mostly of Miller’s friends. 50 pieces.
 Envelop 10: 49 pieces.
 Matted photograph of Chiang Kai-shek, given to Miller in Mar, 1955.
 ___ Bx 2 Fld 6 Envelop 11: Negatives, 15 pieces.

IX. Miscellaneous

- ___ Bx 2 Fld 7 “Doctors Daniel Hartman Kress and Laurretta Eby Kress request the
 pleasure of your presence at their Golden Wedding Anniversary,”
 Jul 9, 1935.

Greeting Card: "Haven't Seen You in A Blue Moon." Blank.

Map of Taiwan.

Pavilion Convocation at La Sierra with Harry Miller's picture on the cover.

Li Ming, 1887-1966. Biographical sketch. Li is a donor of scholarships to many universities.

Obituary of Mabel Miller Childs.

Empty envelop of South China Island Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, Taipei, Taiwan.

Post card of Madison Hospital, Madison, Tennessee.

Bx 4 Fld 10 Laminated place mat of West Milton Inn from Roland & Rully Hinch, Jul 5, 1970.

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