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## Guide to the Elmer F. Coulston Collection

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### Descriptive Summary

**Creators:** Various

**Title:** Elmer F. Coulston Collection

**Date Span:** 1930 - 1936

**Abstract:** Small collection of correspondence, newspaper clippings, documents, and photographs related to the medical work of Elmer F. and Leatha Wenke Coulston at the North China Sanitarium and Hospital, Kalgan, China, and to his death and funeral in 1934. Also included are two, blue silk banners from Dr. Coulston's funeral. Elmer Floyd Coulston graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists on June 22, 1930.

**Languages:** English

**Extent:** 59 items

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## **Biographical / Historical Note**

Elmer Floyd Coulston was born in Los Angeles, California, on October 24, 1905 to L. C. and Mable Coulston. He died in Peiping, China, on May 26, 1934, at the age of twenty-eight years, seven months, and two days. His early days were spent in Battle Creek, Michigan, where his grandfather C. H. Gage had served as mayor and one of the first pastors of the Battle Creek Tabernacle. Elmer attended Emmanuel Missionary College, now Andrews University, and then in 1924, he enrolled in the College of Medical Evangelists, School of Medicine, graduating in 1930. Shortly before completing his year of internship work with the St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, he accepted a call to work in China. On August 17, 1930 he married Leatha Wenke of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and on August 30, 1930, they sailed to China.

Elmer and Leatha spent their first year in China studying the language in Peiping while the new hospital – the North China Sanitarium and Hospital – was being built in Kalgan, gateway to Mongolia. While only able to work at the Hospital for three years, Dr. Coulston made quite an impact. He was said to be one of the three best Chinese language students that the Peiping College of Chinese Studies ever had; he was viewed as a natural teacher and demonstrated an unusual ability in providing wide and varied service to the sick, using his language skills along with his medical skills in helping all understand their condition and what they must do to help in the healing process.

Dr. Coulston battled pleurisy and fever, and became ill on Friday, the eighteenth of May, one week before his death, but insisted on making his usual rounds. On the following Sunday, he responded to an emergency call, laboring over a dying person, giving artificial respiration for three hours, until exhausted he went to bed. He would not be able to leave the bed, dying six days later. An article in *Missions Quarterly* (see Series IV) and several of the letters state that Dr. Coulston had contracted an especially virulent case of diphtheria.

## Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of only a handful of documents – correspondence, diploma, newspaper clippings – regarding the medical missionary work that Dr. Elmer F. Coulston and his wife Leatha in Kalgan, China, where they worked until Elmer's untimely death at the age of 29 in 1934. Although only working there for three years, Dr. Coulston made quite an impact in the lives of the Chinese people.

The material dates from 1930 to 1936. To add background information, department staff have pulled together biographical information and obituaries and added such to the collection.

The collection is organized into the following four series:

- I. Correspondence
- II. Documents and Photographs
- III. Newspaper Clippings
- IV. Biographical Information
- V. Funeral banners - boxed separately

## Administrative Information

**Restrictions on access:** None

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**Provenance:** Records indicate that the funeral banners were donated to the University in January 1986 by Jean Boyd. No indication of when the correspondence, photographs, documents and newspaper clippings were acquired. However, they were not listed in the accession ledger until 1995. We are unsure whether this signifies that they were not acquired until that time, or weren't listed in the ledger until that date, but acquired earlier.

### **Preferred citation:**

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## Processing Information

### Access Points

#### Subjects (Individuals):

Coulston, Elmer Floyd, 1905-1934  
Coulston, Leatha  
Miller, Harry Willis  
Stickler, George  
Esteb, Adlai Albert  
Coulston, Harold  
Appel, George J.  
Appel, Laura

#### Subjects (Organizations):

North China Sanitarium and Hospital  
Shanghai Sanitarium  
College of Medical Evangelists (Loma Linda, Calif.)

#### Subjects (Topical and Geographical):

Peiping, China  
Kalgan, China  
Medical Missions – China  
Seventh-day Adventists – Missions  
Missionaries, Medical

### Document types

Correspondence  
Newspaper clippings  
Diploma

### Container List

Key: ALS = Autograph Letter Signed  
TL = Typed Letter [unsigned]  
TLS = Typed Letter Signed  
ccTL = carbon copy Typed Letter [unsigned]  
ccTLS = carbon copy Typed Letter Signed  
TD = Typed Document  
ccTD = carbon copy Typed Document

**Series I: Correspondence****Language:** English**Extent:** 27 letters (107 ½ pp.)**Ser:Fld**                      **Description**

<b>I : 1</b>	<b>1931</b>
I : 1 : 1	Elmer to father and family. 1931 April 19, Peiping, China. ALS, 8 pp. plus envelope. -- Speaks of being extremely busy, going to Tientsin to buy a piano, accompanying Elder [George J.] Appel and Mr. E. C. Wood (building contractor) to Kalgan to make final arrangements for the new hospital, etc. Had to get an injection to protect against typhoid fever. Discusses George Strickler being killed in an auto accident, people being reassigned to various mission fields, how eager he is to start work in Kalgan, performing minor operations in his home. Informs his father that he and Leatha are expecting a baby come Christmas.
I : 1 : 2	Elmer to father. 1931 October 16, Kalgan, China. TLS, 3 pp. -- Apologizes for not writing sooner. Enjoys the personal letters between the two of them, feeling it draws them closer together. Mentions that the American consul-general and his assistant from Paotau visited and were very appreciative of their hospitality. Talks about Harold [presumably a brother] going off to college. Discusses economic conditions in China and the U.S.
<b>I : 2</b>	<b>1933</b>
I : 2 : 1	Leatha to parents. 1933 May, Kalgan, China. ALS, 4 pp. -- Talks about receiving Dad's letter, Elmer going to the train station to pick up fruit and vegetables they have sent up from Peking once a week, Elmer has to see patients outside. Describes some of the cases Elmer has had, the number of patients currently in the hospital and funds collected for the month. Asks for some more quilting fabric and 65\$ for a new bicycle for the nurse to use going up to the clinic every day, powder shakers for the operating room, material to sew on the sleeves of surgical gowns, and sponge rings. Thanks them for the things they have sent. Describes returning from the clinic on the bicycle over the bridge with a band of soldiers crossing at the same time. Describes how retreating soldiers and bandits, 3000 strong, camped a few feet from the compound the night before, how machine guns are stationed less than a block away. Planted lotus bulbs in the lily pond. Made sheets for new patients.
I : 2 : 2	Leatha to Elmer's parents. 1933 May 19, Kalgan, Chahar [China]. ALS, 4 pp. -- Talks about going to Peking, class, visitors – Miss Andrus, Elder Oso,

	<p>Elder Hall, Mr. Christian, Elder Christiansen, Bruce, Harry Miller and a Russian nurse. Discusses hospital finances, how fun it is to build a new institution, how they are enjoying themselves there, having pictures taken, wages cut another 6%, quilt fabric, Mrs. Christiansen and baby that are sick.</p>
I : 2 : 3	<p>Elmer to folks at home. 1933 May 20, Kalgan, China. AL, 6 pp.  -- Expresses his interest in his brother Harold's medical school plans – should be on his way soon to Loma Linda. Inquires whether Lawrence will be going there as well. The weather is cold; he has planted 6 dozen tomato plants, but doesn't expect many to survive. Discusses the hospital's finances - the Division Committee took away their budget thus they have had to be self-supporting. The clinic averages 35-40 patients every afternoon. Talks of a couple of patients who had been at death's door, but now recovered. Enjoying the Victrola on which they play Stephen Foster records. Would like to have some hymns and pipe organ pieces. Speaks of the Russian nurse that Harry Miller brought from Shanghai, and about Dr. Miller's work and connections within the Chinese government. Elmer and Leatha went to Peiping on business. Working on their yard and garden.</p>
I : 2 : 4	<p>Elmer to family. 1933 May 27, Sabbath afternoon. ALS, 4 pp.  -- Mentions receiving many letters from home – from Dad, Father Wenke, Randal Wenke, and Mother. Remarks how he wishes his parents' trip had brought them by China, as they could have had a lovely visit. Talks about the Chinese soldiers that have been fighting the Japanese, retreating through town; bandit troops moving about outside the compound, guns mounted on a hill, troops at the north wall, a soldier who had accidentally shot himself through the thigh. Martial law was declared which could have prevented him from going to the clinic, but he rode his bike through the sentries with their swords, guns, bayonets and pistols. Upon his return he discovered the local government had been changed and all weapons taken away from the police; General Feng Yu Hsiang has asserted authority in North China. Talks of the surgeries he has performed recently. Hot dry weather making gardening difficult. The Russian nurse is proving quite helpful.</p>
I : 2 : 5	<p>Leatha to folks. 1933 Jun 19, Kalgan, Chahar [China]. ALS, 3 pp.  -- It has been a dark rainy day, for which she is happy. Started the rose garden quilt. Would love to have more fabric. Drew the pattern to show how the quilt will look. Remarks on the General still being in the hospital and how he comes to eat at their house. The colporteurs sold him \$205 worth of books. Elmer is going to ask him for money for the hospital.  -- Addendum, Tuesday P.M. "Dear Mother" – Leatha talks more about the quilts.</p>

I : 2 : 6	<p>Elmer to Leatha, 1933 Jun 28, North China Sanitarium and Hospital, Kalgan, Chahar, China. 4 pp.</p> <p>-- Expresses how much he loves her and thinks so much of her. Speaks of Orel &amp; Mrs Matlsev preparing to leave. Had to go visit General Tang [or Feng] to get a pass for Elder Appel to visit Mongolia, seeing patients. General Feng sent a car to bring him to the hospital to tend General Shang who had shot himself in the abdomen.</p>
I : 2 : 7	<p>Elmer to parents. 1933 Jul 1, Kalgan, China. ALS, 7 pp.</p> <p>-- Comments about how long it has taken him to write, receiving letters and packages, excited to hear about Harold's graduation and then going to Loma Linda [presumably the College of Medical Evangelists]. Speaks of being so weary and how he doesn't know how he can keep going. Won't get vacation this year, but is not going to let Leatha work all summer like she did the year before. Sent Leatha off to Peiping to rest. Mr. Erich arrived from Mukden to set up the x-ray equipment and instruct Elmer on its use, but the generator is not providing enough current. Tells how Elder Christensen has been sick for three weeks and so he and his family are going for a month's vacation at the beach. Have had several important Chinese officials at the hospital – General Fang Chen Wu came to rest for five days. Elmer went with him to review troops and then visit a temple. General Fang promised to make a good offering for a boy's dormitory. Received a call from General Feng Yu Hsiang to come treat a soldier who was shot in the stomach. Speaks of difficulty in going to Mongolia but his good relations with the military helps. Treating morphine and opium-addicted soldiers, and others.</p>
I : 2 : 8	<p>Leatha to parents. 1933 July 4, Kalgan, Chahar. ALS, 2 pp.</p> <p>-- 4<sup>th</sup> of July, but they stayed home. Wanted to go to the Great Wall for a picnic supper, but it rained. Mentions that Elmer has pleurisy. Mr. Eric is there from Mukden to get the x-ray started. Leatha had 10 days of rest in Peking, where she stayed at the Estebes, read until late at night and then had breakfast in bed. Talks of her quilting projects.</p>
I : 2 : 9	<p>Leatha to parents. 1933 July 31, Kalgan, Chahar. ALS, 3 ½ pp.</p> <p>-- Tells how all telephone lines between Kalgan and Peking have been cut and she is worried as Elmer is still sick with pleurisy and they have 48 patients in the hospital. All the doctors in Shanghai, except Harry Miller, have gone on vacation and they can't find anyone to come help. She has had to work until 11:30 at night which isn't easy as the lights go out at 9:30. Describes the ordeal of getting a patient admitted: running home to make a straw tick or get a quilt made; run and pull a pillow off another patient's bed... If Mr. Erich leaves, Leatha feels they would have to close the hospital. Describes a wedding she went to.</p>
I : 2 : 10	<p>Leatha to parents. 1933 August 3, Kalgan, Chahar [China]. ALS, 5 pp.</p>

	<p>-- Begins the letter stating that the one o'clock whistle just blew and she should take a nap, but wants to write first, then she'll take a sun bath and then back to the clinic. Discusses some of the patients she has seen that morning in the clinic, problems with the local help at the hospital, difficulty traveling with all the soldiers about. States Elmer is not well at all; has no pep or strength. Feels that if they don't get help, they will have to close the hospital. Seems a pity that there aren't any doctors in China that could help, but there are so many idle doctors in America. Brags about Elmer's skills and how the patients adore him.</p>
<b>I : 3</b>	<b>1934</b>
I : 3 : 1	<p>Leatha to folks. 1934 April 16, Kalgan, Chahar [China]. 13 pp. [Written over many days]</p> <p>-- Elmer is lying on the davenport reading the <i>Reader's Digest</i>. Been a very busy day. Have 66 patients in the hospital. Elmer amputated three feet, vaccinated two hundred prisoners, had twenty one patients at the clinic, and neck gland biopsy. Last Thursday fifteen patients came in at the same time. Six of the fifteen were blind. Had to strip all the beds of extra bedding, wash such, make quilts. By night time every man had a mattress pad, quilt pillow, etc. Now have nineteen patients on the floor in the ward. Sabbath, after taking a walk, returned to find eleven more patients waiting. Last night had to put five more patients in the attic. Only first and second class patients get sheets. Received a letter from Elder Appel who is supervising the building of a new hospital in Lanchow. Weather is warming. Having problems with the cleaning boy not cleaning the bathroom. [Thursday 6:30 p.m.] – They don't bathe the third class patients. Having a linen dress made by the tailor. Talks of quilt fabrics. [Thursday evening] -- Wishes she had someone to carry the nursing responsibilities. [Friday noon] – Received a telegram from Elmer saying he is returning that day. Hopes so as a patient needs his leg amputated. [Sabbath a.m.] – Elmer did not make the train home. Stayed with a medical student all night who was hemorrhaging. Speaks of patients, doing the best she can for them but knowing that they will die. [Sunday] – Elmer made it home and is sleeping. He was so weary he could hardly stand, his white uniform was black, and he had several days' worth of whiskers, so worn and haggard. He has lost much weight. They are both a bit discouraged. Almost decided to ask for a transfer unless they can get some help. Cautions not to share this part of the letter. They love the work, but they need help and rest. All of the other doctor's except Dr. Miller are on vacation, but Elmer is sick. Feel the work is "going to smash" because Elmer is sick and they have no nurses. The Union expects them to make the hospital a go, but don't do anything to get them help. States that she cannot take all the work if they want to have another baby</p>



	[first one died].
I : 3 : 2	<p>Harry Miller, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist, The China Division. 1934 May 27, Shanghai, China, writing to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Coulston. TLS, 2 pp.</p> <p>-- Informing them of the death of Elmer, just twenty-four hours after having sent them a cable saying he was seriously ill. The funeral is to be on Wednesday. Speaks of the hardships Elmer and Leatha had experienced – loss of their child, poor health, attempts on Elmer’s life by soldiers, illness. Doesn’t know who they will find to replace Elmer. Speaks of others who have laid down their lives in the China mission field. Doesn’t know Leatha’s plans.</p>
I : 3 : 3	<p>W. E. Howell to L. C. Coulston. 1934 May 28. Telegram.</p> <p>-- Elmer died Saturday night in Peiping of Diphtheria. Funeral Wednesday. Please notify wife’s relatives and others.</p>
I : 3 : 4	<p>Leatha to L. C. Coulston. 1934 Jun, Peiping, China. ALS, 4 pp.</p> <p>-- Feels like a ship without a rudder – so much to do and to think about. Mr. Christian has been appointed administrator of everything, but he is not clever nor is he awfully bright. She has to pay the attorney 5% on everything, including Elmer’s clothes. They have even asked whether there is any money in America. Doesn’t understand why everything should be turned over to lawyers. She is staying with Florence and Adali in Peking. Leaving on Wednesday. Talks how Elmer fought for his life and how hard it was to see him die. Doesn’t seem like it could be God’s will for him to go. Outwardly she appears brave, but she is struggling so inside. Struggling with her faith. Gets conflicting advice. About broke her heart to leave Kalgan, four weeks to the night she took Elmer to Peiping</p>
I : 3 : 5	<p>Harry Miller to L. C. Coulston. 1934 Jun 5, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist The China Division, Shanghai, China. TLS, 1 p., plus 7 pp. enclosures.</p> <p>-- Dr. Miller writes to Elmer’s father, sending him a copy of the letter he wrote to Percy Magan of the College of Medical Evangelists, Los Angeles campus. Also discusses Leatha’s plans and the plans for the memorial service.</p> <p>With:</p> <p>Harry Miller to Dr. P. [Percy] T. Magan. 1934 Jun 4, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist The China Division, Shanghai, China. ccTL, 1 p., plus 6 pp. of enclosures</p> <p>-- Discusses the Elmer’s funeral service and working with the Home Board to find a replacement. Expresses sympathy for Elmer’s father, L. C. Coulston.</p>

	<p>Enclosures:</p> <p>Obituary. ccTD with autograph corrections, 1 p. -- Obituary of Dr. Elmer Floyd Coulston.</p> <p>"Memoirs to the Late Doctor Coulston: Address at Funeral in Peiping and Kalgan, May 29, 1934 by Dr. Harry W. Miller." ccTD, 5 pp. -- Copy of the funeral address present in Series IV: Folder 1.</p>
I : 3 : 6	<p>Leatha to Elmer's parents. 1934 June 21, Kalgan, Chahar, [China]. ALS, 2 ½ pp.</p> <p>-- Talks of how hard it is to leave China [she is leaving that night]. Sending photographs for family to share. Heading to Peiping to have shoes made, then is going to Chiao Tou Tseng. Remarks that it was only four weeks since she left Kalgan to take Elmer to Peiping, now she is leaving again, alone, and leaving her two loved ones [Elmer and son] in the little cemetery there. [Verso] – writes of Dr. [Herbert] Liu who is taking Elmer's place, and not very well. Asks if there is anything they want on Elmer's tombstone. Remarks that the railroad men want to erect a memorial for Elmer.</p>
I : 3 : 7	<p>Leatha to folks. On train. ALS, 2 pp. [undated but clearly written shortly after the letter above.</p> <p>-- Tells how lonely the trip has been. Will arrive in Chiao Tou Tseng about noon. Can't decide whether she wants to stay in China or go home to America. Speaks again of how they couldn't get help at the hospital and how she feels that contributed to Elmer's death.</p>
I : 3 : 8	<p>Leatha to folks. 1934 Jul 5, Chiao Tou Tseng [China]. ALS, 8 pp.</p> <p>-- Remarks on having received their letters, written just after Elmer's death, that morning. She is staying in Chiao Tou Tseng with Calista and Cecil, who are a real comfort to her. Relates the events of the night Elmer died – how the young workers at the clinic/hospital would not call a doctor. Speaks of how much she misses Elmer, how lonely she is without him, and how she often cries herself to sleep. Speaks of how much Elmer was liked. Does not want them to worry about her financially – she has sold their furniture and the Mission paid her both Elmer's and her wages for June. Speaks more of how Elmer worked so hard with no help. Still doesn't know what she wants to do.</p>
I : 3 : 9	<p>George J. Appel to Leatha. 1934 Nov 8, North China Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, Peiping, China. TLS, 1 p.</p> <p>-- Elder Appel writes that he will make sure Elmer's tombstone is ordered in harmony with her wishes. Dr. and Mrs. Mourer will go on to Kalgan to work in the hospital. A memorial to Elmer is being erected in front of the hospital. Talks of his trip to Mongolia and the station in Suiyuan.</p>

<b>I : 4</b>	<b>1935</b>
I : 4 : 1	Laura [Appel] to Friends and loved ones. 1935 Feb 10, Lanchow, Kansu [China]. ccTLS, 6 pp. -- Tells the story of the long, arduous, and harrowing trip from North China to Lanchow, where they are now stationed.
I : 4 : 2	Laura [Appel] to Friends and loved ones. 1935 Oct 24, S. D. A. Mission, Sianfu, Shensi [China]. ccTLS, 4 pp. -- Relates news of an explosion at the compound in Lanchow, and their trip from Lanchow to Sianfu.
I : 4 : 3	Laura [Appel] to Leatha. 1935 Dec 5, Lanchow, Kansu [China]. TLS, 2 ½ pp. -- Relates news from China.

## Series II: Documents and Photographs

**Language:** English

**Extent:** 6 items

### Ser:Fld                      Description

II : 1	Diploma. Photograph of Elmer F. Coulston's diploma from The College of Medical Evangelists for the degree of Doctor of Medicine, given on June 22, 1930.
II : 2	In Memoriam. Invitation to attend the funeral service of Elmer F. Coulston, to be held at the North China Sanitarium and Hospital, Kalgan, China, May 26, 1934 at 8:45 p.m. On the second sheet, invitees are requested to sign their names. TD with 27 signatures, 2 (8 ½ x 11") 2 pp. attached to a blue construction paper sheet with two metal brads.  Obituary written by H. Christian, prepared and read the day of Elmer's funeral service.
II : 3	Esteb, Adlai Albert. "Itinerating in the Great Northwest". Poem. ccTD, 12 pp.
II : 4	1. Dr. Elmer F. Coulston Funeral. Photograph, 8 ¾ x 11 in., B&W. Funeral service with Dr. Harry Miller and four other individuals on platform. Casket in front. Attendees sitting on wooden benches. Chinese banners hanging overhead. Floral wreaths and potted flowers.  2. Dr. Elmer F. Coulston's gravesite. Photograph, 8 ¾ x 11 in., B&W. Seven men, including Dr. Harry Miller, Esteb, Ward, Scharffenberg, standing at Coulston's gravesite with numerous baskets of flowers and other floral arrangements on and beside the grave.

II : 5

Funeral photographs. 18 small (3 3/8 x 4 3/8 in.), B&W photographs of the Dr. Elmer F. Coulston funeral procession and funeral service. 10 unique images; 8 with duplicate copies.

A. Casket with flowers on back of truck with two Chinese men driving. Three non-Chinese men in suits standing behind truck outside wall of town. 2 copies.

B. Horse-drawn carriage with Chinese driver, presumably with Mrs. Coulston inside. Various townspeople/hospital staff standing behind. Outside of town beside wall. 2 copies.

C. Chinese children holding flags, banners and floral arrangements lining up alongside wall. 2 copies.

D. Funeral procession proceeding along sunken road beside wall of town. Men and boys in front holding banners on poles. 2 copies.

E. Dr. Harry W. Miller walking in front of truck carrying casket, with the rest of the funeral procession following behind proceeding on sunken road beside wall of town. 2 copies.

F. Townspeople at end of procession - on foot, riding bicycles, riding in rickshaw carts proceeding on sunken road beside wall of town. 2 copies.

G. People gathered in cemetery. Others visible on hillside next to wall of town. 2 copies.

H. Attendees standing together, some with heads bowed. Woman in center of photo with handkerchief to eye; another woman holding her arm. Center woman possibly Leatha Coulston. Flowers on burial mound visible in lower left corner of photo. 2 copies.

I. Funeral service in cemetery. Attendees standing in square within cemetery. Burial mound with flowers in lower right of photo, within square of attendees.

J. Non-Chinese nurse standing in front of group of Chinese men, women and children, many of whom appear to have been hospital/clinic staff.

### Series III: Newspaper clippings

**Language:** English

**Extent:** 4 articles

**Summary:** The newspaper clippings here report the death of Dr. Elmer F. Coulston in Peiping, China on May 26, 1934, at the age of 29. Most of the clippings do not give the name of the newspaper, nor the date on which the article appeared.

**Ser:Fld:Item**            **Description**

III : 1 : 1	<p>“Dr. Coulston is Dead in Orient” -- 21 ½ column inches. Name of newspaper incomplete, possible the <i>Battle Creek Enquirer and Evening News</i>. May 29, 1934. Two copies.</p>
III : 1 : 2	<p>“The Late Dr. Elmer F. Coulston. Impressive Funeral at Kalgan. Tributes of Affection and Esteem.” – Newspaper clipping from the Peiping [China] paper. Page 8, June 2, 1934. 19 ¾ column inches; 6 ¼ in. wide.</p> <p>Concluded on p.12:</p> <p>“The Late Dr. Elmer F. Coulston.” (Concluded from Page 8) – Page 12, 5 3/5 column inches.</p> <p>“Biographical note” – possibly part of the above described article begins: “Dr. Elmer Floyd Coulston, eldest son of C. and Mable Coulston...” – Newspaper clipping. 9 ½ column inches.</p>
III : 1 : 3	<p>“Grateful Chinese Erect Memorial to Local Man” – Newspaper clipping from a Battle Creek, Michigan, newspaper. Article begins on page 1 and concludes on page 8. Total of 13 ½ column inches. Two copies.</p>
III : 1 : 4	<p>“Missions Call Many Into Strange Climes”; “Monument Erected by Grateful Chinese As a Memorial to Dr. Elmer Coulston Who Gave His Life in Medical Service.”; “Widow Returns to China” – The Battle Creek Enquirer, Sunday, November 29, 1936, pg. 1 (full page) – the newspaper dedicated the entire front page of the paper to individuals who had or currently were serving in medical and pastoral missions in various countries. A picture of the monument erected in Coulston’s honor is included, plus a short paragraph about Coulston’s wife Leatha returning to China to teach in the Shanghai Sanitarium.</p>

#### Series IV: Biographical Information

**Language:** English

**Extent:** 5 items

**Summary:** The material contained in this series (primarily photocopies) did not come with the collection, but was gathered together by department staff to give background and biographical information.

#### Ser:Fld:Item            Description

IV : 1 : 1	Obituary. <i>The China Division Reporter</i> . Vol. 4, No. 7, July 1934, p. 22
IV : 1 : 2	Miller, Harry W. "Memoirs to the Late Doctor Coulston". <i>The China Division Reporter</i> . Vol. 4, No. 7, July 1934, p. 22-23
IV : 1 : 3	Obituary. <i>The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald</i> . Vol. 111, No. 33, August 16, 1934, p. 21.
IV : 1 : 4	Coulston, Elmer F. "The North China Sanitarium and Hospital". <i>The China Division Reporter</i> , Vol. 4, No. 7, July 1934, p.15-16. – Dr. Coulston's article regarding the North China Sanitarium and Hospital, published posthumously.
IV : 1 : 5	Green, C. B. "Chahar's Pioneer Medical Missionary", <i>Missions Quarterly</i> , Vol. 25, No. 2, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr, 1936, p. 9-13.

#### Series V: Funeral banners

**Language:** Chinese

**Extent:** 2 items

**Summary:** Two large banners that were hung at Dr. Elmer F. Coulston's funeral. Both banners were made with black lettering in Chinese on a cream satin background, bordered with royal blue satin with a backing fabric of peacock blue silk. The lettering was painted on with a brush.

Attached to the first banner is a slip of paper that reads:

"He Gave Himself For The Salvation of Men"

"Sacrificing Self to Save Others"

Governor Sung of Chachar

We presume this to be a translation of the wording on both banners. We are taking steps to confirm this. The note also indicates that the banners were a tribute to Coulston by the governor of the Chachar province. Due to the size of the banners, they are housed separately.

**Box:Ser:Fld**

2 : V : 1	Banner - 41 x 88 in.
2 : V : 2	Banner - 42 x 90 in.

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