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**HOCKIN FAMILY FONDS. – 1899-1991. – 2.41 m of textual material.**

The Hockin Family fonds consists of the papers of three generations of Methodist/United Church of Canada clergy and missionaries. Arthur Hockin (1851-1932) was a Methodist minister in Nova Scotia, and the father of Arthur Hockin, Jr. (1879-1912) who, with his wife Lily [Howie] Hockin were missionaries of the Methodist Church in West China, 1910-1912. Howie was the daughter of Isaac Howie (1835-1915), a Methodist minister in New Brunswick.

Arthur Hockin died of typhus in China (1912), and his wife and young daughter Katharine (1910-1993), returned to Canada. In 1914 Lily Hockin returned with her daughter to China as a missionary under the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada. She remained there until 1927 when illness forced her return to Canada, and a period of living with her Howie siblings in Vancouver. In 1933 she went out to China for a third time, as a member of the United Church of Canada, remaining until 1946. In the latter year she joined her daughter Katharine in New York where the latter was studying at Columbia University. In 1948, Lily Howie returned to Vancouver while Katharine went back to China as a missionary of the United Church of Canada. In 1960 Lily joined Katharine in Toronto and remained there her death in 1960.

Katharine Hockin was a missionary, teacher, author and administrator in her long career in the United Church of Canada. Educated in China, Vancouver, New York and Bangalore, India, she served as a teacher among Canadian Natives at Ahousaht, Vancouver Island (1933-1936), and was Maritime Secretary of the Student Christian Movement (1937-1939). She had two terms as a missionary in China (1939-1951), interrupted by her educational furlough in New York (1946-1948). She was forced to leave China under the new Communist regime, in 1952. In that year she was began teaching Religious Education and Missions at the United Church Training School in Toronto, remaining there until 1958. Following travel and studies in India, she became World Mission Visitor for the Student Christian Movement (1960-1964). In 1964 she was named Dean of Students at the Canadian School of Missions and Ecumenical Institute and later served as interim Director of that institution, retiring in 1976. Katharine Hockin took an active interest in the United Church of Canada, and served on several committees, including important work within the Division of World Outreach. In addition to her teaching and committee work, Katharine Hockin was also an active speaker in the field of Bible Study and Religious Education for several congregations.

The fonds is divided into three series: Hockin-Howie Families' Records, 1899-1958, which consists, for the most part, of correspondence between Arthur and Lily Hockin and their respective families.

The second series, Lily [Howie] Hockin - Katharine Hockin correspondence, 1918-1982, consists of almost weekly correspondence between mother and daughter, with some incidental correspondence to other family members.

The third series, Katharine Hockin Records, 1924-1990, consists of correspondence, essays, manuscripts, notes and related material, covering her schooling, teaching and educational administration at the United Church Training School and later the Ecumenical Institute, the Bible Study talks and lectures she gave to church groups, and material related to United Church of Canada committees on which she sat.

**SERIES 1: HOCKIN-HOWIE FAMILIES' RECORDS. - 1899-1958. 40 cm of textual records.**

Lily Howie and Arthur Hockin, Jr. were both children of the manse. Isaac Howie (1835-1915) was a Methodist minister in New Brunswick, while Arthur Hockin (1851-1932) was a minister of the same denomination in Nova Scotia. Lily and Arthur Jr. (1879-1912) were missionaries to China, where he contracted typhus and succumbed to that illness in 1912, two years after the birth of their only child. Lily

remained a missionary in China until 1927 when illness forced her return to Canada. There she recuperated in the company of her daughter, Katharine, who had preceded her mother to Vancouver where they resided with Lily's mother, Kate Cooper Howie (grandmother), and sisters Julia, Jessie and Minnie Howie.

<b>Acc.</b>	<b>Box-File</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
<b>Subseries 1: Arthur Hockin Records, 1910-1931</b>			
93.006C	1-5	Correspondence to Arthur and Lily	1910-1916
	2-5	Correspondence to Lily and Katharine	1926-1931
<b>Subseries 2: Arthur Hockin Junior Records, 1904-1953</b>			
	1-2	Diary	1909-1912
	1-4	Correspondence	1904-1912
	1-6	Memorial Book and correspondence re: death	1912
	1-7	Sermons, notes, notebooks	
	1-8	Obituary notices of Hockin's death	1912
	8-3	Correspondence re: removal of Hockin's grave in Shanghai, China	1953
	12-1	Letters of condolence re: Hockin's death	1912
	12-2	Correspondence of Arthur Hockin Jr., and Lily Howie	1904-1918
	12-3	---	1904-1911
	17-1	'The Methodist Ritual and Pastor's Pocket Record,' of Arthur Hockin	1905-1908
<b>Subseries 3: Howie Family Records, 1899-1948</b>			
	1-3	Correspondence of Jessie Howie	1905-1909
	1-9	Correspondence of Isaac Howie to Lily [Howie] Hockin	1899-1908
	9-2	Correspondence of Katharine Hockin to Mary Howie	1948
	6-5	Correspondence of Lily [Howie] Hockin to family members [includes some correspondence from Katharine Hockin]	1939
	7-1	Correspondence of Lily [Howie] Hockin to family members	1945-1946
	7-2	--- [includes some correspondence from Katharine Hockin]	1923-1948
	7-4	---	1947
<b>Subseries 4: Lily [Howie] Hockin Records, 1922-1958</b>			
	7-6	---	1948
	7-11	Correspondence to Lily [Howie] Hockin	1934-1942
	17-8	---	1937-1955
	15-1	Notebook of Lily [Howie] Hockin	1922-1958

SERIES 2: LILY HOCKIN - KATHARINE HOCKIN CORRESPONDENCE. 1918-1982. 70 cm of textual records.

Lily Howie Hockin (1880-1974) was a missionary in Kiating, China when her daughter, Katharine, was born there in 1910. Following the death of her husband (1912), Lily Hockin returned to Canada, and was subsequently appointed to China under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist

Church of Canada (1913). She remained there until 1927 when illness forced her return to Canada. In 1933 she went for a third time to China, remaining until 1946. She then moved to New York with her daughter who was studying at Columbia University. In 1948 Katharine Hockin returned to China as a missionary, and Lily Hockin moved to Vancouver to live with her mother and sisters. In 1960 she moved to Toronto to live with her daughter Katharine, remaining there until her death.

This series consists correspondence between Lily and Katharine Hockin (for biographical information of Katharine see Series 3 below). There are also some letters to other Howie and Hockin relations interspersed amongst the correspondence between mother and daughter.

There is an extensive item-level listing of this correspondence in Box 1 file 1.

<b>Acc.</b>	<b>Box-File</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
93.006C	2-2	Katharine to Lily re: European trip	1929
	2-4	Katharine to Lily	1925-1926
	2-6	Lily to Katharine	1925-1926
	3-1	Katharine to Lily	1933-1935
	3-2	---	1935-1936
	3-3	---	1936-1937
	3-4	---	1937-1939
	4-1	Lily to Katharine [includes some correspondence to other relations]	1933
	4-2	---	1934
	4-3	---	1935
	4-4	---	1936
	5-1	---	1937
	5-2	---	1938
	5-3	---	1939
	6-1	---	1940-1941
	6-2	Katharine to Lily [includes some correspondence to other relations]	1940-1941
	6-3	Lily to Katharine [includes some correspondence to other relations]	1942
	6-4	---	1943
	7-3	---	1945
	7-7	Katharine to Lily [includes some correspondence to other relations]	1942-1945
	7-5	---	1946-1948
	7-8	Lily to Katharine	1918-1951
	8-1	Katharine to Lily [includes some correspondence to other relations]	1948-1949
	8-2	---	1950-1951
	8-4	Lily to Katharine	1952
	8-5	---	1953
	8-6	Katharine to Lily [includes some correspondence to other relations]	1950-1952
	9-1	Lily to Katharine	1954
	9-3	Katharine to Lily [with some correspondence to other relations]	1952-1955
	9-4	---	1954

9-5	Katharine to Lily [with some correspondence to other relations]	1956
9-6	---	1955-1959
10-5	---	1958-1959
17-9	Lily to Katharine	1957-1959
10-2	Katharine to Lily	1959-1964
10-3	---	1964-1968
10-4	Lily to Katharine	1966-1970
11-10	Katharine to Lily	1970
11-11	---	1970
11-14	Katharine to Lily and Lily to Katharine	1971-1982

SERIES 3: KATHARINE HOCKIN RECORDS. 1924 - 1990. 1.22 m of textual records.

Katharine Hockin (1910-1993) was a missionary, teacher, author, and administrator in the United Church of Canada during her long career. Born to missionary parents in China, she was educated there and in Canada, the United States and India, receiving her Doctor of Education degree at Columbia University (1948). Hockin served as a mission teacher to Natives at Ahousaht, Vancouver Island (1933-36), was Maritime Secretary for the Student Christian Movement (1937-1939), and undertook two stints as a mission teacher and administrator in China between 1939 and 1951. In the latter year she returned to Toronto, and in 1952 began teaching Religious Education and Missions at the United Church Training School. In 1958 she left the school for travel and study in India, where she obtained a Divinity degree at United Theological College, Bangalore. Returning to Toronto she secured appointment as World Mission Visitor with the Student Christian Movement, staying there from 1960 until 1964. In the latter year she accepted the post of Dean of Students at the Canadian School of Missions and Ecumenical Institute in Toronto, retiring from that institution in 1976. In addition to her teaching work, Hockin participated actively in the United Church of Canada, serving on committees, particularly with the Division of World Outreach, and was nominated as a candidate for the Moderatorship of the Church in 1977. She subsequently served as an Advisor to Lois Wilson, the first woman Moderator of the denomination.

Accessions	Box-File	Title	Date
<b>Subseries 1: Youth, 1924-1929</b>			
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93.006C	2-1	Travel diary of European trip with Katie Baird	1929
	2-3	School reports, correspondence, Canadian School Magazine	1925-1926
	14-4	School essays, marks	1924-1928
<b>Subseries 2: Student Records, 1925-1961</b>			
	10-10	Letters of recommendation	1932-1961
	15-3	Correspondence, research notes, timetables	1944-1958
	15-4	Research notes	1946-1948
	15-5	---	1946-1948
	17-3	Graduation programmes	1931-1947
	17-10	Correspondence from United Theological College, Bangalore	1959-1960
	18-3	Student essays	1946-1948
	18-4	---	1945-1947
	18-5	---	1936-1947

86.141C	1-1	Student essays	1946-1948
93.006C	19-1	'A method and plan of work for developing a program in religious education for Christian secondary schools for girls in Szechuan, China,' [typescript draft]	1948
	19-2	---	---
86.141C	1-2	---	---
93.006C	19-3	'Modern education for women in China: A study in social innovation,' [student essay]	1947
	19-4	Student essays	1925-1931
	19-5	---	1925-1932
	19-6	Comprehensive examinations for education doctorate	1948
	19-7	Course notes	1946-1948
	19-8	Student essays	1943

**Subseries 3: Correspondence, 1927-1990**

	7-9	Correspondence from acquaintances	1938-1952
	9-8	Correspondence to and from friends, publishers, etc.	1954-1958
	10-6	Correspondence from friends and relations	1927-1985
	10-8	Correspondence to and from friends and relations	1960-1969
	10-9	Poetry and prayers	
	11-8	Addresses of Overseas Missionaries	1976
	11-15	Correspondence of Gertrude [Rutherford?]	1928-1930
	13-7	Correspondence from K. Hockin on China trip	1981-1982
	14-1	Correspondence [including letters of appreciation; retirement notes]	1970-1980
	14-2	Correspondence	1984-1987
	16-2	Correspondence	1986-1990
	17-2	Correspondence	1948-1986
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97.157C	1-1	Circular letters	1950-1991

**Subseries 4: Student Christian Movement, 1959-1964**

93.006C	11-1	Correspondence	1963-1964
	11-3	Correspondence	1960-1962
	11-4	---	1963
	11-17	---	1963
	11-7	Reports	1959-1961

**Subseries 5: United Church Training School, 1952-1959**

	10-1	Correspondence re: appointment and resignation of Hockin	1952-1959
	16-8	Worship services and notes for talks	1952-1958
	19-8	Students' essays [interfiled with some by K. Hockin]	1953

**Subseries 6: Religious Education, 1952-1985**

93.006C	11-6	National CGIT Convention, 1961 -- correspondence, questionnaires, resources	1961
	14-3	Religious education notes and reports	1947-1962
	14-5	Religious education material: notes,	1968-1985

		correspondence, programmes	
	16-3	Bible Study material	1979-1980
	16-6	Notes for lectures to church groups	1959-1969
	16-7	---	1958-1968
	16-9	Advent worship services -- notes	1952-1954
	17-4	Notes for talks to students, church and youth groups	1952-1967
	17-5	Notes for talks	1970-1979
	17-6	Notes for talks on religion in China	1943-1950
93.006C	17-7	Lenten Service, Deer Park United Church, Toronto	1979
	17-12	Talk to CGIT Annual Meeting	1965
<b>Subseries 7: Ecumenical Institute, 1956-1986</b>			
	10-7	Teaching materials for Christian education	1956-1973
	10-11	Teaching material and correspondence re: Ecumenical Institute	1963-1969
	11-2	Correspondence	1964-1965
	11-5	---	1965
	11-9	'A Traveller's Log,' newsletter of overseas visits	1970
	11-19	Correspondence	1971-1981
	14-7	Correspondence re: thesis committee, Drew University [Hockin as reader]	1984-1986
97.157C	1-4	Summer Ecumenical Institute notes	1988
<b>Subseries 8: Writings, 1952-1986</b>			
93.006C	10-12	Correspondence and drafts re: China book and articles	1961-1966
	11-16	Reviews of 'Servants of God in China,'	1964
	12-4	Reports, statements, articles	1956-1985
	13-6	Reports, reminiscences, reviews	1952-1986
	14-6	Book reviews, statements, articles	1967-1985
	18-1	'The Christian mission on the rim of East Asia,' typescript	[1961]
	18-2	---	---
97.157C	1-2	Paper and Bible study, 'Mission Today'	1975
	1-3	Mandate articles	1977-1984
<b>Subseries 9: Diaries, 1959-1986</b>			
93.006C	15-2	Daily diaries (annual and five-year)	1973-1986
	17-11	Daily accounts	1959-1962
	19-9	Diary of trip to Santiago, Chile	1983
	11-12	General Council XXVII (1977). Calgary, Alta. Programme, correspondence	1977
	11-13	Division of World Outreach. Task Force on Standing Committees - reports, correspondence, minutes	1977-1978
	11-18	Memorial service for Harriet Christie	1975
93.006C	13-2	Division of World Outreach. Correspondence, reports, memoranda	1976-1988
<b>Subseries 10: United Church of Canada Records, 1966-1988</b>			
	13-3	Division of World Outreach. Task Force on	1974-1976

		Missionary's Role and Relationship to Division And National Church in Country of Service; Committee on the Task Force. Reports, correspondence, background documents	
	13-4	Division of World Outreach. Task Force on the Basis and Purpose of Christian World Mission. Statements, background material	1966-1974
	13-5	Moderator's Advisory Committee. Minutes, correspondence	1980-1982
	13-8	Division of Mission in Canada. Canadian Conference on Urban Ministry. Programme, notes, agendas	1986
	14-8	Trinity - St. Paul's United Church (Toronto). Centenary celebration	1987
<b>Subseries 11: China Records, 1951-1980</b>			
	7-10	Chinese script	[194-?]
	16-4	Correspondence [in Chinese script]	[194-?]
	16-5	Notes on China for furlough talks	1949-1952
	9-7	Reports, correspondence, notes, clippings relating to China	1951-1975
	13-1	Reports, articles, statements, notes for talks by Hockin and others	1976-1980
	16-1	China diary; correspondence and itinerary for second China trip; report of a China trip of World Council of Churches delegation.	1982-1987
97.157C	1-5	Biographical information on Bishop K.H. and Siu May Ting	1988-1991