



## Finding Aid for the Ida E. Wickenden Papers, 1903-1962

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Ida E. Wickenden Papers,

**Date (inclusive):** 1903-1962

**Collection number:** 885

**Creator:** Wickenden, Ida E., 1886-ca. 1972

**Extent:** 3 boxes (1.5 linear ft.)

**Abstract:** Ida E. Wickenden (1886-ca.1972) spent her early years in Toledo, Ohio. Her interest in missionary work began as a college student, with her involvement in the Young Women's Christian Association. In November of 1906 she traveled to Nashville to attend a missionary convention, and a year later she sailed for Hangchow, China to begin work there as a missionary. In 1911, her letters to her family made an American newspaper for their descriptions of the Republican Revolution, which transferred power from the Manchu dynasty to Chinese rule under Sun Yet Sen. The collection consists mostly of correspondence from Ida E. Wickenden and other hand-written and printed materials relating to the time she spent as missionary in Hangchow, China. Also included are a Wickenden family history, miscellaneous correspondence, photographs of China, photographic portraits of Ida E. Wickenden during her missionary years, photographic postcards, and photocopies of three volumes of transcribed correspondence entitled, "Letters from China, 1907-1913: Ida E. Wickenden to members of her family".

**Repository:** University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Department of Special Collections.  
Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

**Physical location:** Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact the UCLA Library, Department of Special Collections Reference Desk for paging information.

### Administrative Information

#### Restrictions on Access

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#### Provenance/Source of Acquisition

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#### UCLA Catalog Record ID

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## Biography

Ida E. Wickenden was born February 11, 1886, the third of eight children born to Thomas R. Wickenden and Ida Consual Wickenden. According to a Wickenden family history, Thomas R. Wickenden's family ancestry was English Roman Catholic and French Huguenot; Ida Consual Wickenden was of Spanish Huguenot, Dutch, and Quaker descent. Ida spent her early years in Toledo, Ohio. Her interest in missionary work began as a college student, with her involvement in the Young Women's Christian Association. In November of 1906 she traveled to Nashville to attend a missionary convention; a year later she sailed for Hangchow, China to begin work there as a missionary. Ida stayed in Hangchow for just over five years, during which she taught at a Baptist girl's school. In 1911 her letters to her family made an American newspaper for their descriptions of the Republican Revolution, which transferred power from the Manchu dynasty to Chinese rule under Sun Yet Sen. Ida wrote to her family frequently throughout her stay in China. In June of 1913 Ida left Hangchow, traveling by train across Siberia to Moscow and then to Berlin. She met her sister, Lottie Wickenden, in England. From there they traveled to Scotland and Paris. Ida married Justin Wroe Nixon in June of 1914 after her return to the United States. The Nixons lived first in Minneapolis, Minnesota and then in Rochester, New York. They had five children, all of whom, except the first, were born in Rochester. Ida and Justin Sr. traveled together in Europe and Turkey after his retirement in 1954. They were married for 40 years until Justin's death in 1958. Ida spent her latter years in a retirement community in Pomona, California and died about 1972.

## Expanded Biographical Note

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## Scope and Content

Collection consists mostly of correspondence from Ida E. Wickenden and other hand-written and printed materials relating to the time she spent as missionary in Hangchow, China. Also included are a Wickenden family history; miscellaneous correspondence from Wickenden family members; black-and-white photographs of China; photographic portraits of Ida E. Wickenden during her missionary years; photographic postcards; photocopies of three volumes of transcribed correspondence entitled, "Letters from China, 1907-1913: Ida E. Wickenden to members of her family".

## Organization and Arrangement

Arranged in the following series:

1. Chinese language materials, correspondence, drawings, envelopes, maps, miscellaneous printed materials, newspaper clippings, photographs, postcards, transcribed correspondence, Memoirs of the Thomas Rogers Wickenden family, miscellaneous correspondence, and William E. Wickenden correspondence.

All materials relate to Ida E. Wickenden unless otherwise noted.

## Processing Note

Processed by Laura Ward, February 2003.

## Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access

catalog.

## Subjects

Wickenden, Ida E., 1886-ca. 1972--Archives.

Women missionaries--United States--Archival resources.

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## Container List

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### Memoirs of the Thomas Rogers Wickenden Family

Box 1, Folder 1 **Memoirs of the Thomas Rogers Wickenden Family. 1962**

**Physical Description:** (1 spiral bound book)

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### Miscellaneous Correspondence

Box 1, Folder 2 **Miscellaneous undated correspondence. n.d.**

**Physical Description:** (3 items)

#### Scope and Content Note

Correspondence to and from various people, undated.

Box 1, Folder 3 **Letters and commencement announcement. 1908**

**Physical Description:** (3 items)

#### Scope and Content Note

Letters to and from various people and commencement announcement.

Box 1, Folder 4 **Correspondence to and from various people. 1909**

**Physical Description:** (3 items)

Box 1, Folder 5 **Correspondence to and from various people. 1910**

**Physical Description:** (1 item)

Box 1, Folder 6 **Correspondence to and from various people. 1911**

**Physical Description:** (2 items)

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### William E. Wickenden - Correspondence

Box 1, Folder 7 **Letters from William E. Wickenden to his mother and father. 1903**

**Physical Description:** (4 items)

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### Ida E. Wickenden

Box 1, Folder 8 **Drawings. n.d.**

**Physical Description:** (3 items)

Box 1, Folder 9 **Newspaper clipping. 1911 December 1**

**Physical Description:** (1 item)

#### Scope and Content Note

Newspaper article covering Ida E. Wickenden in China during Republican revolution.

- Box 1, Folder 10 **Chinese language materials. n.d.**  
**Physical Description:** (3 items)
- Box 1, Folder 11 **Miscellaneous printed material. n.d.**  
**Physical Description:** (2 items)
- Box 1, Folder 12 **Envelopes. 1909-1912, and n.d.**  
**Physical Description:** (23 items)
- Box 1, Folder 13 **Correspondence.**  
**Physical Description:** (28 items)  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Undated letters and enclosure.
- Box 2, Folder 1 **Correspondence to family from Granville, Ohio. 1903**  
**Physical Description:** (9 items)
- Box 2, Folder 2 **Correspondence to family from Granville, Ohio and Canada[?]. 1904**  
**Physical Description:** (3 items)
- Box 2, Folder 3 **Correspondence to family from Granville, Ohio. 1905**  
**Physical Description:** (1 item)
- Box 2, Folder 4 **Correspondence to family from Canada and China. 1907**  
**Physical Description:** (12 items)
- Boxes 2-3 **Correspondence to family from China. 1908-1913**
- Box 2, Folder 5 **1908.**  
**Physical Description:** (19 items)
- Box 2, Folder 6 **1908.**  
**Physical Description:** (18 items)
- Box 2, Folder 7 **1909.**  
**Physical Description:** (28 items)
- Box 2, Folder 8 **1910.**  
**Physical Description:** (12 items)
- Box 2, Folder 9 **1911.**  
**Physical Description:** (21 items)
- Box 3, Folder 1 **1912.**  
**Physical Description:** (17 items)
- Box 3, Folder 2 **1913.**  
**Physical Description:** (11 items)
- Box 3, Folder 3 **Incomplete letter. 1931**

**Physical Description:** (1 item)

Box 3, Folder 4 **Black-and-white photographs from China with notes. n.d.**

**Physical Description:** (8 photographs)

Box 3, Folder 5 **Black-and-white photographic portrait of Ida E. Wickenden; two 120mm black-and-white copy negatives. n.d.**

**Physical Description:** (2 items)

Box 3, Folder 6 **Black-and-white photographic portrait of Ida E. Wickenden in Chinese paper folder; two 120mm black-and-white copy negatives. n.d.**

**Physical Description:** (2 items)

Box 3, Folder 7 **Black-and-white photographic portrait of Ida E. Wickenden in Chinese paper folder. n.d.**

**Physical Description:** (1 item)

Box 3, Folder 8 **Photographic postcards sent by Ida E. Wickenden from China, Japan, Philippines, and New Hampshire, U.S.A. 1908-1924**

**Physical Description:** (19 items)

Box 3, Folder 9 **Map of Hangchow field [Hand-drawn?]. n.d.**

**Physical Description:** (1 item)

Box 3, Folder 10-12 **Transcribed correspondence from Ida E. Wickenden. 1907-1913**

**Physical Description:** (3 vol.)

**Scope and Content Note**

Entitled "Letters from China, 1907-1913: Ida E. Wickenden to Members of her Family".

Box 3, Folder 10 **vol.1.**

**Physical Description:** (1 item)

Box 3, Folder 11 **vol.2.**

**Physical Description:** (1 item)

Box 3, Folder 12 **vol.3.**

**Physical Description:** (1 item)