

Finding Aid - Beatrice Pilon fonds (14)

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Beatrice Pilon fonds

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Summary information

Repository:**Title:** Beatrice Pilon fonds**ID:** 14**Date:** 1926-1979, predominant 1947-1949 (date of creation)**Physical description:** 9.5 cm of textual records
70 photographs: prints and negatives
18 postage stamps
2 objects
1 postcard**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:** Updated May 2022 by Peyton Moriarty -- added Acc. # 2022-1

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Beatrice 'Beatty' Pilon worked in Chengtu, Szechwan, China in the late 1940s and made a month-long trip into Tibet by horseback in 1948. Some objects Pilon purchased while in Tibet were later donated to the Museum of Anthropology.

Custodial history

Material originally in possession of creator, Beatrice Pilon, then passed on to her niece, Jane Wagner.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of material Pilon created and collected when she was in China from 1947-49. Pilon worked for the Pioneer Timber Co., and attended the Medical College at West China Union University (WCUU), in Chengtu, Szechwan, China. Prominent themes among the fonds materials are the daily life of an international student in China, Christian missionary work in China, and discussions (among English speakers) on the contemporary Chinese Revolution of 1949.

Records include letters, photos from China and Tibet, local publications, and drafts of Pilon's essays. The fonds also includes an original book of Mongolian Folklore (1926) and other misc. related items. Also includes digitized copies of material, created by Pilon's niece, Jane Wagner.

The records are organized into the following function-based files:

1. Correspondence
2. Photography

3. Collected Publications
 4. Personal Writing
 5. Ideas
 6. Passports
 7. Mongolian Folk Lore
 8. Blank Stationary
 9. Collection of Chinese Currency
 10. Stamp Collection
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Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on content of items and collections acquisition information

Arrangement

Archivists determined there was no apparent original order. The arrangement of the fonds was conducted according to function.

Conditions governing use

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Related material

The Museum of Anthropology collections department contains objects donated by Pilon and/or her estate in 1975 (accession 284) and 1988 (accession 1075).

Accruals

Original fonds was comprised entirely of the 14 photo negatives now found in the "Photography" series.

02/14/2022 accrual of materials created by Pilon during and related to her time in China, from 1947-49.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** draft
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Access points

- Beatrice Pilon
 - Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Textual record (documentary form)
 - Object (documentary form)
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- Philatelic record (documentary form)

Series descriptions

| Ref code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
|----------|--|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1 | File - Correspondence | 1946-1950 | | |
| 2 | File - Photography | 1947-1949 | | |
| a033047 | Item - Young person in chuba | c. 1948 | | |
| a033048 | Item - Tibetan building | c. 1948 | | |
| a033049 | Item - Tibetan building from a distance | c. 1948 | | |
| a033050 | Item - Tibetan pendants and belt | c. 1948 | | |
| a033051 | Item - Women wearing pendants and belt | c. 1948 | | |
| a033052 | Item - Tibetan women | c. 1948 | | |
| a033053 | Item - Traditional Tibetan dancing | c. 1948 | | |
| a033054 | Item - Tibetan dancing | c. 1948 | | |
| a033055 | Item - Tibetan dance, distant view | c. 1948 | | |
| a033056 | Item - Tibetan dancing | c. 1948 | | |
| a033057 | Item - Tibetan dancing, side view | c. 1948 | | |
| a033058 | Item - Seated Buddhist monks | c. 1948 | | |
| a033059 | Item - Tibetan Buddhist monks | c. 1948 | | |
| a033060 | Item - Tibetan Buddhist monks dancing | c. 1948 | | |
| 3 | File - Collected Publications | 1926-1979 | | |
| 4 | File - Personal Writing | 1946-1953 | | |
| 5 | File - Ideas | 194-? | | |
| 6 | File - Passports | ca. 1947, 195-? | | |
| 7 | File - Mongolian Folk Lore Translated by T. Attree | January 1926 | | |
| 8 | File - Blank Stationary | 194-? | | |
| 9 | File - Collection of Chinese Currency | 1947, 1949 | | |
| 10 | File - Stamp Collection | 194-? | | |