

Inventory of Documents
Donated to Old China Hands Library
At California State University – Northridge

Three Life magazines, with a three-part series on China, Sept. 23, 1966, Sept. 30, 1966 and Oct. 7, 1966

Letter of Sept. 6, 2000, from Damaris Peck Reynolds to Eva and to Helen Bacon (one of the four women whose friendship dates back to kindergarten at the Peking American School), on the occasion of Damaris' recent visit to Beijing

Nine letters, dated in 1990 and 1991, to Robert Tharp from his older brother, Gilbert, regarding the draft of Robert's book, correcting a few errors and expanding on early family experiences in China

A metal "chart" for the sounds of the Chinese language, with vowels on one side and consonants on the other

Robert Tharp's business card when he was Assistant China Relations Officer for the External Affairs Department of the Government of India

A letter dated July 29, 1987, from the American Embassy in Beijing regarding Ewald Cheer's death (a Chinese friend of Bob and Eva's who was murdered on a train in China)

Story in the Monterey Peninsula Herald, dated January 4, 1985, about the life of Ewald Cheer. After his death, various people confided in me that before he left China, Ewald had been a member of an ultra-conservative, pro-revolutionary group, and that his death was likely related to his open pronouncements that he planned to publish a book that would "tell all" – likely not only in opposition to the Cultural Revolution, but also in opposition to Chairman Mao.

July 31, 1943, letter from Geoffrey Turnal (spelling of last name uncertain), in India

Invitation to 90th birthday celebration of Damaris Peck Reynolds, including a poem written by her father when she was a month old, in Peking

1991 letter from Damaris clarifying her father Willys Peck's title and duties at the American Embassy in Peking and the duties fulfilled by Helen Bacon's and Barbara Louden's fathers in China

1989 list of Peking American School reunion, which convened in Alexandria, VA, with a scrawled note by Damaris Peck Reynolds, who apparently attended

Letter dated May 2, 1994, from Eva to Perry Link, of East Asian Studies at Princeton, giving him Robert Tharp's collection of *xichouyu*, or Chinese sayings, on a set of cards.

Xerox with 156 *xichouyu*, or Chinese sayings – not translated into English

Letter dated March 23, 1948, plus application, from Robert Tharp, applying for a job with the U.S. State Department, detailing his background and his opinion of Communist victory.

Photos and pages from the Peking American School Dragon yearbook, with Eva's photo and writing

Robert Tharp's Indian driver's license

Two tracts – one 21 pages long and stapled in the center, one on one side of thin, 12 x 12-inch paper – Bible tracts?

Calling card of Mr. S. L. Burdett to introduce Robert Tharp to Col. Yuan Chuanthan

Workers Together, dated September-October 1953; see page 485 for an article by Edwin Tharp (Robert Tharp's father) re: the burial of his 11-month-old firstborn, Eleanor Avenall Tharp, in 1906

1981 letter from and articles about Daniel Kelly, an American-Chinese who was born in China and imprisoned from 1957 to 1978? In China; letter to Mrs. Charles Kautto in Redlands

Chant of the Roving Mendicant by Robert Tharp, presented to Damaris and Tom Reynolds on their 50th anniversary in November 1982

Shulaibao, a mendicant's chant written for Kimberly Morris and Paul Mahr by Robert Tharp on the occasion of their wedding in August 1992

56 letters from fans of *They Called Us White Chinese* who also had China childhoods or other China connections – with addresses

Plus 12 such letters which contain no return addresses

Two pages from an account book dated October-November 1937, R.N. Tharp, China Inland Mission, Tientsin

Letter from James Pauley and photo presenting a copy of *They Called Us White Chinese* to the National Security Agency's librarian

Letter from Clark Randt Jr., U.S. ambassador to China, dated March 15, 2002, to Eva Tharp regarding *They Called Us White Chinese* – he studied Chinese at the Defense Language Institute in 1968 and recalled Robert Tharp's voice on language tapes.

Letters of Interest – a pamphlet dated May 1953, with a photo of Robert Tharp's father, Edwin, on the cover. No article inside the pamphlet seems to relate back to the photographs.

A 6-page letter and a 2-page letter from Robert Jamieson regarding his grandfather's work in China in 1891.

Monograph by Ray Smith, and a letter from him, regarding his uncle and a cousin who were killed in China in 1932

Seven passports: 3 of Evangeline Tharp's; two of Robert Tharp's, and one each of Robert's sister, Ruth Tharp's, and his father's Edwin Tharp

One black photo album, with photos primarily of Robert and Evangeline, probably taken during their courtship, judging by notes on the back of a few of them. Photos are 2" x 2".

Two obituaries: Robert Tharp's from the Monterey Herald, and one for Paul Kok, Evangeline's brother (which, oddly, does not mention his Chinese background)

Two articles, One dated May 8, 1975, from the Baptist Courier, on Paul Kok's recent retirement, the other dated Feb. 20, 1975, in the Sumter News, upon his retirement from his ministry; both recount his life among the "Lost Tribe."

San Francisco News clipping marked "'42 or '44" (no actual date on clipping), with a caption: "Mrs. Walter Unna, Red Cross worker ... helps Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Tharp compose their first real letter in three years to Mrs. Tharp's father, a diplomat interned in Peiping. (photo only)

Six-page account of Robert and Evangeline's return to Lingyuan and then their flight after the Communist attack

A copy of a book, *Miss Moore* by F.H. Kim Krentz, a 1937 graduate of the Peking American School. Miss Moore was head of the school during Evangeline's years there.

Comparison Table of the Romanization Systems of Chinese; a Xerox copy from the Republic of China Yearbook, 1989 (a similar if not identical table was included in the book, *They Called Us White Chinese*).

Copy of the New Haven Register, dated Jan. 28, 1962, with several stories on the Institute of Far Eastern Languages, where Robert and Evangeline Tharp worked

Speech given on the Institute of Far Eastern Languages' program, delivered by Robert Tharp in Berlin sometime in August or September, 1964

Black Binder, containing:

Two or three dozen printed tracts on thin paper – possibly Bible tracts?

About a dozen letters from “Les” in Tientsin, written to the Tharps in the U.S. in 1948

One letter from “Blind Man Chu”

Three letters from “Keeble” in Tientsin

One letter in Chinese

Letters to Robert McCann in Tientsin, and letters to Ford Motors, Nanking, all relating to Robert Tharp’s attempts to do business with China from the U.S.

U.S. citizenship application papers dated 1954

Nonimmigrant visa applications dated 1947

E-mails exchanged by former IFEL students about Evangeline Tharp’s brother, Jerry Kok and his extraordinary ability to read Chinese upside-down and backwards, learned when he worked in a printing office in China

Jerry Kok’s obituary

Three business cards of Robert Tharp’s when he was Coordinator for Building Bilingual Bridges in New York City

A 6 x 8-inch envelope of assorted photographs of North China scenes and people, mostly not identified

An 8 x 10-inch envelope of photos, mostly included in *They Called Us White Chinese* (each that was included has a tag attached that identifies on which page it appeared – the caption material for that photo is found on that page in the book); envelope was labeled: “photos for consideration to be sent for enlargement to Old China Hands Convention”

Letter to “Ms. Fintel” – and IRS agent, I believe – from Yen Chih Lee, owner of Chef Lee’s restaurant in Monterey. This letter was undoubtedly written with the help of Robert Tharp, who served as assistant and translator through Mr. Lee’s business expansion and loaned him much of the money to dramatically remodel his restaurant.

Seven-page account titled, “The Lost Tribe of China,” apparently written by Evangeline Tharp’s brother, Paul Kok, who served as a missionary in the described region before 1937.

Copy of *The Ravin’* – a poem based on Edgar Allen Poe’s *The Raven*, written in jest by one of Robert Tharp’s IFEL students

Photocopy of a book, *East of the Barrier: Side Lights on the Manchurian Mission* by Rev. J. Milelr Graham, 1902

Monterey Life magazine dated May 1986, which, on page 73, makes mention of Eva’s Jyaudz Factory

Clipping from Jan. 6, 1989 Pacific Grove Monarch, which also mentions Eva's Jyaudz Factory, though it spells it wrong

Page of the Aug. 21, 1986, Monterey Peninsula Herald, with article on "China School Alumni Share Memories from 1930s" -- including a photo of Eva Kok Tharp sitting next to Alison Stilwell Cameron (daughter of Gen. Joseph Stilwell).

Photos of Evangeline and Robert taken in Eva's Jyaudz Factory

Genealogy of Evangeline's family, containing, of particular interest, Evangeline's recollections of her parents, as well as recollections of various other relatives, and notes of an interview of Dr. J. C. Maris. He is interviewed by Edward Frens, a younger cousin of Evangeline's, who also compiled this genealogy. The interview sheds light on Evangeline's father's religious convictions and his role in the International Council of Christian Churches.

Items sent later:

1912 (2nd edition), Chinese-English Dictionary, Herbert A. Giles

- 1 Notes in preparation of a 50th reunion of the class of 1936 of several American schools in China – probably of the most interest are the last two pages, with names and addresses of some of the participants/graduates.
- 2 Correspondence back and forth between Jane Sheeks and Evangeline Tharp, including bits of their family histories and memories of old Peking.
- 3 A biography of Alice Moore, long-time teacher and principal at Peking American School, written by her nephew, John Kendall, in 1989.
- 4 Correspondence and an article written by Evangeline Tharp telling of how she came to open a Jaio-tze factory in Monterey.
- 5 A copy of the April 1937 Asia magazine, containing articles by both Pearl Buck and S. I. Hayakawa.

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