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Clairmonte, Eileen
1890-1997 (bulk 1890-1926)

Gift of Eileen Clairmonte, 2005

Dates: 1890-1997 (bulk 1890-1926)

Extent: 4 boxes (.5 metres)

This collection consists primarily of material relating to China from the late 19th century and early 20th century. The bulk of the collection is photographs taken by Robert John Davidson, a Quaker missionary in Western China for 35 years beginning in the 1890s. They include some rare and unique photos of life in China at the turn of the 20th century, as well as photos of the Davidson family. Many of the photos are in excellent condition. It also includes various papers, including missionary travel itineraries, of the Davidson family.

Box 1 18 Folders	Consists of material dealing with the Davidson family during the time they lived in China, from the 1890s to the 1920s. It includes travel itineraries and misc. notes. It also includes various printed materials, including travel brochures, maps and magazines, dealing with modern China. [189?]-[1997]
Folder 1	Photograph, "West suburbs of Sui Ling," [189-?]
Folder 2	Travel itinerary, 1890-1903, holograph
Folder 3	Travel itinerary, "Itinerary between I Chang & Chungking" (written by Mary Jane Davidson), 1890-1915, holograph
Folder 4	Itinerary, "I Chang to Chungking," [190-?]. holograph
Folder 5	"Approximate dates for the Up-River party and mails for them," [190-?], typescript
Folder 6	"Facts connected with Friends Mission China, Married Missionaries, 1886-1913," [1913?], typescript
Folder 7	"Record Journey from I Chang to Chungking," 1914, typescript
Folder 8	Notes written Robert John Davidson to his son Robert on the travel by houseboat from I Chang to Chungking," 1915, typescript
Folders 9-18	Printed matter

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Folder 9	"The Canadian School News Letter 1959"
Folder 10	"Canadian School in West China," 1974
Folder 11	"Tourist Guide to Chungking"
Folder 12	"Guide to Forshan"
Folder 13	"China Tourism Pictorial," 1980
Folder 14	"The Stone Forest" Brochure, Map of Hong Kong
Folder 15	<i>National Geographic</i> , Sept. 1997
Folder 16	<i>Equinox</i> magazine, Nov. 1997
Folder 17	"China Reconstructs," 1981
Folder 18	"Westworld," 1993
Box 2	Mounted photographs by Robert John Davidson, [ca. 1900]
Folder 1	"Boats waiting to ascend: Chin Rapid, Upper Yang Isl."
Folder 2	"Windbox Gorge. Upper Yang Isl."
Folder 3	"Trackers at 'Roller Corner': Upper Yang Isl."
Folder 4	"In Niu Kao Rapid: Upper Yang Isl."
Folder 5	"Grinding Rice: Chungking"
Folder 6	"Duck Incubation by Sunshine" Chungking"
Folder 7	"Carrying Cotton from Chungking to Chentu"
Folder 8	"Travelling Cobblers & Tobacco Smoke Sellers, West China"
Folder 9	"Chinese Beggar, Chungking"
Folder 10	"Travelling in Szechwan. A Wayside Temple"
Folder 11	"A Group of Missionary Physicians. West China"

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Folder 12	“Group of Enquirers at the Four Missions in Chungking”
Folder 13	“Bible Society Agent & Colporteurs. National Bible Society of Scotland”
Folder 14	“China Inland Mission. Rev. J. Hudson Taylor & wife, with Group of Christians”
Folder 15	“China Inland Mission. The Schools. Chungking”
Folder 16	“Pagoda near Chungking”
Folder 17	“Waterwheel for Irrigating. Szechwan West China”
Folder 18	“On the way to Mount O Mi. West Szechwan”
Folder 19	“The Lion’s Mouth: Golden Mountain, South Szechwan, West China”
Folder 20	“Memorial Arch. Szechwan”
Folder 21	“Ming Tomb. Nan King”
Box 3 21 Folders	<p>Consists of photographs taken in China, [189-?]</p> <p>These photos are believed to have been taken by Robert John Davidson around 1900, a couple of which are purportedly to have been accepted by Queen Victoria. It is thought that these particular prints were either stolen or lost from Chungking during the Boxer Rebellion in 1900, after which they fell into the hands of Syd Kemp. They were found by Kathleen Davidson in a secondhand store in Shanghai in 1927 and purchased for \$2.00. (Provenance note on the back of page from Folder 19.)</p> <p>For preservation purposes, the album has been disassembled and the individual pages placed in folders.</p>
Folder 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 13-story pagoda- Yu Row Yze Rapid- Ma Chi Tze Rapid- Chung Loong Tan Rapid- Loong Tgen Tze Rapid
Folder 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ping Shan- Chungking

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Folder 3	- "A view back of I Chiang" - [Chungking?]
Folder 4	- Wu Shan - "German Steamer" - Feh t'ang - H.M.S. Kinsha - Ana Mow Temple
Folder 5	- Chungking Memorial Arch - Wu Chang Pagoda (Burned 1884) - Yan koo tao
Folder 6	- Hsing-loong-tan - "The Pyramid" I Chang
Folder 7	- Ta-Tung-Tan - [unidentified photo]
Folder 8	- I Chang, Shau Tze nan - Sam Yu Tung
Folder 9	- Hsing-loong-Tan - Tung-ling-Tan Rapid
Folder 10	- [Sautung?] Glen (torn in 2 pieces) - Yit Tan - Nue Kow Tan - French Gumboat Obrie - Tung-ling
Folder 11	- Wu Chang - Feng Chi Hsing - Ping Sin Pa - Lou Shu Chu - Foo Tan
Folder 12	- Sun Tan (2 photos) - Sam Yu Tung - Yit Tan - Nue Kow Tan
Folder 13	- Nan Toa - [unidentified photo]

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Folder 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Yit Tan- Kun Tze Kock- Sun Tan- Wu Shan
Folder 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Yung Yang Hsing- Yit Tan (2 photos)- Kwai-fu- Ping-sin-Pa
Folder 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Yung Yang Hsing Temple- Kwai-fu
Folder 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Customs House Boat at San Yu Tung- View back of I Chang- H.M. ships Kinsha, Woodcock, Woodlark at Chungking- Junks hauling around Yetan Rapid- Tung Yen Shi
Folder 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- [unidentified photos]
Folder 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sun Tan
Folder 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- [Lung?] Hang Gung, or the Dragons Kings Cavern- Hi Tan Chi Chungking (3 photos)- Chungking Pagoda
Folder 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- [Gha?] Mia t'ang- Yoh t'ang- Chungking Pagoda- [Kwiefu Sha?]- [unidentified photo]
Box 4	<p>Photographs, [1989?]-1926</p> <p>These are primarily photos of the Davidson family taken in China between approx. 1898 to 1926. Photos with identifying dates are noted.</p> <p>For preservation purposes, the album has been disassembled and the individual pages placed in folders.</p>
Folder 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Destruction of Davidson house in hills above Chungking after riots and evacuation, 1925- Chungking Paper Hunt Club, 1924-25 (including photo of HRH

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	Prince George, serving with Royal Naval River Fleet)
Folder 2	- Davidson home destruction photos - misc. Davidson family photos
Folder 3	- individual cubicles for exam writing - [unidentified photo]
Folder 4	- Friends Mission compound & house, Cheng Tu
Folder 5	- R.J. Davidson house - [unidentified photos]
Folder 6	- Friends Meeting House, Cheng Tu - [unidentified photo]
Folder 7	- Students at Friends Mission Compound School - “possibly these are some of the buildings of the West China Union University, just outside city walls, Cheng Tu
Folder 8	- Yangtze Gorge – “Roller Corner” - “probably temple on top of Mt. Omei” - Robin Davidson as a boy
Folder 9	- misc. Davidson family photos - [unidentified photos]
Folder 10	- Chungking
Folder 11	- [Chungking?]
Folder 12	- Yangtze River Gorge, [1890s]
Folder 13	- “on board house boat” - City Gate, Cheng Tu
Folder 14	- misc. Davidson family photos, Cheng Tu, 1915 - Friends Mission Compound
Folder 15	- misc. and unidentified photos
Folder 16	- [photos of Robin Davidson between 8 and 10 months old]
Folder 17	- Robin and Kathleen Davidson in house in Cheng Tu, 1916

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Folder 18	- "possibly students of West China Union University, Cheng Tu"
Folder 19	- misc. Davidson family photos
Folder 20	- Robert John Davidson, Kathleen Davidson in Cheng Tu
Folder 21	- misc. Davidson family photos, I Chang, 1925 - tennis court, Chungking
Folder 22	- Chungking Paper Chase Hunt Club, 1926 - Davidson family, 1925
Folder 23	- misc. Chungking photos
Folder 24	- misc. Chungking photos, 1924
Folder 25	- "Development across river from Chungking city, probably 1923" - misc. newspaper clippings

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