

Frederick and Myra Scovel papers, 1930-1974

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Scovel, Frederick GilmanScovel, Myra
Title	Frederick and Myra Scovel papers
Dates	1930-1974 (inclusive) 1930 1974
Quantity	2.0 linear feet, (2 containers)
Collection Number	Ax 707
Summary	Dr. Frederick Gilman Scovel (born 1902) and his wife Myra Scovel (August 11, 1905- August 26, 1994) were missionaries overseas for the United Presbyterian Church for almost thirty years. The works in this collection are a collection of correspondence, diaries, manuscripts and other miscellaneous items that represent the Scovels' missionary work and their time spent overseas.
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Languages	English
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Historical Note

Myra (Scott) Scovel (August 11, 1905- August 26, 1994) was born in Mechanicville, New York to Robert George Myrtle (Fox) Scott and passed away in Lake Placid, New York. She attended Syracuse University, Hospital of the Good Shepard, Western Reserve University (now Case Western Reserve University), Babies' and Children's Hospital and Pediatric Nursing Specialty. Her religion was Protestant. She was a member of Poetry Society of America, National League of American Pen Women, International Platform Association and Author's Guild. She married Frederick Gilman Scovel, a physician-administrator, on June 15, 1929.

Her career was spent at Cortland County Hospital in Cortland, New York as an obstetrics supervisor from 1927-1928. She then worked at the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions and its successor, United Presbyterian Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations, in China from 1930-1951. She

also worked in India from 1953 to 1959 as coordinator of Medical Emphasis Program, 1959-1961 and as editor for office of communications, beginning in 1961.

Frederick Gilman Scovel was born in 1902 in Cortland, New York, and was educated at Cornell University. Dr. and Mrs. Scovel had six children.

Dr. Frederick Gilman Scovel and Myra Scott Scovel, R.N., spent nearly 30 years in the overseas mission of the United Presbyterian Church. They worked in China from 1930-1951 and in India from 1953-1959.

After marrying in 1929, the Scovels spent a year of language study in Peking. In 1930 they were assigned to Bachman Hunter Hospital in Tsining, Shantung, China and remained there for fifteen years until they were repatriated in 1943 after a period in a Japanese internment camp.

In 1946 Dr. and Mrs. Scovel worked at Hope Hospital, Huai Yuan, Anhwei, China. They were transferred to Hackett Medical Center, Canton China, in 1948 and remained in Canton a year and a half after the communists gained control. Early in 1951 they returned to the United States.

From 1953-1959 the Scovels were associated with the Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, Punjab, India.

Content Description

The collection of Frederick and Myra Scovel contains 69 letters from 1930-1958, from Dr. and Mrs. Scovel and Dr. Scovel's mother, Mrs. Carl W. Scovel, who was with them in Tsining and Huai Yuan. They are arranged chronologically and separated according to location. There are six diaries written by Dr. Scovel, 1933, 1937, 1945-1946, 1959, one undated and a carbon of part of the journal kept by Myra Scovel during their internment by the Japanese from 1941 to 1942.

Myra Scovel has written 13 books dealing with her missionary experiences. Manuscripts, proofs, publicity and correspondence from four of the books, *The Chinese Ginger Jar*, 1962; *I Must Speak*; *The Biography of Augustine Ralla Ram*, 1961; *Richer by India*, 1964; and *To Lay a Hearth* 1968, are also included in the collection.

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Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Collection is organized into the following series:

Core Collection (November 1972)

Addenda (May 1973)

Addenda (June 1979)

Addenda (2009)

Acquisition Information

Gift of Frederick and Myra Scovel in 1972. Gift of Jane McKean.

Processing Note

Collection processed by staff.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Core Collection (November 1972)

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	1	Correspondence	
1	2	Diaries	January 1933- June 1933

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	2	Correspondence	June 1933- December 1933 1937 1946, Undated
1	3	Manuscript: <i>The Chinese Ginger Jars</i>	September 26, 1954
Box	Folder		
1	3	Holograph copy, notebook 74 p.	
1	3	Typed, with holograph revisions	
1	3	Correspondence, outgoing (13 letters)	1960-1969
1	3	Correspondence, incoming (46 letters)	1955-1969
1	4	<i>The Chinese Ginger Jars</i>	1962
Box	Folder		
1	4	Typed chapters with holograph revisions 258 p.	
1	5	<i>The Chinese Ginger Jars</i>	
Box	Folder		
1	5	Dust cover proof	
1	5	Publicity material; newspaper clippings, press reviews, book reviews, photograph, invitation (32 pieces)	
1	6	Manuscript: <i>I Must Speak; the Biography of Augustine Ralla Ram</i> , Lucknow India, North India Christian Literature Society,	1961
Box	Folder		
1	6	Holograph draft, notebook, 151 p.	
1	6	Typed draft. 133 p.	

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	7	Manuscript: <i>Richer by India</i> , New York, Harper and Row	1964
Box	Folder		
1	7	Correspondence, outgoing (11 letters)	1962-1963
1	7	Correspondence, incoming (23 letters)	1962-1969
1	7	Typed draft, printer's copy 145 p.	
1	8	<i>Richer by India</i>	
Box	Folder		
1	8	Proofs, complete	
1	8	Publicity (43 pieces)	
1	8	Correspondence (3 letters)	1964
1	9	Manuscript: <i>To Lay a Hearth New York</i> , Harper and Row	1968
Box	Folder		
1	9	Typed draft, printer's copy with holograph revisions 186 p.	
1	9	Note to Hazel Peifday	October 1, 1967
1	10	Biographical Information	
Box	Folder		
1	9	Thumbprints, newspaper clippings, typed information	
1	11	Correspondence, outgoing	1963-1964
1	12	Correspondence, incoming	1962-1964

Addenda (May 1973)

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	13	Manuscript: <i>The Buffalo and the Bell New York</i> , Friendship Press Inc.	1963
Box	Folder		
1	13	Correspondence, incoming (6 letters)	1961-1963
1	13	Correspondence, outgoing (1 letter)	1961-1963
1	13	Correspondence, other	
1	13	Notes 9 p.	
1	13	Fragment 1 p.	
1	13	Typed draft, title "The Sick Buffalo" published in Punjalic, Hindu and Indonesian	
1	13	Heavy holograph revision 21 p.	
1	13	Final carbon draft, title "Buffalos and Bangles" 84 p.	
1	14	<i>The Buffalo and the Bell New York</i> , Friendship Press Inc.	1963
Box	Folder		
1	14	Promotional material	
1	14	Clippings, correspondence, photograph, leaflets, memos, poem, material from Friendship Press	
1	15	Manuscript: <i>The Chinese Ginger Jars</i> by Myra Scovel and Nelle Keys Bell	1963
Box	Folder		
1	15	Promotional material	
1	15	Correspondence, leaflets, clippings, list of radio and television appearances	

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	16	Manuscript: <i>Don't Just Sit there Reading: a fun-to-do book on the Americas</i> by Myra Scovel and Philda Ragland, New York, Friendship Press, Inc.	1970
Box	Folder		
1	16	Correspondence, incoming (1 letter)	1969
1	16	Notes 11 p.	
1	16	Mimeographed draft 49 p.	
1	16	Readers' comments 4 p.	
1	16	Carbon draft 65 p.	
1	17	Manuscript: <i>Don't Just Sit there Reading</i>	1970-1971
Box	Folder		
1	17	Miscellaneous	
1	17	Mimeograph drafts of <i>The Americas: How Many Worlds?</i> by Mildred Schell	
1	18	Manuscript: <i>Facets of Faith, dramatic discussion starters for group meetings</i> by Myra Scovel, Margaret L. D. Hatch, Gwen Suttel, William I. Elliott, New York, the Friendship Press	1967
Box	Folder		
1	18	Memo from Mae H. Ashworth with 2 pages of comments from readers' reports	
1	19	Manuscript: <i>The Mysterious Mr. Cobb</i> , New York, Friendship Press	1967
Box	Folder		
1	19	Notes 2 p.	
1	19	Readers' reports 22 p.	

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	19	Fragments 3 p.	
1	19	Carbon draft, holograph revisions 92 p.	
1	19	Carbon draft 50 p.	
1	19	Memorandum	
1	20	Manuscript: <i>Richer by India</i> , New York, Harper and Row	1964
Box	Folder		
1	20	Illustrations, photocopies of 7 illustrations plus captions	
1	21	Manuscript: "Bible reported 'best seller' in strife torn Congo," Ecumenical Press Service	January 25, 1963
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 1 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "Cable from Pakistan. Program for Women's Plan Book"	1963
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 4 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "Christian barbers' conference," <i>Presbyterian Outlook</i>	February 25, 1963
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 3 p.	
1	21	Typed final draft 3 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "Christmas in Ludhiana", <i>Concern</i>	December 1963
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 4 p.	

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	21	Manuscript: "Devotions"	undated
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 2 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "Dialogue with a Dream"	1962
Box	Folder		
1	21	Correspondence, incoming (1 letter)	1961
1	21	Memo from G. S. Nyce	1962
1	21	Typed draft 6 p.	1962
1	21	Manuscript: "Doctors' Tour," <i>Presbyterian Life</i>	1964
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 5 p. (for back- page ad)	
1	21	Memo from Myra Scovel to Dr. T. D. Stevenson	June 16, 1964
1	21	Holograph notes 1 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "Fil-American Teams of Testimony", <i>Presbyterian Life</i>	April 10, 1963
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 2 p.	
1	21	Typed final draft 3 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "Fraternal Worker Loaned to Lord Mayor", <i>Presbyterian Life</i>	1963
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 2 p.	

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	21	Manuscript: "General Assembly Presentation"	undated
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed draft 2 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "God, in Christ, Reconciling the World", <i>Concern</i>	undated
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 3 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "The Good News through the Arts in India", <i>Discovery</i>	1964
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 6 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "He Studies Bangkok Drains", <i>Newsletter</i> W.C.C. Geneva	February 1963
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed draft 1 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "How Would you Answer these Questions?" <i>General Assembly News</i>	May 21, 1962
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 1 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "In All the Ways that you Can" <i>Presbyterian</i> <i>Life</i>	1962
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 2 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "In One Lifetime" <i>General Assembly News</i>	1963

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 2 p. (Also found on these pages: "Orphan Return" and "Hot Seat")	
1	21	Manuscript: "Jamaican Sojourn" <i>General Assembly News</i>	1963
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft, revisions and insertions 2 p.	
1	21	Typed carbon draft 2 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "King of Kings in the Punjab" Youth Fellowship Kit	1963
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed draft 5 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "A Letter from China"	1964
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 1 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "Lighting Precious Candles," <i>Today</i>	December 1953
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 1 p. (poem)	
1	21	Manuscript: "A Machine Tooled Faith" from Helen Post, <i>Presbyterian Life</i>	March 1962
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 4 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "Material for Ad-type Article", <i>Presbyterian Life</i>	June 2, 1964
Box	Folder		

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	21	Correspondence, outgoing (1 letter)	June 2, 1964
1	21	Memo from Myra Scovel to Rosalie Bryson	
1	21	Typed carbon draft 3 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "Medal Awarded to Protestant Teacher in Colombia" <i>The Church Woman</i>	November 1963
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 2 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "Memorial Hospital" Fatehgarh, North India	1963
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 3 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "Mrs. Shahla Amand", India, Office of Overseas Women's Relations, New York City, NY	April 1963
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 2 p.	
1	21	Typed mimeograph newsletter 1 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "Party in the Leber Room"	1964
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 4 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "The Pastors in the Punjab", <i>Discovery</i>	1964
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 4 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: Presbyterian hospital, Taegu, Korea	1963

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 3 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "Presbytery of Chile becomes Autonomous" <i>Presbyterian Life</i>	January 24, 1964
Box	Folder		
1	21	Memo	January 24, 1964
1	21	Correspondence, incoming (3 letters)	1963-1964
1	21	Typed carbon draft 3 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "The Reverend Adauto Dourado"	undated
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 1 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "The Reverend Daniel Stevens"	undated
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 1 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "The Reverend Eliezer Mapanao"	undated
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 2 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "The Reverend Swailem Sidhom," Atar Sudan	October 1961
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed mimeographed copy 1 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "The Reverend Tanier Hourani"	undated

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 1 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "They're Giving Themselves" <i>Presbyterian Life</i>	August 1962
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 2 p.	
1	21	Thermofax copy 4 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "Tulsa Doctors Inspire Others" <i>Presbyterian Life</i>	November 30, 1963
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 1 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "A Very Merry Christmas" <i>The Church Woman</i>	1963
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed draft 2 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "Volunteer M.D's set up own Missionary Project" <i>The AMA News</i>	July 24, 1961
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed draft 2 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "We Answer the Macedonian Call"	1962
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 6 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "We Have one Mission" <i>Presbyterian Life</i>	1964
Box	Folder		

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	21	Typed carbon draft 16 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "What Say Ye?"	undated
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft 7 p.	
1	21	Manuscript: "Your Concern as a United Presbyterian for Those in the Armed Forces. The Church's Ministry to Service Personnel"	undated
Box	Folder		
1	21	Typed carbon draft, revisions and insertions, 12 p.	
1	22	Untitled articles (14 pieces)	
1	23	Pamphlets and leaflets	
1	24	Tearsheets	
1	25	Magazines- <i>Current News of the Church Overseas</i> , Ed. Myra Scovel	May 1963- October 1966
1	26	Magazines- <i>Current News from the World Church</i> , Ed. Myra Scovel	December 1966- March 1968
1	27	Miscellaneous	
Box	Folder		
1	27	Holograph notes	
1	27	End-of-the-year-Report	1963
1	27	Report of work published in 1964 (up to November 9)	
1	27	Reading-Study Book for early Teens Toward Understanding China and the Chinese People	1969-1970
1	27	Pencil diagram of a building	

Addenda (June 1979)

Container(s)		Description
Box	Folder	
1	28	Manuscript: <i>How Many Sides to a Chinese Coin</i>
Box	Folder	
1	28	Working carbon with holograph revisions 136 p.
1	28	<i>How Many Sides to a Chinese Coin</i>
Box	Folder	
1	28	Galley proofs with holograph revisions 51 p.
1	28	Galley proofs: "The Mysterious Mr. Cobb" 22p.
1	29	Manuscript: <i>The Gift of Christmas</i>
Box	Folder	
1	29	Clippings
1	29	Miscellaneous material
2	1	<i>The Gift of Christmas</i>
Box	Folder	
2	1	Correspondence, outgoing (3 letters)
2	1	Outline for "God is With Us"
2	1	"God is With Us", typed carbon with some holograph revisions 3p.
2	1	"Reconciling the World" (poem), typed carbon 1p.
2	1	"Reconciling the World" (poem), holograph notes
2	2	<i>The Gift of Christmas</i>

Container(s)		Description
Box	Folder	
2	2	Correspondence, incoming
2	3	<i>The Gift of Christmas</i>
Box	Folder	
2	3	Illustrations, photocopies, photograph of book cover, recipes
2	4	<i>The Gift of Christmas</i>
Box	Folder	
2	4	Typed carbon with holograph revisions 184 p.
2	5	Manuscript: <i>The Happiest Summer</i>
Box	Folder	
2	5	Clippings and reviews
2	6	<i>The Happiest Summer</i>
Box	Folder	
2	6	Typed draft with holograph revisions 126 p.
2	6	Illustrations, photocopies of ink drawings 7 p.
2	6	Front piece, pencil sketch 1 p.
2	7	<i>The Happiest Summer</i>
Box	Folder	
2	7	Correspondence, incoming
2	7	Illustrations
2	8	<i>The Happiest Summer</i>

Container(s)		Description
Box	Folder	
2	8	Correspondence, outgoing
2	8	Notice for contest for non-fiction

Addenda (2009)

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
2	9	Three letters, photograph, newsletter	1932-1962

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Missionaries, Medical--China
 Missionaries, Medical--India
 Presbyterian Church--Missions--China--Shandong Sheng
 Presbyterian Church--Missions--India--Punjab
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